

WELCOME!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOVE HOWICK
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MATT'S MESSAGE:

AWAKEN THE DREAMERS



I recently had the opportunity to give a motivational talk at our first Job Readiness class opened at the new Mpophomeni Dream Centre launched this month. Yes - we finally have a centre where dreams can be discovered, hope cases are renewed and a vast number of unemployed people can be empowered to change their lives.

This session was inspirational for me as I went around the room to discover the dreams stored up in each student's heart. To say that dreams die when times are tough is incorrect, and this class proved that.

All of them were unemployed, with very little support, and disappointed at the empty promises made over decades, yet as they shared their dreams, the spark in their eyes was obvious. 'I want to go to university and study to be a teacher, an agricultural scientist, own my own business, start an NGO to help those on the street', were just some of the declarations of hope.

It's for this reason that we keep doing what we are doing! Our vision to establish Dream Centres in every community around South Africa has one motivation behind it - to keep the vision alive in our beautiful land. Where there is a vision for a preferred future, and the right support structures in place to develop this vision so that it becomes tangible is our greatest priority.

We have so many stories about how the various programmes offered at these centres are changing the way people think about themselves and their future, and little by little we see the poverty mindset give way to one of empowerment and responsibility.

So, while many are leaving our land for greener pastures, we are determined to make our land a 'greener space' filled with fresh dreams!





CELEBRATE: *Job Centre*

A short while ago, we asked people listed on our job centre database (Dream Centre graduates of excellence who are looking for work) to consider volunteering their time at the Karkloof 100. 17 people said YES! And they did us proud as they worked hard registering entrants and cheered loudly for each athlete as they crossed the finish line!

The story did not end there... this last month, 15 of these 17 volunteers and another two Job Readiness graduates have been employed through our Job Centre program.

Job Centre is a dynamic program that operates from the Dream Centre. Students who graduate with marks in the upper levels of excellence are listed in our Job Centre database.

Companies who are looking for entry or mid-level staff contact our Job Centre with their requirements and pay an administration fee of R500. Job Centre searches its database and shortlists three people who meet those requirements and forward their CVs and information for the selection and interview process.



Another Dream Centre opens in Mpophomeni!

... and the first Job Readiness class graduated!



PROJECT:

Rebuild

It's all hands on deck as we help Sizakancane Senior Citizens Club rebuild its clubhouse...

CAN YOU HELP?

WHAT IS SIZAKANCANE?

In the small community of Lidgetton, Sizakancane Senior Citizens Club provides vital support and nutrition services for its nearly 40 members. The services provided by the club include physical fitness lessons, crafting and other activities, and assistance with healthcare. The club also ensures that the seniors of Lidgetton are engaged and cared for by ensuring that when the children they live with are at school, the elderly are not left home alone all day, there is food or care for them and they take their medication with food as prescribed.

SITUATION REPORT

The clubhouse in which they used to meet and serve meals had been severely vandalised and fallen to absolute ruin - it's currently a little more than a shell. During a visit to the community, uMngeni Mayor Chris Pappas met the club members and was moved by their plight and asked Love Howick if we could help them.



In the last week of November, a team from Love Howick visited the club for a needs assessment. We learnt that the seniors had been offered a temporary space in the community hall. The room they have is small and only three people can work in the tiny kitchen. However, there are times when the hall is booked for use that the club has nowhere to meet, cook and serve food.

FINDINGS

- The clubhouse is on a piece of municipal land for which the club holds a 99-year lease.
- The clubhouse needs complete repair from floor to roof, furniture, catering and other sundry items.
- It has space to cultivate a large vegetable garden to supply the feeding scheme.
- There is space to add a wendy house that could be rented out to generate a little income to cover club expenses while ensuring that the tenant, in exchange for the low rental, will also act as a security guard/caretaker to prevent further loss.

THE WAY FORWARD



The best way to address this situation quickly is by partnership and the pooling of resources. As such, Love Howick needs help:

BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THREE WAYS:

1. **A financial contribution** to purchase materials and equipment, and to assist with paying for services rendered.
2. **A contribution of services or labour.** We will need, among others, builders, plumbers, electricians, roofers, painters, plasterers, welders, people to install kitchen cupboards, tilers, security systems installers, gardeners, and general helpers.
3. **Donation of materials, supplies, equipment and furniture.** Please see our identified shortcomings/needs list below. This list may be extended as more needs are realised. This list was compiled by Love Howick staff after a comprehensive walkthrough of the damaged building and the current space used by the seniors club.

CONTRIBUTE

DONATE VIA ZAPPER (SCAN THE QR CODE) OR EFT:

Love Howick NPC, FNB Cheq Acc 62774727039,

Ref: SENIOR CITIZENS.

