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## HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

March is an important month at Woza Moya as we celebrate Human Rights Month. South Africa is one of the most unequal societies in the world. At Woza Moya we encourage active citizenship, helping vulnerable and marginalised people to speak out. Throughout March, we have been busy organizing various activities to celebrate human rights and promote equality. Let's take a closer look at what we've been up to!

## YOUTH TALENT SHOW AT SHESHE HALL

Woza Moya hosted a youth talent show at Sheshe hall. Community members gathered to witness the local talent in action. The theme for this year's event was "Striving for Equal Human Rights and Equality." From the soul-inspiring melodies of Maskandi to the thought-provoking verses of poetry, and the catching beats of hip-hop, every performance echoed with the spirit of human rights. The hall buzzed with energy as over 100 willing young attendees absorbed themselves in the celebrations. Among the diverse array of performances, one particularly stood out - a young boy from Sgedleni captivated the audience with his impassioned hip-hop performance. His poignant message against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) resounded through his lyrics, seamlessly aligning with the event's theme. Thank you and congratulations to the Woza Moya Youth team for organising such a wonderful event!

## VISIT FROM OKUMHLOPHE CRECHE

We had the privilege of hosting 20 children from Okumhlophe creche (an under-resourced outlying creche) for a day filled with laughter and learning. Even with limited resources, the center has created an environment where children are encouraged to explore, learn, and grow through the transformative power of play. The children enjoyed our indoor and outdoor equipment. The sound of children laughing and playing created a vibrant atmosphere that immediately captured our hearts.



## DISABILITY FAMILY FUN FAIR

We're delighted to share the heart-warming experience of our Disability Family Fun fair, held at Dlangala Wildlife Sanctuary. Woza Moya had the privilege of taking 20 children living with disabilities from all 10 villages in our community, for a fun filled adventure. Sadly, many people with disabilities, especially children, are often hidden away, but at Woza Moya, we believe in equality and care for all, regardless of physical abilities. These children had a fantastic time touring the sanctuary, encountering giraffes, zebras, and impalas. Afterward, they returned for a refreshing swim and a delicious lunch. As we conclude Human Rights Month, we urge all South Africans to cherish and respect the rights of people living with disabilities, recognizing their inherent value and humanity.

## HOLIDAY ARTS PROGRAMME

The Woza Moya Holiday Art Programme recently welcomed 60 Children Living with AIDS, followed by a group of 45 children from the Kwa-Bhensela Village the following day. Both days were packed with laughter, creativity and engaging. The children excitedly participated in a variety of educational games, igniting their curiosity and developing new friendships. A lively quiz about Woza Moya not only tested their knowledge but also developed their understanding of the organization's mission and impact within their community. One particularly memorable activity involved the children focusing their inner artists as they painted an impressive elephant, symbolizing strength, resilience, and unity. It is important to keep children busy during school holidays because it provides them with constructive outlets for their energy and creativity. By participating in art activities, these children not only learn new skills but also find joy and self-expression, which is vital for their overall well-being.





## ANGER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Our HR and admin officer AKA Hlengiwe Ndlovu conducted an inhouse workshop on anger management and conflict resolution in the workplace. Hlengiwe identified the patterns that cause anger and specific changes to a person's behaviour in the workplace. By encouraging open dialogue and active listening, staff gained valuable visions into their own emotions and communication styles, laying the groundwork for healthier interactions both at work and in their personal lives. The session concluded with a focus on the importance of clear and effective communication, emphasizing how it serves as a foundation for resolving conflicts and fostering positive relationships.

## ALSO IN MARCH

- We held our garden forum for all communal gardens
- First Advisory Council Meeting for year 2024



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