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MANDELA DAY

Mandela Day is celebrated on 18 July every year in honour of South Africa's former president, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. (and people are encouraged to do good for at least 67 minutes) The Woza Moya team assisted the Sosibo family from the KwaMthakathi village, who rely on one family member to take care of all of them as three of the family members are living with disabilities. The team helped the family by cooking, washing, cleaning, weeding and fetching water and firewood. A food garden was also built and planted, and our food garden champion will support the family to make sure the garden continues.

We hope that we have positively impacted the lives of this family with the belief that our team have the power to transform each other's lives and that of our community for the better.

HEALTH PROMOTING ECD LAUNCH

Woza Moya in partnership with the Department of Health launched the Health Promoting Early Childhood Development (ECD). Health promotion is the process of enabling individuals, families and communities to improve, or increase control, over their lives in order to live a long healthy and productive life.

The Department of Health did a baseline check of our centre around skills, public policies, environment, community and health services to determine if we qualify for this initiative. We were excited to get 90% overall score after all checks that were made.

We would like to thank all our local stakeholders - Ixopo Clinic, our Ward Councillor, Community Advisory Council, COGTA, Lifeline, Department of Social Development, CHOC and lastly our local Head Man (Induna) Mr Skhumbuzo Cleopard Dlodlu for availing themselves and the support they gave us in making sure this journey is a success.



CAREER SUPPORT WORKSHOP

To continue growing talented young minds Woza Moya career support team organised a career support workshop for 35 students who are enrolled at higher learning institutions. We recruited these students from our local high schools last year and helped them apply for admission to universities under the **MAMAS Alliance** career support programme, which was initiated in 2021.

The workshop covered time management, budgeting and saving. We also discussed challenges which students are facing as university life can be a great experience, fun and educational and on the other hand, full of hardships. The information was well received by all who attended and we could see how much it meant to the students that they need to take their studies seriously.



JAMES SISWICK VISITS WOZA MOYA

We were excited to welcome James Siswick, trustee from **Starfish Greathearts Foundation UK** for a week long site visit. James met our team, got to see our projects first hand and also got to meet and talk to some of our project beneficiaries. He also conducted stress management at Esigedleni wellness day and for the Woza Moya staff. All of our donors are very important to us and they provide much needed support for us to conduct our programmes. It was a pleasure having James on site and we appreciate his time, effort and support.



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RUMS CAPE TOWN

Khanyisani Chiya, our Paralegal advisor attended a one day workshop with other MAMAS funded NGOs across South Africa. The panel of invited guests, mainly attorneys and social workers, worked together to develop strategies on how they can better support organisations like us to continue helping refugees and those who do not have documents like birth certificates and ID's.

Participants had a chance to share challenges they came across at their offices when dealing with such cases. Sharing ideas on which are the right paths to follow when resolving such issues. They also looked at the Child Protection Act that protects children and their rights.

ALSO IN JULY

- Children Living with AIDS attended quarterly wellness day at Woza Moya.
- The children from Mashakeni village spend a day at Woza Moya enjoying art classes.
- Some of our crafters attended the Craft market in Creighton.