Email PoP: projects@lovehowick.com

TO CONTRIBUTE GOODS, SERVICES OR LABOUR

Email: projects@lovehowick.com



NEEDS/PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED

1. Thoroughly clean and prep structure for rehab
2. Flooring and ceilings
3. Secure the roof, replace damaged roofing sheets and install gutters & downpipes
4. Repair broken courtyard walls and add awning/shade
5. Repair/replace window frames and glass, and paint frames
6. Install burglar bars, secure the building and install a security system
7. Replace and paint all doors (incl. locks) and security gate
8. Connect prepaid electricity and water supply (incl. rainwater harvesting)
9. Install light fittings, plug points, plumbing and plumbing fixtures
10. Plaster and paint walls inside/outside (paint, brushes etc needed)
11. Prove new secure perimeter fencing
12. Provide new signage (including a donor recognition sign)
13. Cement, non-slip floor tiles, and paving slabs
14. Garden furniture and tools

FURNITURE & SUNDRIES

1. Storage Cupboard
2. First Aid Box
3. First Aid Supplies
4. Cutlery and crockery for preparing, cooking, serving and eating (50 people)
5. More pots
6. Repair/replace microwave, chest freezer and fridge freezer
7. Electric stove
8. Four trestle tables and 50 chairs
9. Kitchen cupboards
10. Drying racks
11. Exercise equipment
12. Curtains/blinds
13. Shelving
14. Drying clothes, sponges, detergents
15. Hand towels
16. Soap dispensers
17. Cleaning equipment
18. Medium wendy house for accommodation



CLASS IS IN SESSION

Our Entrepreneurship 101 students are hard at work preparing for Pitch Night on the 7th. After six weeks of intense learning, discussions and presentations, these entrepreneurs are ready to take the world by storm! Our Entrepreneurship 101 Course is an intensive six-week course that is divided between in-person and online learning.

The students are stretched and challenged throughout this course which is taught by local business leaders and other experts.

The course ends with Pitch Night (sort of like a Shark Tank) where the students need to pitch their business plans to a panel of local entrepreneurs and business people.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Email: info@lovehowick.com

THE MIDLANDS MARKET



A CULINARY EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE DATE: 28 January 2023
Midlands Fable from 3-8 pm

*Join us for fabulous Midlands-made food and beverages,
great music and kids activities*

BYOB SANTA'S SCHOOL BOX

Join Love Howick and uMngeni Tourism and change a life this Christmas.

That's right the Love Howick Santa School Box is back for its 6th year and this year we are excited to announce that CreativeCo and uMngeni Tourism have joined the campaign by combining their BYOB (Build Your Own Box) collection with our Santa School Box campaign. You can BYOB (Build your Santa School Box) and bring it to the Light Up uMngeni Festive Fair on 17 and 18 December at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site.

These boxes and stationery donations will be packaged and given to Grade R children at one of the schools Love Howick has identified within the uMngeni area at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

You can join the campaign by donating an item, or more if you want, from our list below and dropping them at one of our drop-off points listed below. Alternatively, you can Build Your Own Box and drop it off at the Festive Fair or the Love Howick offices.

If you are unable to shop or box a donation, you are welcome to contribute to our Santa School Box Fund, either what you would have spent or R250 for a full box, via EFT or Zapper. This fund will be used to purchase stationery for additional boxes.

Let's make sure that children start Grade R equipped for success.

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BYOB SANTA SCHOOL BOX 2022/23 STATIONERY DRIVE

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| 1 Jumbo beginner pencil | 1 Scissors (blunt nose) |
| 1 A4 Hardcover exercise book | 1 Sharpener with Container |
| 2 A4 72pg unruled book | 1 set marlin or Croxley retractable crayons |
| 1 50 Page flip file | 1 A4 Whiteboard & Whiteboard dusters |
| 1 Pack jumbo wax crayons | 4 Parrot Whiteboard markers (Black only) |
| 1 Eraser | 1 Soft Pencil bag |
| 1 30cm Ruler | |
| 1 Large Glue Stick (43g) | |

R250 PAYS FOR A CHILD'S STATIONERY

Sponsor a child by EFT or Zapper

Account Name: Love Howick NPC
Branch: FNB, Howick, KZN
Account Number: 62774727039
Branch Code: 220725
Reference: SANTA'S SCHOOLBOX



BYOB SANTA SCHOOL BOX 2022/23 STATIONERY DRIVE

DROP-OFF POINTS:

- Village Talk
- Oasis Church
- Legacy Coffee Co
- The Spot Bistro
- PostNet Nottingham Road
- Greendale Spar
- Merrivale Spar
- Hilton Quarry Spar
- Nottingham Road Spar
- Robbins Stationery
- St Michaels Ambulance

POTHOLE PROJECT!

