

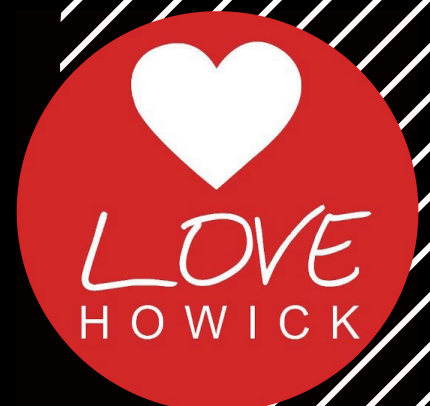


**JULY
2020**

MONTHLY STEP COUNTER

REVIEWING OUR STEPS TO TRANSFORM
THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

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TIME TO ACT

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Our future is in our hands! If you can dream it, see it, imagine it and have the determination to achieve it - anything is possible. This month as we pay tribute to our beloved Madiba, we are inspired to dream of a land much like the one he dreamed of. A land that knows no divides, no impossibilities, no poverty. A land brimming with opportunity, where we all take collective responsibility to do our bit to better the lives of those around us, and work together to achieve a vision far greater than ourselves.



This July, we hope you will be inspired to a greater vision for our city, and more importantly, to turn vision into action by becoming a *Love Howick Partner*. We need to ACT NOW, and here's how:

- *'Approximately 3 million people in South Africa lost their jobs between February and April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.'* (Results of NIDS)

TIME TO ACT by supporting initiatives that promote entrepreneurship training and new business development at grass roots level. Love Howick's 'Wired 4 Business' training is seeing 30-40 new entrepreneurs trained monthly with access to mentorship in their new business venture. (see page 2)

- *'Over 13.6 million people had limited access to food and had to change their diet or eating patterns that year due to a lack of resources.'*

TIME TO ACT by supporting organised and accountable food distribution projects and sustainable ways of growing nutritious fruit/vegetables in the local community. Love Howick's Street Store is developing a centralised database to manage distribution of food aid to households that need it most and feeding 100 households per month. We are also embarking on our first 'Urban Vegetable Garden' to improve food security. (see page 3)

- *World Economic Forum meeting in Switzerland, U.N. Environment Programme head Eric Solheim referred to Kigali (Rwandan capital) as "the cleanest city on the planet in 2018", both in terms of lack of rubbish on the streets and green initiatives.*

TIME TO ACT by working together to make Howick (and the Midlands!) the 'cleanest area on the planet in 2020.' Love Howick's Renoverge project is mobilising support to clean up our verges/drains, restore paving/manhole covers, plant indigenous gardens all over our CBD, and build awareness about environmental issues. (see page 4)

These audacious goals may seem bold to you, but we believe if we tackle them TOGETHER, they become more than achievable. Thank you to all our Love Howick partners who are contributing in time and finances monthly to see transformation happen.

We salute you!

Matt Hogarty

Director



EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP

NEWS FROM THE LOVE HOWICK DREAM CENTRE

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN THE MIDLANDS

Research suggests the biggest obstacle to breaking out of poverty, is limited access to education, financial capital and connections /community. The Love Howick Dream Centre is focused on overcoming these barriers by providing:

- quality training that builds an empowered mindset amongst the unemployed
- a network of partnerships aimed at helping those stuck in unemployment find opportunities
- key projects that build financial capital needed to boost small start-up businesses at grass root level.

DREAM CENTRE TRAINING JULY STATISTICS

Wired 4 Business Students Completed	20
Businesses Started	3
Job Readiness Students Completed	20
Office Admin Students Completed	10
Students Studying Further	3
Student Job Placements	9
Volunteer Hours Worked	36

Volunteer hours have been worked at the **Dream Centre, Street Store, Mpophomeni Community Centre and Bollywood Bites.**

SUCCESS STORY NEW BUSINESS LAUNCH

Jolene and Jadene enrolled in the **Wired 4 Business** course in July and worked together to turn R50 into R1 061 by selling samoosas and chilli bites as part of their 'new ventures project' during the course.

Jolene commented that, *"This course has really taught me such valuable things about how to succeed in life and business. I believe that everyone has the ability to be successful, we just need to stop limiting ourselves to only what we see in our neighbours."*



GO IT! MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP INSPIRES STUDENTS



'Too many people are in the groove of mediocrity, only a few experience the excitement of life beyond,' remarks GO IT! author and trainer, Bernard Bakker, who has joined our 'Job Readiness' programme to provide students with the tools and motivation to leave the path of safety, mediocrity and negativity and dream of a life beyond expectation.

Students are encouraged to leave the path of self-destruction and embrace higher values, higher work ethic and fulfillment.

