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## APRIL 2021

April 27th is Freedom Day in South Africa. 27 years ago we held our first democratic elections. Since 1994, April has been celebrated as Freedom Month especially for young people known as born-frees! Full of hope for a better life and future we at Woza Moya have been supporting young people in a number of ways. In April two local youth interns, joined our team, for 9 months, Bongiwe Dlamini, 21 and Sandile Radebe, 19. Our Youth organised a talent show for some 250 young people. 6 young local stakeholders in Ufafa replaced our elderly members, on the Woza Moya Community Advisory Council.

## WE ARE ALL EQUAL

Our first talent show since lockdown a year ago was held at a Sheshe community hall in the area of KwaNkosi. Addressing the scourge of gender based violence, our youth team adopted the slogan #SONKE SIYALINGANA meaning "we are all equal". Due to Covid-19 only 250 youth were allowed to enter the hall. The process of screening each person, filling in a register, ensuring thorough sanitizing, delayed the start by a few hours, resulting in the event continuing into the night, until 18:20. Keeping a close eye on young people who removed their masks and asking them to leave the hall if necessary was another challenge. Despite all this, it was a great day, with 18 groups participating, presenting various genres, such as Maskandi, Indlamu, Scathamiya, Hip Hop, Gumboot Dance, Gospel, Poets.



## FAREWELL S'CELO

After 10 years at Woza Moya, our media worker, S'Celo Chiya, decided to further his studies and career in the film industry. "It has been an amazing journey for me at Woza Moya, since 2011 where I started as a young guy working in the garden for few months, then as the security guard at night for two years, same time Woza Moya organised for me to study at night. After that I joined the day time staff doing computer classes and learning about media, making videos and taking pics. Over the years I had many media trainings, especially with Viroshen Chetty and Roy. That's when I got the love and passion of doing media work. I'm excited about this new opportunity but sad to leave Woza Moya which has become like my home. I wouldn't say I'm leaving because I will come back and assist wherever there's a need with the new skills I will gain on college. Even though I'm feeling little bit afraid to go out to Durban and study, like a hunter who goes to forest to hunt so that his family can eat, surely I will come back again to help at Woza Moya. To my Director, all the Managers and all who have been there for me, having patience whenever I'm having any difficulties, I cannot thank you enough, I feel like I owe you all. God bless this precious Woza Moya family. Thank you! Warm regards, S'Celo"



## ALSO IN APRIL

- Guardians/Parents ECD meeting, where 4 new committee members were selected
- Children Living with Aids quarterly meeting; some received donated shoes from Groundcover
- ECD Forum for all 19 ECD practitioners around Ufafa
- Fund Raising team met with a consultant, Davine Thaw in Durban to create a FR Strategy - Sue, Sphe, Jane, Thembi, Sbonelo, and Board member Warren.

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