



SINGABENU NEWSLETTER

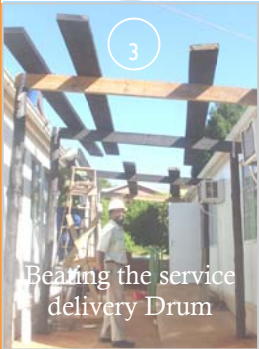
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Welcome to your December newsletter



... 'Committed to making change' - Celebrating World Aids Day

Following the National World Aids Day on the first week of December 2009, St. Apollinaris Hospital, Ingwe Municipality, Sector Departments and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) joined hands to commemorate the World Aids day on Wednesday, 08 December 2009.

As president Zuma renewed his commitment to fight the scourge of HIV and Aids during last week's event, Local leaders followed suit in

an event held at Centocow Grounds. Sharing the podium were Ingwe Municipality Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr. Nomagugu Luzulane, Sisonke Health District Manager, Mrs Gcina Radebe and Art and Culture District Manager, Mrs Ntombela who cautioned audiences from all walks of life. "As leaders of families Men should be seen to be playing a *role* in the *fight* against HIV/Aids," Mrs Radebe said when addressing over 400 masses.

The three hour event was funded by Ingwe Municipality and Centocow Development Programme – An NGO based at our Antiretroviral Treatment (ARV) Clinic. Health services were rendered concurrently with the event programme. Under this year's theme, "**I am responsible, We are responsible, South Africa is taking responsibility**", Local Leaders committed themselves. People were urged by Mayor Luzulane to get

tested to know their HIV status whilst HIV counselors were onsite to test willing individuals to know their status. T-shirt, water bottles, and other promotional material were issued to people who enticed them to test.



In the white tent was the event taking place and the coloured tents offered health services to attending community members. More event pictures on pages 4.



Mobiles installed at Paediatric Ward



Mobiles installed at the top of each bed for stimulus.

..”mobiles assist in providing visual and auditory stimulation, development of motor skills (for example reaching) and assisting in language development”

On the Friday the 13th of November the paediatric ward at St. Apollinaris ward was decorated with beautifully made mobiles. These mobiles were part of a stimulation project run by the community service occupational therapist Angela Steyn, this year, to assist in providing stimulation for all the children in the ward but especially those requiring long term care.

This project was started as a preventative measure as a number of sensory deprived children were being referred to occupational therapy daily. According to Miss

Steyn mobiles assist in providing visual and auditory stimulation, development of motor skills (for example, reaching and assisting in language development).

All the mobiles were hand made with wood, string, paint and scrap materials collected by members of Creighton community, Molly Bailey of Siyabona, Domini Lewis of Pietermaritzburg and District Cerebral Palsy Association and many other contributors.

The woman’s association, Bev Everette and

other Creighton community members gathered together designed, assembled and made these mobiles. Paul Kauffman kindly cut for us a variety of wooden animals and constructed cross bars to hang the mobiles.

A big thank you to the Creighton community members, Friends of St. Apollinaris, the Everettes, Paul Kauffman, Molly Bailey, Domini Lewis, Debbie Rowe and the Woman’s Association for all their assistance in making this project successful.



Above: Angie Steyn - Community Service Occupational Therapist with a baby



Above on the right hand side is Dawn Sneddon from the Woman’s Association playing with the kids.

Beating the service delivery Drum

WE CARE WE BELONG WE SERVE

Hail storms, extreme hot weather conditions are tangible evidence of Global warming. These have prompted management of St. Apollinaris Hospital to provide covered waiting areas even in these trying financial conditions.

The shelters are made using available resources as part of Batho Pele campaign in particular the Batho Pele, courtesy principle was applied.

In a spirit of the Batho Pele belief set, we care, we belong, we serve, the hospital has applied accordingly. This project is amongst many others which are nearly completion.

Another recently completed project was the extension of the theatre to allow for a recovery room which was not available previously. The recovery room allows patients to recover in the theatre under the

observation of the theatre staff. This is all done regardless of the poor architectural design inherited from the Missionaries.

The structural design did not however, discourage management to think of how best the facility could be improved to make it accessible and user-friendly to patients and staff. In as much as some of the changes to structure are largely influenced by complaints received from patients, management would like to acknowledge your contribution towards the making of this facility user-friendly. Centocow Development Programme funded this project under the stewardship of Dr Keith Wimble.



Adjacent: Construction of another shelter which will connect the two park-homes.



Above: a new shelter connecting the Outpatient and the pharmacy ensuring sheltered walkway.

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Above: Incomplete shelter at the back of the pharmacy where patients would wait undercover in busy patient days

World Aids Day photo gallery



On the Left, Mr Philani Bhengu who co-directed the Programme with Cllr. Mtolo (on the right)



On the far left is Mrs Radebe delivering a talk and Ms Khumalo introducing the guest speaker (L).



Adjacent (L-R): Sitting Mrs. Radebe, DM: Sisonke Health District; Mrs Mahlobo, Dept. of Art and Culture Sisonke District Manager; Cllr. Mncwabe, Mr Ngubo; Cllr. Luzulane, (Ingwe Municipality Mayor); Ms Khumalo, Acting CEO -St. Apollinaris Hospital; Mr Thwala, HRM, St. Apollinaris Hospital; Mr Tshaka, ANM St. Apollinaris Hospital; Ms Kumalo, DNM St. Apollinaris Hospital, Ms S. Dladla, Local Aids Council, Ms Dlamini, Hospital Board Member; Ms Khoza, Finance and Systems Manager and Mr Bhengu, Acting Operational Manager.



Tents made available for VCT .

Pamphlets, leaflets, condoms and live demonstration on how to use a condom.



Nkwezela Disaster victims recovery programme event in pics

Below: Gospel Artist S'fiso Ncwane performing live for the audience during the event.



Left: Ma "s" Local Gospel group entertaining the audience.



Right: Gospel group Zin-cume Gospel Group entertaining the audience.



Sbu Buthelezi of Ukhozi FM who directed the informal programme of the event. He also lead the prayer for disasters to stop.



Above: Mr. Ngcobo receiving a certificate of recognition on behalf of St. Apollinaris Hospital for contribution to relieving the suffering of Disaster victims.



Above: Minister of Home Affairs Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma acknowledging the role played St. Apollinaris Hospital and Emergency Care Workers played in helping the disaster victims with medical care.

"All hospitals will now issue birth certificates at the time of the birth of babies" Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma



Above: MEC for Human Settlement and Public Works, M. Govender addressing the audience before the handover of 176 houses



Above: Ms Z. Nyandu: HOD for Human Settlement Department - Formal Programme Director.

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma with keynote address during the event. She handed over Identity Documents for victims who had lost them during the disaster.

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VISION

To unanimously strive for excellency in the provision of health care.

MISSION

We are committed to provide effective, efficient, quality service through participative and consultative management within the current legislative framework and policies by:-

- Upholding the dignity of human life.
- Establishing partnership with the community we serve.
- and supporting the development of each individual to achieve their highest potential.

Merry X - Mas and a Prosperious New Year

A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; It makes no noise at all, But softly gives itself away;

While quite unselfish, it grows small. - Eva K. Logue.

The Hospital Management and Hospital Board would like to wish all

staff, patients, suppliers and other stakeholders a Merry Christmas and a Prosperious New Year.

“To a joyful present and a well remembered

past. Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a magnificent New Year”



May God the Almighty safeguard you and your families during this festive season and beyond.