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NOVEMBER NEWS

This month the Board of Directors spent two days on site at Woza Moya. It was a special time for our Non-Executive Directors to meet our team, community advisory, local partners and community members. On their first day on site Warren Banks (Vice Chair of the Board) conducted a sustainability workshop with four of our fundraising staff members. This was followed by a festive braai with all staff and Board members having fun, socialising and dancing. The following day the Woza Moya Community Advisory, local partners and more than 50 home and communal gardeners joined the Board of Directors for our Annual General Meeting, which was themed the 'Year of Food, Nutrition and Farming'. The AGM was closed by PowerGirls who sang and danced for the attendees. We are privileged to have supportive and caring board members who not only take decisions but think about the future of the organisation as well.

UTHINGO NETWORK WORKSHOP

Woza Moya in partnership with the **Uthingo Network**, an NGO based in Pietermaritzburg, conducted training with all staff members including Community Care Givers to raise awareness on how we can better support the LGBTQI+ community in Ufafa Valley. The Uthingo network is an Organization that works with LGBTQI+ individuals in promoting recognition of the LGBTQI+ community through institutional change and participation in rural communities together with authorities and service providers. The workshop aimed to sensitise our staff who work with the local community to LGBTQI+ rights, challenges and needs. Discussions were focused on topics which included sexual orientation, gender identity and effects of stigma and discrimination. We believe in empowering our staff with such needed information they will share it with their families and friends in order for the community to change the type of behaviour and attitude they display towards these vulnerable groups. We Have the Power to Impact Our Future, and we are doing something about it!



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MAMAS ALLIANCE SHARE CONFERENCE

Sphehile Radebe and Sbonelo Ndlovu attended the MAMAS Alliance Share conference in Benoni. The conference gave NGOs support and platforms to share the work they do and how they do it. MAMAS' Alliance partners with a network of 36 MAMAS (NGOs) that offer a better future to children throughout South Africa through interventions targeted at supporting their education, nutrition, medical care, recreational services, and other social development services. The theme for this year was 'Ecosystem of support'. Some of the topics discussed include fatal alcohol syndrome, nutrition, importance of tertiary education and skills development for the youth. Sbonelo was impressed to see how urban NGOs were empowering vulnerable children. Both Sphe and Sbonelo were inspired by the Share conference and are looking forward to implementing what they learned in the conference.



ALSO IN NOVEMBER

- Khanyisani attended the Local Victim Empowerment meeting at Ixopo
- **Lifeline** in partnership with Woza Moya launched 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence at Sheshe hall.

