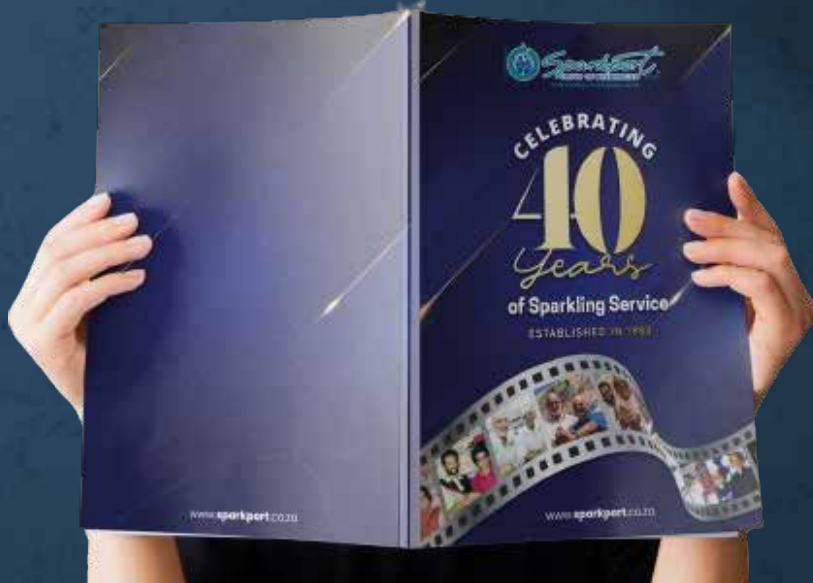


# 40 YEARS OR SPARKLING SERVICE

Embark on a captivating voyage through the illustrious history of Sparkport as we invite you to celebrate four decades of unparalleled success with our exquisitely crafted 40-year commemorative brochure. This meticulously designed publication serves as a testament to Sparkport's remarkable journey, tracing its transformative evolution through the years.



This captivating publication captures the essence of Sparkport's evolution, highlighting its significant milestones and showcasing the visionaries behind its success. Immerse yourself in the rich narrative that encapsulates the legendary story of Sparkport, leaving you inspired and proud to be part of this extraordinary journey.

Sparkport Group of Pharmacies have been the proud recipient of the PMR Diamond Award since 2017 in the category of Pharmaceutical Retailers. The PMR Awards is a South African Research based magazine aimed at celebrating excellence and acknowledging teams in business. At the annual PMR Awards Africa breakfast at the Elangeni Hotel on the 22nd August 2023, Sparkport was honoured for the 7th year in succession with a Diamond Award as best Pharmaceutical Retailer in KwaZulu Natal.



The purpose of the awards is to create a global and unique marketing tool for the company, enhance excellence and set a benchmark in the industry, recognise the recipient organisation and their team's effort, as well as it being a motivator for the staff. Winners are rated by a random, provincial sample of 186 respondents composed of CEO's, MD's, business owners, company directors and managers and senior government officials based in KZN.

The PMR Award recipients are companies and institutions doing the most in the sectors over the past 12 months to stimulate the economic growth and development in KZN.

## THE RISING SUN AWARDS



The red carpet was rolled out in opulent style as the Rising Sun Community Newspapers proudly hosted its annual Rising Sun Readers Choice Awards for 2023, where the "absolute best" business and corporates were showered with the highest praise and recognition after being voted as the best in their respective fields.

Sparkport Group of Pharmacies took top honours in the "Best Pharmacy" category, after the readers had voted our Overport Branch Pharmacy as the best and most loved.

The Rising Sun Awards honor outstanding companies and institutions that have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the economic growth.

## THE SPARKPORT GALA EVENT



The Sparkport Group of Pharmacies celebrated its 40th anniversary with a lavish gala dinner at the Elangeni Hotel. The event, attended by 400 guests, was a nostalgic tribute to the journey of two pioneering pharmacists who started the company during a difficult period in the country's history. It was a glamorous and sentiment evening filled with memories and appreciation for the growth and success of the company over the past four decades.



Director of Sparkport Group of Pharmacies, Goolam Mahomed, reflected on his partnership and friendship with his fellow Director Solly Suleman that has lasted over 40 years.

They were both students and later lecturers at Westville University before resigning together to become business partners. Mahommed shared that they found themselves unintentionally resigned from their previous roles but embraced the opportunity to start their own venture. Their friendship and partnership have endured through the years, creating a strong bond that has contributed to their success in business.

Solly Suleman shared his vision for Sparkport's future by diversifying the business into wholesaling and distribution. He mentioned that both their sons, Ziyad Mahomed, the current Operations Manager, and Muhammad Suleman who was likely to join the business in the new year, would play roles in shaping the future of Sparkport. Solly expressed his gratitude to the Sparkport team, family, spouses, and the wider community for their support.

Anasia Aniruth, the program director, effortlessly transformed into Annalakshmi, bringing continuous entertainment and comedic moments that made the evening incredibly enjoyable and unforgettable. The messages of congratulations that poured in from the community were incredibly heartwarming. They serve as a testament to the tireless efforts made by Sparkport over the years to uplift and invest in the social community. It is truly inspiring to see the fruits of their dedication and commitment to building a strong and connected community.

The tribute was delivered by Alicia Rose, Sparkport Marketing Manager, in which she expressed her heartfelt gratitude, recognising the immense scale of partnerships and relationships Sparkport has cultivated in the last 40 years. Her message stands as a testament to the company's unwavering dedication to fostering meaningful connections.

Overall, the Sparkport 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner event was a memorable celebration of two remarkable visionaries who paved the way in the pharmaceutical industry for independent pharmacies. It was not simply a glamorous light hearted affair, but a chance to honour their legacy. The event brought together industry leaders, partners, supporters, friends and family, staff and the community. It was a night to acknowledge their achievements and the lasting impact they have had on the industry.

## Meet Muhammad Suleman: A Distinction-Driven Accountant



Muhammad is an alumnus of Westville Boys High School, where he showcased academic excellence by achieving an impressive 7 distinctions. Continuing his pursuit of knowledge, he graduated from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Muhammad embarked on his professional journey by completing SAICA articles at Nexia SAB&T, honing his skills and gaining valuable insights into the world of finance and accounting.

With a commitment to excellence, Muhammad has seamlessly blended academic prowess with practical experience, establishing himself as a capable and diligent professional in the accounting field. Beyond the numbers, Muhammad is passionate about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, evident in his dedication to gym and fitness. A sports enthusiast, he also finds joy in football and golf, balancing a dynamic and well-rounded life.

In his role as Finance Manager, Muhammad will oversee financial operations with precision and strategic acumen. Through his dedication to excellence, he aspires to make a significant impact on the financial health and success of the Sparkport Group of Pharmacies.

## GRATITUDE TO OUR SPONSORS

We would like to express our utmost appreciation and heartfelt thanks to our sponsors. Their generous support has been invaluable in making our event and brochure a tremendous success. We are truly grateful for their unwavering commitment and support of our business.



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