To improve investment, tourism, and the efficient operation of our town, we need to ensure that our town is accessible and that travel within it is pleasant.

While the municipality has a list of roads it has prioritised for repair, there are far too many that will need to wait and will, unfortunately, become worse in the meantime.

This is why Love Howick in partnership with Shift Capital has undertaken a project to repair potholes on roads not prioritised by the municipality. This project has the approval of the municipality and is being overseen by a road construction expert, who has already begun training our teams.

Shift Capital has provided large equipment and some PPE for our Renoverge crew. Another amazing PPE donation was received from Bosch ACS Autoworks.

It will cost us R550 a square metre to repair a pothole. If you or your company would like to assist, please email marketing@lovehowick.com or make a direct eft donation to our pothole fund.



Donated funds will be directed to the roads we have identified as needing repair the most urgently.

People or organisations wishing to sponsor repairs to roads in their neighbourhoods may email the details to us and we will send out a team to assess the road and provide a quote to repair the relevant section of the road.

Work will commence in 2023.

BANKING DETAILS:

Account Name: Love Howick NPC, FNB Howick, Cheq. account number: 627 747 27 039, Reference: POTHOLES



Portraits of **COURAGE**

**"Coming to the
Street Store
has really
changed my
life ..."**

My name is Gugulethu Zondi, I am 24 years old and I live in Shiyabazali with my younger sister and children.

Last December was my first visit to the Street Store. Coming to the Street Store really changed my life. I just bring in the recycling I collected off the streets in town and swop them for nice clothes and occasionally, receive food parcels.

I would like to study Job Readiness next year and want to thank Love Howick for the great work you do helping people like me - we really appreciate it!

NOVEMBER IMPACT!

37



People graduated from courses at the Dream Centre



340

Items of clothing donated to the Street Store

Square metres of grass cut in public spaces

28,866.10



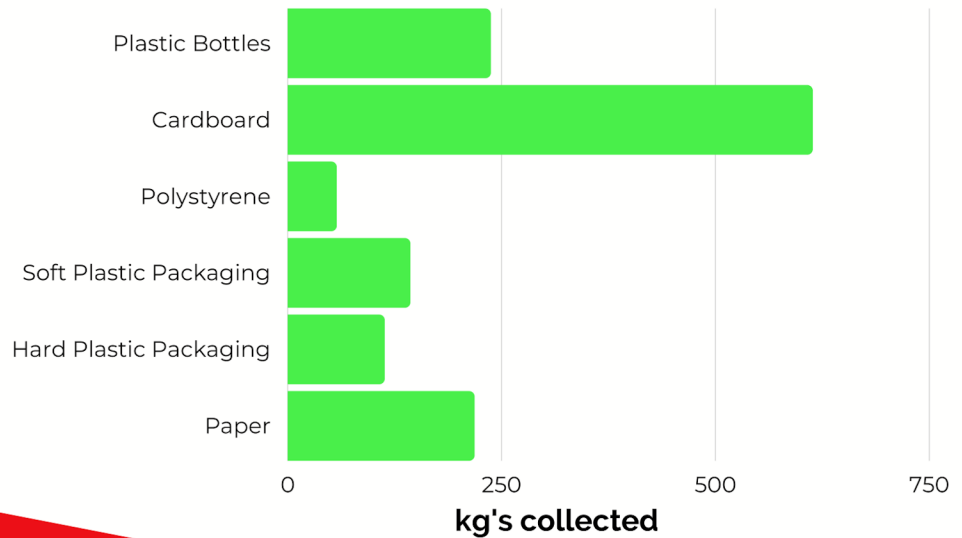
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metres of road surfaces, curbs and pavements cleaned, cleared and swept.



Our recycling initiative includes 40+ local businesses & organisations.
TOTAL RECYCLING COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER: 2,531 KGS

Types of recycling collected



BIN IT CAMPAIGN

Do you want to see cleaner streets? Less rubbish polluting our environment?

Join the 'Bin It' Campaign. This campaign aims to reduce litter on our street by encouraging businesses to sponsor a bin, which will have their branding and be located at a position of their choice.

So far we have put out 14 bins along key pedestrian routes in Howick, and our target is to have 50 bins out by the end of 2022. Let's get behind this initiative to make Howick the cleanest and most beautiful town in KwaZulu-Natal.

For information how to get your business a bin email enviroteam@lovehowick.com

