



His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini and the Mayor of Mbonambi share a few moments before the proceedings *

World AIDS Day celebrations

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AMANGWE Village sincerely appreciates the commitment and valuable efforts of key stakeholders and partners in making the World AIDS Day Event a great success.

Whether it is through financial support or in kind, the assistance received is truly commendable.

More than 1500 community members benefited from the services and much needed awareness on the day.

The speech by His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini reminded us that we should not only think about HIV/ AIDS for one day of the year.

And in keeping with the slogan for the day, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world' by Gandhi, young people were encouraged to get tested and take responsibility for their lives.

Motivational words from HIV positive guest speakers Bongani Dlamini and Patricia Mthiyane were truly inspirational for all present.

It is true, that we no longer need to be afraid of this disease.

Special appreciation is extended to Colleen Newlands and Nhlanhla Mhlongo (representing Mondi and SiyaQubeka); Siya Madonsela (Mbonambi Municipality); Gugu Mthiyane (Richards Bay Minerals); Cebo Gama (Vinyl Enter-

tainment) and Alycia Hutchisson (US Peace Corps Volunteer based at Amangwe Village) whom were instrumental in the planning and coordination for the event.

Sponsors for the day included: Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI), Bees Ink, Best Cut Butchery Group, BHP Billiton, Bingelela Consulting Professionals, Black Management Forum, Cosmos Florist - Empangeni, Department of Health, Ikhewzi Bus Service, Kenzo Multimedia Sevices, Foskor, Galitos - Richards Bay, Maywood Nursery - Mtuba/ Monzi, Mbonambi Municipality, Mondi Business Paper (& Forest), Mzingazi Waterfront Accommodation, Nelson

Mandela Children's Fund, Clover - Empangeni, Pick 'n Pay, Planet Communications, Richards Bay Minerals (RBM), Rotary Club Richards Bay, SiyaQubeka, Spar - KwaMbonambi, Umhlathuzi Municipality, Video Plus- Essenwood, Vinyl Entertainment, Woolworths - Richards Bay.

In keeping with the theme for World AIDS Day 2007 - we are proud to say that all of the above mentioned have displayed excellent 'leadership' and have demonstrated their commitment to making a significant difference in the lives of many people both infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Amangwe Village thanks you!

