



NAKEKELA NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

**Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ
from everyone at Nakekela!**



Above: Some members of the Community Development Training Project

FOCUS ON OUR STAFF



“My name is Busisiwe Masilela. I am married with four children and two grandchildren. I started working at Nakekela in 2013 as a part-time housekeeper and moved to full time in 2015. I am thankful to be part of Nakekela which is a home full of love, kindness, compassion and care. They do not discriminate anyone regardless of their level of knowledge and qualifications.

Nakekela has empowered me so much. I am grateful for being able to attend different trainings and have learned so much, including how to support family and community members who are HIV positive. Many people die at home not because of the disease but because of discrimination and lack of support from their loved ones. Since I started at Nakekela I have seen many people’s lives changing and improving. I still meet some people at malls who remember me and greet me with a smile. Some of them I remember but others I don’t recognise because they have improved a lot.

I am happy to be part of Nakekela family and being able to improve the lives of our communities. May God continue to strengthen us in doing His good deeds in the community, for His glory.”

CENTRE HAPPENINGS

STEPDOWN ADMISSIONS

2021 started with a second wave of COVID-19 in South Africa. We had some challenges with admissions in Lockdown Level 3. We had to put in place strict admission rules which required people to test for COVID-19 and come to Nakekela with negative results in order to be admitted at the Centre. We had many people on the waiting list and unfortunately several people died waiting to be tested for COVID-19 and/or waiting for their COVID test results. This was very hard for our staff and for the families.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Our Community Development Project members continue with the businesses Nakekela helped them to start. These include chicken projects, gardening and beat work. The projects have provided a source of income despite the impact of COVID-19. We meet regularly to share progress, challenges, concerns and opportunities.



Above: Some of the projects in progress.



Above left: Hand-made cards made by in-patients

Centre: Our Support Group meetings progressed well and we are encouraged by the number of people who attended and the way they were participating throughout the meeting.

Right: Community Training in progress, addressing stigma around HIV/AIDS in the community and also teaching participants to adhere to treatment and continue eating healthy food .

DONATIONS

Once again we can report generous donations from friends and sponsors.



Above: Nakekela is grateful for the donation of clothes from Vuyisile Mngomezulu. May God bless her abundantly.



Above: A special thanks to Dr Sonja Miskin for donation of pillows. May the Lord bless and keep you!



Above: We are grateful for the donation of adult nappies received from an ex-patient's family. Many blessings to you!



Above: Some of our fresh vegetables from our garden thanks to the expertise of our Gardener, Mofore Samuel.

BE PART OF THE WORK OF NAKEKELA

HELP US WITH YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Are you a Human Resources advisor, Health or Social Department advisor, Fundraising Consultant, Treasurer, Accountant, Medical Doctor or Legal Advisor? We need your help!

Nakekela is looking for people who can volunteer their expertise and knowledge to assist with various projects. If you are looking for an organisation that uplifts local community and want to invest in making a tangible difference in South Africa, please call us to discuss where you can get involved or get in touch by emailing nakekelaoffice@gmail.com if you can help us.

CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY

Nakekela relies on donations to meet the needs of our patients and keep our facility available to the community. If you would like to support the work of Nakekela financially, know that every cent is tracked and invested carefully. We also offer receipts for tax purposes.

All gifts can be EFT'd to **con Nakekela Standard Bank**
Account: 348123027
Branch: Bronkhorstspuit (052850)
Swift code: SBZAZAJJ

HELP US PRACTICALLY

As a step-down facility with many patients, Nakekela constantly needs the following items for our patients:

- Pyjamas and sleepers
- Medication
- Wheelchairs and walking frames
- Toiletries: wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant
- Feminine hygiene items and underwear
- Blankets
- Bibles in English, Zulu, Ndebele, Pedi and Tswana
- Note books, paper, pens and pencils
- Art supplies

STATISTICS TO DATE:

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| Admissions: | 20 |
| Discharge to Home: | 4 |
| Deaths: | 3 |
| Hospital: | 1 |

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