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Child Protection Week!!!

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS



Members from SAPS Durban Central who came visit our Paediatric Ward

International Children's Day was commemorated on 1st June 2009. St Aidans Mission Regional Hospital highlighted issues pertaining to child abuse, neglect, HIV/AIDS, child protection and care of children by having a poster presentation. Pamphlets and brochures were distributed within the hospital to staff and patients. On 11 June 2009 the social work department undertook a presentation on child abuse and the New Children's Act of 2005. During this month the SAPS from Durban Central visited our Paediatric Ward and brought with them toys, books and educational material for our children. The SAPS gave an informative talk on their role in the community, in relation to child protection, thus creating awareness on issues such as abuse.

Police Spokesman Inspector Michael Read said "South Africans should take much more of an Ubuntu approach to children. If you notice children wandering around aimlessly even during school hours take an interest. It does not matter if you know them or not. This will surely limit the number of learners found wandering aimlessly on the streets during school hours. In most cases they end up engaging in criminal activities which adds to our crime statistics".

Representatives from Toyota Hillcrest also visited our paediatric ward bringing joy to our children by handing out teddy bears to them.

**CHILD PROTECTION IS
THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF EVERY HEALTH
CARE WORKER.**



Representative from Toyota Hillcrest came to our Paediatric Ward to give toys to kids

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Child Protection reminds us to love our kids



The C.E.O MESSAGE



Acting C.E.O Dr P. Dayaram

Greetings once again. There are lots of new developments around us. The Confederations Soccer Cup has come and gone and we as a South African nation know that we will pull off the World Cup with ease. South Africans are a resilient, resourceful and friendly people and we must guard against apathy. We need to be optimistic with high spirits knowing that some things cannot be changed and make attempts to change the things we can.

The new consulting area for our Urology doctors has been commissioned. This will certainly improve service delivery. We are in the process of re-vamping our autoclaves (machines that sterilize clothing and equipment). We also have on our cards to commission our last theatre. This will help ease backlogs in many areas as well as assist with certain deemed emergencies.

We are constantly striving to ensure quality in our institution. This takes the form of internal quality reviews as well as peer reviews by other institutions.

Sadly, our current budget has been further reduced by 7.5%. However, we look at this as a challenge and we will see how best we can provide services for the people we serve.

It is all very well for the press to state that institutions are not filling posts,

but they fail to inform the public about the economic downturn and its direct impact on the revenue of government. It was heartening to note the commitment made by the National Minister of Health recognizing the shortfalls and the plans he has to address human resources, equipment, infrastructure and management capacitation of our institutions.

I would like to conclude with a quotation from a state of the nation address of the previous administration: "We must be impatient with those public servants who come to work as late as possible, do as little as possible and leave as early as possible, functioning only as rubber stamps." Remember, as public servants, we are here for the people and had it not been for our customers/clients/patients, there would be no need for us.

Dr P Dayaram– Acting CEO

World Elder Abuse Awareness

Elder Awareness Day

"We cannot do a great deal for the older person without at the same time doing a great deal for society. One is a reflex of the other." Laurence K. Frank. "New Goals for Old Age"

The Social Work department and the Health Promotion team hosted a programme on 2/07/09 to commemorate Elder Awareness. The focus of the presentation was on empowering staff with knowledge on various issues pertaining to Elder Abuse. The programme highlighted and raised awareness of the neglect,



From left: Ms E. Governder, Ms F. Shamam, Rev. B. Arrikum

care and protection of older persons.

Our guest speaker, Ms. Fameda Shamam, representing TAFTA, (The Association for the Aged), enlightened the audience on the various types of abuse that the elderly are subjected to, what defines abuse and

the duty of care that binds all professionals to act in the best interests of the elderly.

Elder Abuse is a universal problem. Yet the elderly play a valuable role in our communities and a campaign such as

this serves to remind us of our duty to respect, honour and care for our elderly.

Surie Govender
Senior Social Worker

Glaucoma Support Group



Standing is Ms Mthembu, seated is Mrs. Ndhlovu, Mrs. Sewpersad, Mrs. Hlongwa, Mrs. Pillay and Ms Miller

and Disability grant. Ms. Collen Miller spoke about the importance of using eye drops correctly. She also warned patients that if you do not



All staff members at Eye clinic received one of the best selling book.

On 24 June 2009 St Aidans Hospital eye clinic had an informative gathering with our glaucoma patients. On the day we had different speakers from different departments. We were graced by the presence of Ms Collen Miller from MSD. We also had support from our Managers Mr. SD Pillay, Mrs. F Hlogwa, Mrs. A. Sewpersad, Mrs. B.N Ndhlovu.

use eye drops daily your vision deteriorates until you get blind. She also made patients to commit themselves in using eye drops. Our last speaker Nursing Manager Mrs. SD Pillay thanked the eye clinic staff for their commitment towards patient care and service delivery.



Ms C Miller, Mr. M. Manual and Mrs. B Ndhlovu receiving a Merick Manual book.

MEET THE ST AIDANS HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC STAFF

Our first speaker was Mrs. Sewpersad, St Aidans Hospital Principal Social worker outlined the different social grants that people are eligible to receive and conditions that are considered in order to receive these grants. Mrs. Sewpersad spoke about Children grant, Foster Care, Old Age grant and HIV AIDS



From left to right back row Ms V. Pillay, Sr Z. Mthembu, Ena H. Chili, Sr V. Naidoo, Ena G. Hlangu, Ena N.S Majola. Seated from left. Ena Z. Chili, En S. Naidoo, Mrs B.N Ndhlovu, Sr R. Chetty, Ena R.Zuma, Ena L. Lawrence

The Public Views About Our Service Delivery

**RE: Sister Naicker, Nurses, Matrons, Dr Osman, Dr Butuule
Urology Male Ward and Urology Clinic**

I wish to compliment the above for their wonderful services rendered to me, during my stay as a patient in St Aidans Hospital. Especially Sister Naicker for her kindness to all the patients in the male ward and not forgetting Dr Osman, Dr Butuule, The Matrons and the staff nurses for their prompt services to the patient when urgency occurred.

I thank the management for cleanliness of the hospital. Please continue to excel in your duties. I pray to the Lord Jesus bless you all spiritually, financially, physically and domestically at all times. Keep up the good work.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Mr. Chris Babulal

RE: Matron and Staff

Firstly, I want to thank the hospital and the ward for the outstanding welcome you have given us . You have accommodated me in more than one way. Your professional staff has catered for our needs and it makes us feel proud and stand tall in society knowing we have professional health workers.

My sincere thanks to :Joana, Sister Ngubane, Nana, Maggie Tracy, Sne and please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone else

Kindest Regards
Jadil's Mum

Meet The Winner Of The Raffle Competition



From left Mrs. Moses, Mr. T Shezi and the winner Ms T Mzimela, and Mrs. Mkhize

We all know that this year is highly challenging financially. St Aidans Hospital Health Promotions decided to have a raffle competition in order to raise funds for our planned events. During the past two weeks staff members have been participating on different raffle competition. Our latest winner is Ms. T

Mzimela who was very delighted to win a fruit basket which was full of goodies. Health Promotions members would like to thank all staff members who took part in all competitions which will help the whole hospital in terms of funding for events. We would also like to motivate those who did not participate to participate in future.