



An inspiring celebration of some of South Africa's lesser-known change-makers — women whose tireless pursuit of a kinder and more compassionate world is too often relegated to the margins — took place at the Masque Theatre in Muizenberg on National Women's Day in August 2026.

Celebrating Women Who Protect Life was hosted by Omni Wellness Media in conjunction with Beauty Without Cruelty and Gauteng Animal Rights Defenders. Altogether, 37 remarkable women were honoured for their dedication to protecting people, animals and the natural world.

The ceremony was led by Master of Ceremonies **Chad Cupido**, founder of Omni Wellness Media and Executive Officer of Beauty Without Cruelty.



Animal Voice editor **Louise van der Merwe** was deeply honoured to be among the women recognised. The event was a heart-warming reminder that work carried out quietly, persistently and often away from the public spotlight can nevertheless help shape a kinder world.

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