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WOZA MOYA

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GREETINGS

December is always a hectic but exciting month for us at Woza Moya. We wrap up the year with a big annual spring-clean. Everyone rolls up their sleeves, washes down buildings, inside and outside, sorts through cupboards and shelves, cleans vehicles, equipment, agricultural tools, windows, outside pit latrines, repairs are done, gardens weeded, stock lists updated. It is a fun but hard day's work.

We also come together to review the year gone by, discussing the Highlights, Challenges and Solutions. Please click on this link to read the Woza Moya Team's Reflections for 2011

<http://www.wozamoya.org.za/download-document/32-2011-team-reflections.html>



WORLD AIDS DAY

We were honoured to co-host World Aids Day with our special friends from Sisonke District Health, in Nkululeko Hall, in the remote Emahlathini area.

The day began with the traditional candle lighting ceremony. An excellent programme followed, delivered in the form of a Community Dialogue. Many health professionals from both Ixopo Clinic and Hospital were present covering topics such as TB and HIV and PMTCT. Concern was expressed about the high number of young children contracting diarrhoea from unclean water in Ofafa rivers. Guardians were encouraged to make good use of the health facilities in Ixopo and not delay in finding help especially for young children who are HIV+.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Gogos of Mahlathini stole the show this year at the Woza Moya annual Christmas Party! They arrived jubilant, singing and kicking up dust, frenzied dancing, vibrant despite their bent old-bodies.

Our x40 young children of 3-5 years, from the Woza Moya Play School, also enjoyed jiving along to the hip music provided by local DJ's a.k.a. Mtho & S'Celo.

About 50 local children from our Chibini Circus School gave delightful performances of song and dance and short dramas, and even a martial arts display. Sadly, only about 15 of the 33 children from our Children Living with Aids support group, made it to the party, the others being too unwell to attend. Kriben Pillay had everyone enthralled with his magic show.

The party reached a climax with uMama Khisimuzi arriving ringing her bell, singing and dancing. Everyone thronged forward to receive their beautifully wrapped gifts which they had been eagerly anticipating. We are truly blessed at Woza Moya to have as our friends some amazing people in Durban who made sure that everyone received their own special gift.

Wishing you all a very *HAPPY CHRISTMAS* season
and a *PEACEFUL* and *PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*



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