

## MURAL MAGIC

IN part of the old rundown Addington Children's Hospital, the children's crèche has had a facelift with the help of Kim Poldner, Sharlene Khan, and local artists.

Studying towards her Masters Degree in Social Sciences in Holland, Kim is conducting research in South Africa. Sharlene is studying towards her Masters Degree in Fine Art at the University of Durban-Westville. Introduced by Kim's mentor at the university, together they dedicated two weekends to improving the crèche interior by painting murals on the walls.

Sharlene gathered approximately eight student artists from the Bat Centre to carry out the mural painting project. These students worked on a volunteer basis - and money for the paint and brushes was sponsored by Metro Club.

The project was highly successful, but the group would have liked to do more. "We would have loved to paint murals on the outside as well, but the existing paint work is in a bad condition and the weather at the time did not permit outside activity," said Kim.

The heart-warming and successful project proved rewarding. Kim has enjoyed learning about South Africa. "The cultures in Durban really appeal to me and I love interacting with people," she said. The artists saw the project as an opportunity to improve their portfolios and gain experience - and brought smiles to the faces of the staff and children who spend their days at the crèche.

