

NAKEKELA NEWS AUGUST 2021

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





Above: Farewell to staff members who retired

We never cease to thank God for some members of staff who served faithfully for years and have retired to start a new journey. It was sad to say goodbye to Constance Molefe who served as a Care worker and a training facilitator for 11 years and Samuel Mofore who served for as a gardener for 3 years.

Constance and Samuel: it is our prayer that God bless and be with you as you start a new season at home. It has been a great blessing to have you as staff members and you will be remembered by all your good works.

FOCUS ON OUR STAFF: MEET CHARMINE NTULI



My name is Charmaine Nomasonto Ntuli from Buhlebesizwe. I am 38 years old and I have two children.

I started working at Nakekela in October 2015 as a part-time Home-Based care worker. I became a permanently-employed Home-based Care worker on 20/10/2016.

Some of my work includes doing door-to-door in the community to raise awareness about Nakekela. Our team baths bed-bound patients and we educate families in caring for the sick.

In 2018 I worked as a HIV counsellor with the Foundation of Professional Development for a year. It was a wonderful experience to work with and learne from FPD. We had the opportunity to counsel and do HIV testing in the community.

I love working at Nakekela because of the team spirit. We respect each other. Nakekela taught me how to treat patients with love, care and respect and how to keep patients clean.

Working at Nakekela has helped me to learn different things about sick people such as their beliefs and backgrounds.

Something that I find challenging is when families of patients don't support them in taking treatment. They still stigmatise them and put them at the back room with lack of support. I find this very hard, and I am working to educate and encourage these families to take care of their sick family member.

"Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually." Psalm 105:4

CENTRE HAPPENINGS

MANDELA DAY













On Mandela Day each year, South Africans volunteer 67 minutes of their time to honour the life of Nelson Mandela. This year, we ended the month of July well with staff members from Bettabets who came to volunteer their 67 minutes. They helped us with laundry, garden work, cleaning and preparing food for patients.

They also provided all patients with soup and donated clothes. Thanks so much - may God bless you.

CARE WORK & HARVESTING FRESH VEGETABLES - ALL PART OF PATIENT CARE







Above left: Care worker doing a wound dressing, ensuring that patients' wounds get all the care they need.

Above right: Our gardeners ensure that in-patients eat healthy diets every day with fresh vegetables from our garden (and yes, they grow the biggest and most delicious cabbages ever!)

DONATIONS

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





Above: Much appreciation to Pastor Masimula from Kwa-Mhlanga for the donation of bed, table and clothing. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and kindness.



Left: Nakekela Is grateful for the donation of adult nappies from Sibusiso Skhosana. Thanks so much! We speak blessings to you and your family.

Greatest gratitude goes to Our Heavenly Father for His Grace.



Above: We appreciate a donation of shoes received from Samaritan Feet SA shoes. One of our staff member Letty Gadebe the Administrative Officer was invited to Thembalethu Centre to lead a devotion during the distribution of the shoes, facilitated by Khanyisani.

"If you will seek God and plead with the Almighty for mercy" Job 8:5

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:

Nakekela Standard Bank Account: 348123027

Branch: Bronkhorstspruit (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:

Admissions: 62
Discharge to Home: 18
Deaths: 20
Hospital: 4

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