

A Rowdy Appreciation – Applauding Doctors, Nurses & Care-givers

We are not sure where it began, but certainly Italy and other countries continue with their magnificent efforts in acknowledging and saluting all medical personnel on the front line dealing with the deadly Covid19. At a given time every evening people emerge from their homes to applaud them by clapping or making appropriate noises. And we also do that here at Garden Village – every evening at 7pm – with quite a number of residents standing on balconies or in doorways - energetically banging pots or tamborines, or whistling, in appreciation of *our* nurses and care-givers, as well as other on-site essential services personnel working here on our behalf. It really is heart-warming to see how many of us religiously ‘make a noise’ every evening. Our enthusiastic neighbours living in Bordeaux join in and produce a fine din with their vuvuzellas and blaring music for a couple of minutes every night. We have cars hooting, music playing full blast, someone playing a saxophone and even a shofar (ram’s horn) blowing in the distance! The nurses and care partners at Garden Village hear this every evening – and it is truly special.



Some of our carers and nurses (left to right): Precious, Julia, Tsakane, Zandile, Cray, Molly, Khethiwe, Matron Magdel and Sister Linah.

Below right: Jeanette (Activities Co-ordinator) and Matron Magdel. Care Workers: Molly, Khetiwe, Zandile, Sister Susan & Cray.



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