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100 Years, Centenary Celebration For Queen Nandi Hospital



Cutting the cake were: from left, Mrs. E Hlophe - King Cetshwayo District Director, Dr. SM Dhlomo—MEC for Health, KZN, Mrs. CNN Mkhwanazi—Queen Nandi Regional Hospital CEO and Inkosi B Mthembu—Somopho Tribal Authority.

Queen Nandi Regional Hospital celebrated 100 years of existence in style on the 26th October 2018.

We were graced by the presence of our Principals, honorable MEC for Health, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo. This state of the art health facility has been revamped and expanded. It is dedicated exclusively to care for obstetrical, gynaecological and neonatal patients in the Northern part of KwaZulu Natal. Although geo-

graphically located in Empangeni under King Cetshwayo District, it also caters for two other Northern districts which are Zululand and uMkhanyakude Districts. It serves more than 22 clinics and a population of approximately 2,5 million. This facility deals with complicated referrals from the three districts. We have an average of approximately 10,000 deliveries per year and have started offering Oncology services since 1st July 2017 in partnership with RBMI, a private Cancer hospital in Richards Bay.

We took the programme with open hearts and positively, hence stats attest to the work well-done so far. KZN MEC Dr S Dhlomo has urged Izinduna and Ama-khosi to work together with his department to fight teenage pregnancy. He also applauded the effort of the hospital management in reaching out the community and spoke about dangers of teenage pregnancy in society. The event was attended by King Cetshwayo District Mayor Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi as well as traditional leaders from KwaMadlebe, Mkhwanazi, Dube and Somopho.



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“We need to blowout the message that all pregnant women should start visiting clinics early for check ups. Those who visit clinics within 20 weeks of their pregnancy make it easier to detect if there are symptoms or other problems such as cancer or HIV/Aids related illness“, he said. He was very worried there were some children who had been admitted in our hospital owing to malnutrition, the question we need to ask ourselves is, “Why do we still have children with severe malnutrition? Government has programme that helps needy families.” he said.

The hospital CEO urged councilors and traditional leaders to intervene and address the community about the danger of street abortions as well as teenage pregnancy. “ We conduct awareness campaigns, where we visit communities to tell them about our services and outreach community awareness, she said.

We would like to extend our heart-felt appreciation to our partners, Tronox, KZN-Sands for sponsoring us with community catering, SHAZ Dazzling Events for sponsoring venue décor, Sanlam and Icebolethu Funeral Services for sponsoring drinks and juices, Capitol caterers for sponsoring VIP catering, Dr. Mathenjwa, Embo Security Services and Mabandl'onke Cleaning services for sponsoring a cow, Hospital Advisory Board for sponsoring

Ebenezer Service

Golf Shirts and all staff members who contributed towards this immaculate Centenary Celebration.

Special thanks also goes to Events Coordinating team and hospital management for all the energy and time invested to the success of this event and being able to balance work .

Ebenezer Service

On the 28th of November 2018 Queen Nandi Hospital hosted Ebenezer service. The aim of this service was to thank God for keeping us for the whole year and for blessing us with our jobs.

As a way of thanking God we felt that we should give to those who are less fortunate. Our basis was on Prov 19: 17, which states that he who is gracious to the poor, lends to the Lord and the Lord shall repay him.

We identified school children from Siyakhanyisa Primary School and as staff members we contributed money to buy uniforms for five children 2 boys and 3 girls. These items were handed over to their teacher during the service. Rev. S.P. Sikhakhane the District Chaplain gave the sermon for the day. Staff members who attended really enjoyed themselves and voiced a desire to have a similar project annually.

Written by M Hlophe





Prem Awareness Day

QNRH Neonatal Unit held World Prematurity Awareness Day on 21 November 2018 in the Nursery. World Prematurity Day is celebrated globally on 17 November every year.

QNRH celebrates this day to help raise awareness of prematurity and all that it entails.

Worldwide, 15 million infants are born prematurely every year. There are 1.1 million deaths due to prematurity all over the world. In South Africa, 1 in 7 babies are born prematurely annually.

At QNRH Neonatal Unit, prematurity is the number one reason for admissions, every year.

Prematurity related conditions contribute to the highest rate of Neonatal ICU admissions, longest hospital stays and thus, the highest burden of care in the nursery.

The Nursery celebrates this day to create much needed awareness amongst mothers and staff.

The colour of the day was purple.

The Nursery also raises funds through the year, to provide lunch and goodie bags for the mums.

Specially designed purple T-shirts were sold, and were worn on the day by staff.

There was a program of activities for the day,

which was held in the Nursery.

An ex-Prem was also invited, and his mum gave an inspiring talk to all the current mothers.

Every mum received a diaper bag with clothes and toiletries for her baby. A cake was cut and food was given to all the mums in the unit.

Organizer of the event, Dr M Samjowan was pleased to note that the day was a very successful one. She also expressed her gratitude to all at QNRH who helped with fundraising to make the day such a success.



Written by M Dr M Samjowan

CELEBRATING THE DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

December being a month of celebration and fun, this was a reality for children with disabilities at Queen Nandi Regional Hospital (QNRH). The international day for disabled people is also celebrated by the hospital annually with a purpose to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disabilities.

Monthly more than five hundred children with disabilities are consulted by the team of therapist at QNRH, working in a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses and dietitians to provide services to these children. Majority of the children include children who have been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, Epilepsy, Mental handicaps, Hearing impairments, Learning disabilities and other developmental disorders.

On the 5th of December, about 90 children with

their caregivers were invited to this party. This celebration became a platform where parents are encouraged to continue loving, caring and support each other on this journey of bringing up and looking after a disabled child.



Dr. M. Wessels, Pediatric Specialist and Mrs. B. Nyawo hospital Social Worker gave very encouraging messages to the parents and best wishes for 2019.



“ Until you have a kid with special needs you have no idea of the depth of your strength, tenacity and resourcefulness. ”
- ANONYMOUS
SpecialNeeds www.parentingspecialneeds.org
Jiri Gourlay & Tamara Pridmore @jirigourlay



Reach for a dream team lead by Kerry Donkin made the children and parent's Christmas dream come true when all children presented were presented with a gift toy, a teddy bear and a set of clothes.



The Father Christmas from the North Pole had a moment for each and every child, regardless of the number of children present.

Not only was this day a special day for our out-patient clients. Children in the ward also joined and celebrated the day with the children with disabilities.



Therapist went an extra mile and prepared dance musical items and dance moves for this event



Right: Therapist and Doctors ready to serve a delicious meal prepared for the children.

Written by NL Mbatha-Speech Therapist

The Pics Say It All! Ixoxwa Ngezithombe!

100 Years Celebration



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“On the sands of time,
you have left your foot-
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Everyone will know your



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