

Happy 20 years Soul City

Soul Citizen Awards



Alex community gave a positive respond for Soul City celebration

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ON the 04 December 2014 Soul City celebrated its 20 years of pioneering television with the community of Alexandra at Eastbank Hall. Councillors and the community of Alexandra came in numbers to celebrate birthday party of Soul City. The event was attended by different speakers from different organisations like Vuyani Mpoftu from DDG Education, Yvonne Lefane from Alexandra clinic and Thapelo Rahllogo from ADAPT, Soul City formers actors and actress like Lillian Dube, Clementine Mosismane, David Dennis, Simo Magwaza, Nandi Nyembe etc. Among the guests was MEC for Infrastructure Development of Gauteng Provincial Government and former MEC for Health and Social Development Qedani Mahlangu.

There was free health screening service by Alex clinic, Lifeline and Home Affairs. The community was entertained by Ringo Madlingozi and other local artists; Karabo L and Mr Dangerous. Soul City was established in Alexandra 20 years back. Soul City is one of the world's top social and behavioral change programs in the world, and has been broadcast in 12 other countries including Zambia and Malawi to millions of viewers. There was also "Soul Citizen Award" ceremony for people who have been part of the 20 years milestone of the Soul City Institute has reached. The twelve people who were awarded the "Soul Citizen Award" are Lillian Dube, Gretha Fox, Nakedi Ribane, Clementine Mosismane, Aubrey Mbalosi, Molebogeng Phiri, David Dennis, Nandi Nyembe, Simo Magwaza,

Khaya Neiza, Phila Mazibuko and Nunu Khumalo. "Soul City has helped me a lot since I was diagnosed with cancer in 2007 and am so proud of Souls City because it helped me to deal with my depression. The show has given me a knowledge on how to deal with the disease" said actress Lillian Dube. Vuyani Mpoftu said Soul City Institute has done an amazing job of communicating with people. "The work that Soul City is doing its helping people to address many societal and health issues. And since we are in 16 Days of Activism, we are fighting against Women and Children abuse. The show educates the community about the issues that they face everyday like Rape, teenage pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, cancer etc. "The abuse of Women and Children must

stop" concluded Mpoftu. Thapelo Rahllogo from ADAPT said men must also participate on the programs that talks about Women and Children abuse. "The abuse is caused by men who don't want to talk about their problems, they run to bottle stores to drink, so we are also planning to visit some shebrens and talk to those men who afraid to talk and forget they will drink and forget about their problems" said Rahllogo. MEC for Infrastructure Development of Gauteng Provincial Government Qedani Mahlangu said, we don't want people who abuse others in our community. We must report them and they must be arrested. Women must stand up and fight for their rights and fight for their children's rights. Say no to women and children's rape", concluded Mahlangu.



The recipients of the Soul Citizen Awards



Ringo Madlingozi dancing during Soul City Celebrations



GET DOWN: Actress Nandi Nyembe showing her moves.



MEC Qedani Mahlangu, Lillian Dube and Vuyani Mpoftu



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