AUGUST COURSE DATES:

- **Job Readiness Course:**
August 11-28 (Cost R100)
- **Wired 4 Business Course:**
August 12-27 (Cost R100)
- **Office Administration Course:**
August 13-20 (Cost R400)
- **Barista Course:**
August 17-21, 8:30-12:30 (Cost R550)
- **Waitering Course:**
7 & 14 August, 8:00-13:00 (**Course Dates**), 7-21 August (**Practicals**), 28 August, 10:00-12:00 (**Feedback**) (Cost R450)

To book or get information for a Course, please contact dreamcenter@lovehowick.com.

GIVING HOPE TO THE DESTITUTE

NEWS FROM THE LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE

Love Howick's Street Store continues to be a beacon of hope in our community, especially amongst the unemployed and vulnerable. With the worsening economic recession, this project provides over 100 households with food parcels that feed up to 4 people for one week, along with much-needed second-hand clothing and blankets to survive the cold winter. There is a growing need for both food parcels and clothing/blankets, and so we appeal to the community to donate R100 per month to feed a family or clean out their cupboards and drop off quality clothing at **17 Bell Street, Howick**.

LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE JULY STATISTICS

Food Parcels Distributed	223
Clothing Items Distributed	372
Seedlings Distributed	3
Number of Households Impacted	174

STORY OF HOPE

NTABISENG NOOI



Ntabiseng Nooi (40 years old) is one of the regulars at the Street Store. **Here is her story:**

"I live in Shivaz in a temporary shelter. I sometimes have running water but no electricity. I used to work for 'Working with Water' but have not been able to work since the lockdown in March because of COVID-19. I have one son only and had no idea how I was going to survive with no income. Then I heard that the Love Howick's Street Store was handing out food parcels so I reached out for help. I was informed that all I had to do was clean up my neighbourhood and bring in a large bag of recycling to receive tokens for my food parcel. My son and I have food everyday and I thank God for providing for us during this difficult time."

DONATIONS NEEDED



STREET STORE

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THE FOLLOWING TO THE LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE:

- New face masks
- Good quality shoes or PPE items for COVID19
- Trays of vegetable seedlings to assist our 'one home - one garden' project
- Good quality second-hand clothing (all ages) - **please no dirty clothes with holes.** Please ensure all items are washed before dropping them off with us.

For more information on the Love Howick Street Store email info@lovehowick.com

To help families like Ntabiseng's, sponsor a food parcel for R55 per week! We have over 200 families on our database needing your help.

See bank details on page 6

WE ARE DREAMING OF THE CLEANEST

AND MOST BEAUTIFUL TOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST URBAN VEGGIE GARDEN LAUNCHES IN HOWICK



When the Director of Love Howick, Matt Hogarty, asked me if I would run with the project of planting urban gardens to increase food security amongst the vulnerable during this Covid-19 pandemic and take steps towards a more sustainable and nutritious food supply for the poor into the future, my immediate thought was, "What do I know about gardening?" However, my passion is people and community work, so with God on my side why not? After researching the best practice models and reaching out to **ACAT** (Food, Faith and Work for Africa) in Lidgetton, we visited their site to learn from their years of experience. It was well worth the 2 hours we spent there, and we left envisioned for the road ahead. What does that road look like?

- We have secured our first piece of land next to the **Dream Centre**, rent free for the next 6 months, and are currently clearing to make way for our first '**Allotment Garden**' in an urban area.
- 30 **Trench gardens** will be prepared.
- Seasonal vegetable seedlings will be planted and this site will also become a place for community members to receive training and support in learning to grow their own nutritional food.

To get involved please contact Debra at info@lovehowick.com.

This July our Renoverge Team have been hard at work turning our vision of 'the most beautiful town in South Africa' into a reality with hours of brush cutting verges, clearing gutters, planting gardens, and spreading awareness about the importance of protecting the environment.

LOVE HOWICK RENOVERGE PROJECT - JULY STATISTICS

Areas Brush Cut	24715 m ²
Verges & Pavements Cleaned	1239 m
Curbs Painted	171 m
Gardens Cleared	375 m ²
Gardens Planted	150 m ²
Garden Refuse & Litter Removed	150 bags
Road & Information Signs Fixed	2

IF KIGALI, RWANDA CAN DO IT, SO CAN WE!

Love Howick is inspired by the story of Kigali, and their journey to becoming the 'cleanest city in the world' as declared by the UN Environmental Programme head in 2018. Watch this short video clip to hear their story and become the change you want to see!





LOVE HOWICK GIVES BACK

THIS MANDELA DAY!

PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT

Each month we would like to take a moment to shine a 'spotlight' on the various organisations who generously & consistently contribute towards Love Howick's vision. These organisations are blazing a trail of philanthropy and selflessness in our community - we are so appreciative of their efforts.



