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EDENDALE HOSPITAL WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY 2008

Stop HIV and AIDS, Lead and Unite

COMMUNITY DEFY THE HEAT AND THE STORM!!!

The Community of Edendale and surrounding defied the heat and the storm which encompassed the day as they marched on to make their mark in gracing the annual Edendale Hospital **"WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY 2008"** held on the 02 December 2008 at Edendale Hospital Sports Grounds.

The Speakers of the day did not disappoint with their highly spirited and motivational speeches as they bombarded the Community and Staff with motivational and uplifting speeches.



*Mrs. May Zuma Mkhonza
District Manager*

Top of the cream were: **Mrs May Zuma Mkhonza (Top right)** our own District Manager and the ever flamboyant **Rev Vusi Dube** of the ECC (**Bottom**). Certainly most people were drawn into the Bible Scripture of: **Jeremiah 1: 5-** "Before I was formed, You knew Me".

The above Scripture was translated as follows: "No matter what you are going through and what the people say because of your status, but all those they don't know you, only God knows you and knows what you are going through".



*Pastor Vusi Dube
Ethekwini Community Church*

People were encourage to stop living in fear and face their demons. Those who are afraid to check and know their status are the ones who should live in fear because they are not brave enough to know their status.

Every speech conformed to the theme of this year's campaign!

"Stop HIV & AIDS, Lead and Unite"



*Mrs. H. Baird
Acting Hospital CEO*

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THE OPENING PRAYER: REV. BA. MKHIZE.

Scripture reference: John 4:8

The proceedings of the day were harnessed through seeking of God's divinity and intervention. Rev. BA Mkhize together with Pastor Dube led the opening prayer of the **2008 EDH World Aids Awareness Day**. The word of the day was about love which encouraged people to practice and dispense their love especially to those living with the virus and not to stigmatize them.

THE OPENING WELCOME: MRS. H. BAIRD (ACTING HOSPITAL MANAGER)

Guests and members of the community were welcomed by the Acting Hospital Manager, Mrs. H. Baird. "We welcome all of you who have come not only to remind us of those who have passed away due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, but also to celebrate the life we are trying to preserve for as long as possible through awareness campaigns, treatment and counseling. Mrs. Baird also commended the Staff of EDH and other stakeholders for their dedication and endless efforts for their hard work and commitment in helping people to realize the importance of knowing their status and by managing those who are infected. She also cited challenges the Institution is facing in achieving the highest number of clients enrolled on ARV programs, which is attributed to human and financial constraints especially Pharmacists who play a major role in dispensing of medication.



She emphasized that despite these obstacles, the Management are working hard and are committed to ensure that as many people as possible are able to get help and that Edendale remains the leading fighters of HIV/AIDS. "Our vision states that we are an efficient and dedicated health service and we endeavor to uphold this vision as we will fight to the bitter end to ensure that our people receive the service that they need and deserve".

"Thank you for sharing this day with us, and I would like to also thank EDH staff for making this day possible".



OUR MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER OF THE DAY: PASTOR. DUBE (ECC)

"If

people say bad things about you, it is only because they do not know you", said Pastor Dube. He made an example about himself that wherever he goes people ask him how does he survive such bad publicity referring to recent newspaper articles about him. "You know what I do is that I make sure I tell them not to forget to publish my picture and instead wherever I go people ask me are you not the Pastor we saw on the newspaper, but when I ask what did the paper say, people will tell me they do not know but they saw my picture which drew their interest. But if I were to say just because there is something bad being said about me then I will lock myself in the room, will that cure me? And wouldn't that mean those who wrote such a bad story have won?" In essence Pastor Dube's speech dealt mainly with two aspects, i.e. importance of knowing your status and to stop living in and be held hostage by fear of what people might say about you. This is the key to positive living and our victory against HIV/AIDS. *Scripture reference: Jeremiah 1: 5*

CREATING AN AIDS FREE GENERATION

Our District Manager's Speech, Mrs. May Zuma-Mkhonza touched on the challenges faced by our District- Umgungundlovu in relation to fighting HIV/AIDS. She also revealed some shocking research stats which reflect that in a ratio of almost every 100 pregnant females, 44% are diagnosed with HIV. She encouraged all the communities within the District to join hands and work in partnership with all stakeholders in order to attain a vision of creating an AIDS free generation by 2011. "Everyone in society is affected by HIV/AIDS in some way or another. Whether it is yourself, your child, your brother or your relative. So there is a need for all of us to join hands and fight HIV/AIDS together". She also highlighted some challenges that are faced within the District which is a reason for our District being a second with a high rate of HIV/ AIDS and TB cases. These are: alcohol and drugs as the major spread of HIV/AIDS; woman dependency on man dictating decisions for them; people not completing their treatment and others feeling that if they complete the treatment and become well they will lose their grants benefits. Mrs. Zuma- Mkhonza also encouraged the community to support those who have disclosed their status about the importance of knowing their status and their CD4 count because if they know, then they can get helped and also to stop dependency on grants because their lives are important than grants. In closing she commended the Hospital for their sterling work and progress and hopes by next year when she stands in the podium, we will be talking about a decrease of 20%. She apologized for missing the launch of the Support Group and pledged her full support for the group in terms of gardening resources. She also emphasized the importance of staying healthy, eating healthy and exercising.



THE WISEMAN

PROF. GARDNER (HB)

The Professor was not a man of many words except to commend the Hospital for the good work that is being done and most particularly in partnerships with the community. He also pledged the Board's unequivocal support in all its endeavors in helping the community and going the extra mile. He cited however that he does not understand the fuss about HIV/AIDS as it is like any other sickness such as diabetic and therefore why should people be scared of knowing whether they have diabetes or not and also why those with HIV/AIDS should be discriminated against. He stressed that if as many people as possible were to come out and disclose their status, they would be able to get helped and will stand a better chance of living longer.



PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION: DR. NQAYIYANA (O & G DEPT)

Dr. Nqayiyana's speech was probably the most significant speech of the day. This was evident through the applause from the crowd. It was a medically oriented and factual speech with regard to prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS. Dr Nqayiyana works in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She explained the services that they render to pregnant mothers through out all the stages of the pregnancy and also majors undertaken to prevent the child from being infected by HIV/AIDS up until postnatal period. She encouraged mothers to have a planned pregnancy and also to know their reproductive rights and also emphasized the use of a female condom as prevention is better than cure. She explained the methods of baby feeding for persons with HIV/AIDS which are breast feeding as well as baby formula which is supplied by Government for free to those mothers who choose not to breast feed. Encourage people to stop the HIV stigma and change of attitudes as well as to embark on the ABC approach. She also emphasized that people should know what medication they are taking for what reason and how long they should be on such medication.



THE DAY WITH PHOTOS...



Mrs. JD Shange
Nursing Manager



Mr. S. Kubheka
Systems Manager



Hlengiwe Lwandle



Zola Gasa
Support Group



VIP Section



The audience in high spirit!



Better this time around!



Inside the hot Tent!



PRO waving to the audience.



The crowd n full song!



It only takes a real man to know. I do.



Things are hitting up.



Our VIP & Guests in action!



Can I join the queue!



Events Member.