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!!!BIG STRIDES FOR EDENDALE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY!!!

In this Special Edition of Eden-Daily, we feature the Support Group Launch event which took place on the 14th October 2008 that saw the official Launch of the Edendale Hospital Support Group's "INDLELA YOKUPHILA SUPPORT GROUP".

SUPPORT GROUP LAUNCH

The main objective of this initiative was to bring the Community of Edendale and surrounding areas to the fore, and to forge unity in the fight against HIV/AIDS pandemic. With the theme of the day: "Konke kusengqondweni, Impilo ikumuntu" which translate to "Its all in the mind, life is in your hands", the message was clear to all in attendance that we as the community can actually stand up and fight together against this dreadful disease.

The objectives of the Support Group:

- To reduce the stigma attached with the HIV pandemic that kills and destroys our families and communities.
- To promote the power of verbal disclosure in order for our clients to get support.
- To start support groups in most communities surrounding Edendale Hospital.
- To promote adherence to care and treatment to our clients .
- To reduce the rate of defaulters.
- To promote positive living of all our clients.

SHOWN ON THE RIGHT:

POWER OF GOD IN ACTION!!!

Pastor Dube of the Durban Community Church in action with his famous motivational speeches ministering to the Support Group Committee



What is the support group?

- It is the group made up of people who share the common or same problem or idea.

What is the purpose of the support group?

- It is to share experiences, ideas and views as well as to gain accurate information from Members in order to correct the myths that exists attached to HIV/AIDS.
- Skills development, capacity building and financial dependency.



Programme Director: Mr. S. Halimana



Miss P. B. Mthembu : Um-gungundlovu Health District



: Mrs J. D. Shange Acting CEO

“ We are the first hospital in our District to launch HIV & AIDS Support for clients. With this we are conveying the message to the whole world that we fight disease and give hope”



“Living with HIV is a not a death sentence. Ngimuhle uyangibona ngeke ngicabange ukuzibulala, kuningi ekusafanele ngikwenze empilweni. Igciwane eliphila kumina liwumngane wami ngoba lizwa mina.

It is an illness that is manageable but only if you accept it.”

Zinhle Thabethe



“To disclose your status means declaring war against the virus”

Pastor V. Dube



Deputy Mayor Umgun-gundlovu District—Cllr. T. Zondi



Vote of thanks : Mr. Z. H. Mthethwa—Human Resource Manager



Support Group members with Pator V Dube & Pastor S Manyathi



Chairperson Mr. Z. Gasa



Mrs T. N. Dambuza :
Hospital board member



ARV Programme Manager :
Dr M Dlwathi



Stage Play by the group