"**Harvard House** loves Howick and the Howick community. For this reason, we have joined with Love Howick to help transform Howick for the better."



"**Fairfield Dairy** is all about giving back to the community! Our local community plays a big part in the daily lives of the Fairfield family. Not only do we employ over 300 local people on our farm and in our factory but we also play an active role in community life outside of work hours."



Tim Laithwaite
Financial Manager
Tel: 082 326 7672

"**SOS Contractors** are committed to seeing our community thrive. It is a pleasure to be connected to the work Love Howick are doing to transform our area and we aim to add strength to their vision wherever we can."



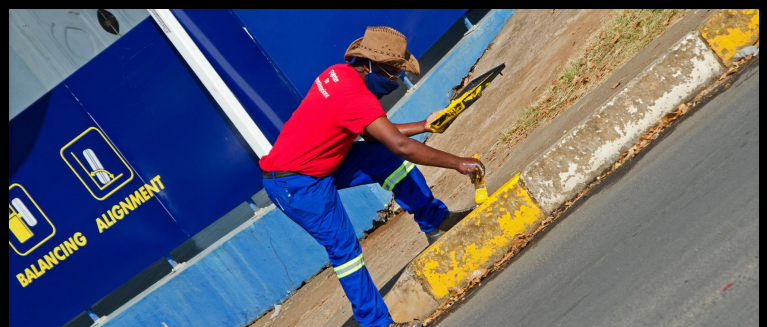
"**App Inlet** believes that the strength of community can transform a nation. That's why we are proud to partner with Love Howick and make this happen!"

Love Howick's faithful team of volunteers took to the streets on **Mandela Day**, Saturday 18 July for 8 hours of 'giving back' to make our community a better place. Indigenous trees and shrubs were planted along Bell Street and Karkloof Intersection, curb stones painted, bug weed removed and a vacant plot cleared making way for our new '**Urban Vegetable Garden**' at the corner of Bell & Somme Street. Parts of Merrivale and Morling Street were also cleared of rubbish and overgrown grass, making these areas more visually appealing and safer.

Thank you to all those who contributed R67 to Love Howick's various projects or dropped off 67 items of clothing at the **Street Store (17 Bell Street)** to better the lives of the vulnerable in our community. Lots more work is to be done throughout the town in the coming weeks and we encourage all citizens to get on board and show their support - donate, register as a volunteer or simply share the story far and wide! Visit www.lovehowick.com for more details.

Thank you to the following organisations & individuals for contributing to the success of this day:

Fairfield Dairy, Finchley's Nursery, SOS Contractors, Tip-A-Skip, ABC Skip Hire, Oasis Church, G&S Hardware, Midmar Hardware, Howick Meat Centre, Dargle Poles, Supa Slab Midlands, DA Umngeni, Hi-Q, Jill Mitchell, Michelle Upford, and general public who gave their time.





JOIN THE MOVEMENT

FOR POSITIVE CHANGE!

BECOME A FINANCIAL PARTNER

Love Howick NPC is able to issue Section 18A tax deductible receipts for bona fide donations. Please request this when making a donation by contacting info@lovehowick.com. Love Howick NPC is also certified recipient for B-BBEE funding with 100% recognition level in the Socio-Economic Development category. Please contact us to discuss how we can partner with your business to help the community.

LOVE HOWICK BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Number: 62774727039

Account Name: Love Howick NPC

Bank: First National Bank, Howick

Branch Code: 220725

WAYS TO PARTNER:

- Make a once-off donation via Zapper or EFT (see Bank Details above)
- Sign a monthly debit order to help fund the monthly operating costs of the Love Howick Projects.
- Email info@lovehowick.com to start this process today.
- Contact us to find out if there are specific needs (equipment, furniture, computers) that you or your business can contribute towards.

LOVE HOWICK [a registered Non-Profit Company 2018/242807/08 and Public Benefit Organisation 930066664] is a catalyst in bringing people TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION and aims to unite our community for positive change. We believe that we are better together and we endeavor to establish partnerships between key sectors of our local community to see our vision of a prosperous city emerge.

These partnerships have resulted in number of key projects being launched to improve the lives of the poor as well as tackle some of the challenges facing our community. These projects include: **Street Store, Dream Centre, Griefshare Support Groups, Renoverge, City Parks, Howick Falls Rejuvenation, Positive Media.** In order to continue improving the impact and reach of these projects, we would like to appeal to you to BECOME A LOVE HOWICK PARTNER.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Consider volunteering your time or skills by serving in one of our Love Howick Projects. Send an email to info@lovehowick.com detailing your skills and time available, and we will connect you to the right project.

You could also consider becoming a mentor (assist a young entrepreneur on their journey to starting a business). If you have experience leading a business at senior management level and would like to be considered for our Mentorship Programme, please contact us at info@lovehowick.com.

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