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CARING FOR LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY

This month we directed our care towards one of the most marginalized groups in our community. The LGBTQI+ community often experiences discrimination, leading to serious consequences such as loss of life.

Our Community Health Care Manager – Jane Nxasane and Dumisile Mbanjwa led a group discussion in Kwa-Mthakathi Village. They talked about different sexual orientations and explained gender identities to the community. They also discussed the unique challenges faced by individuals with intersecting identities. Additionally, they talked about ways to help families and communities understand and support the LGBTQI+ community, stressing the importance of creating a supportive environment.

RE-LAUNCH OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME

We are thrilled to announce the re-launch of the Woza Moya Afterschool Programme for 2024! This year, we had the pleasure of welcoming 100 enthusiastic children who will be participating in various engaging activities. The excitement was visible as returning kids eagerly got to see their friends and classmates again, while new participants were bubbling with happiness to join the programme. The children will benefit from a diverse range of educational and enriching activities, including computer skills, art classes, life skills sessions, and participation in the Woza Moya reading club aimed at enhancing their vocabulary. Additionally, our dedicated team will provide valuable assistance with assignments and homework, ensuring a holistic and supportive learning environment for these young minds.



FIRST BABY WEIGHING

We have successfully conducted the first baby weighing at our ECD Centre. All children, both existing and new, aged 3 to 5 years, have been weighed. This initiative not only helps us maintain healthy kids at our centre but also allows for early intervention in case of any signs of malnutrition, a situation we've fortunately not encountered before. Regular baby weighing is crucial as it aids in monitoring the children's growth and development, ensuring they receive the necessary support and care for a healthy start in life. We remain committed to the well-being of every child at Woza Moya.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to share that our paralegal advisor, Khanyisani Chiya, was invited by **Black Sash** to participate in a one-day evaluation workshop on credit and debt in Johannesburg. This workshop serves as a follow-up to the one Khanyisani attended in 2023, aiming to check if he has encountered any credit and debt-related cases and how he addressed them in his work. Subsequent to the workshop, the Black Sash provincial office visited our office, introducing themselves and discussing potential partnerships for community-driven projects. We are pleased to have met with the Black Sash team, and we look forward to collaborating, collectively becoming the voice for the voiceless in our community.

BOARD AND FINANCE MEETING

The Woza Moya board members and the finance committee had their first meeting of 2024. The meeting was held in Durban, where Board members shared comprehensive reviews of ongoing projects, assessed the impact of community initiatives, and outlined future goals to enhance our outreach. These meetings set the tone for the year ahead. By working together and making smart decisions we can continue to help and make a positive impact on the lives of the people we support.





MAMAS FIRST SITE VISIT IN 2024

Our dedicated donor, **Kinderfonds MAMAS** brought warmth and inspiration to Woza Moya with their latest site visit. This time they extended beyond the heart of our organization, as they explored the flourishing community gardens, ventured to the outlying creches and some of our beneficiaries. Their involvement not only showed their commitment to our cause but also highlighted the interconnectedness of our community initiatives. We are immensely grateful for their unwavering support and the shared journey toward positive change in the lives of those we touch.

ALSO IN FEBRUARY

- Crafters spent their craft day at Woza Moya
- Staff wellness – Doing Trauma Release Exercises (TRE)



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