



NEWSLETTER

Quarter 4 2024

WHO WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD?

"People who really want to make a difference in the world usually do it, in one way or another. And I've noticed something about people who make a difference in the world: **they hold the unshakeable conviction that individuals are extremely important, that every life matters.** They get excited over **ONE** smile. They are willing to feed at least **ONE** stomach, educate **ONE** mind, and treat **ONE** wound. They aren't determined to revolutionise the world all at once; they're satisfied with small changes. Over time, though, the small changes add up. Sometimes they even transform cities, and nations, and yes, the world." - Beth Clark

As 2024 draws to a close we want to say **THANK YOU to all the heroes of this story** - those who stop for the **one**, give to the **one**, show up for the **one**. I do believe that this is how a movement is shaped - **EVERYONE giving something to make the lives of others better.** Let's keep believing that every life matters as we sail into an inspiring 2025. - Matt Hogarty (Director)

BUCKETS OF HOPE FOR THE ELDERLY OF MPOPHOMENI

Big smiles and shouts of joy as the Love Howick and Love Mpophomeni teams spread some Christmas cheer this December. With 70 'Buckets of Hope' filled with a wide variety of food items worth R450 donated by Linc Foundation & Linc Church Hilton - this special moment captured our hearts!



October was **birthday month for Love Howick** as we celebrated 8 years of 'creating partnerships for positive change' in our community. Marked by a fun 5km RED RUN hosted by Piggly Wiggly, where over 200 runners ran to support this cause. We even had our Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Love Howick Director go head to head for bragging rights in the fun run - we won't mention who won!

Love Howick is committed to raising a new generation of Business Leaders who have the knowledge, grit, support and real-world experience to **thrive in entrepreneurship**. November saw a group of 35 students give their final 'Pitch' to our panel of judges to secure one of the top 15 places at the Business Bootcamp in 2025.

Raising awareness and much needed funds for the work of Love Howick was the aim of the **#redsockfriday campaign** during October, where various organisations joined us in wearing red socks on one of the Fridays to show their support for our work. With various businesses, schools and NGOs supporting this cause - we can't thank the generous Howick community enough for their valuable contribution to keeping Love Howick growing from strength to strength.



'EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD' - NELSON MANDELA

This year, through the generous donation of a local Trust, Love Howick launched the EDUPROJECT aimed at piloting an innovative support program for four under-resourced Schools in Mpophomeni. Teachers received weekly input to assist them in implementing cutting-edge Literacy, Coding, Entrepreneurship and Environmental Studies learning programs. On 9 December, all participants gathered to celebrate the incredible results of this intervention, and congratulate the 60 teachers involved in this journey.

- **Average 24% IMPROVEMENT in Literacy Levels across all grades**
- **Class averages soared to 60%+ in Entrepreneurship**
- **Inter-School Coding Tournament saw groups attain a Level 8 proficiency**

2024 @ A GLANCE

515

People graduated from courses at the Dream Centre with a **96% pass rate**



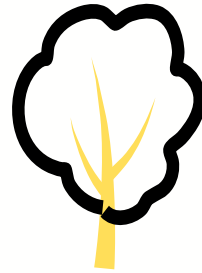
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Families supported with food, clothing and toiletries by our Street Store



23%

Love Howick graduates found jobs, internships or started businesses

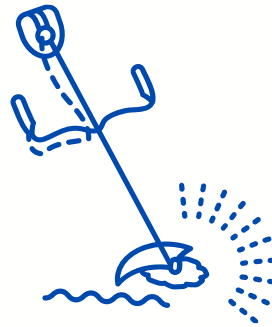


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Trees planted

2,4 million

Square metres of grass cut and gardens landscaped in public spaces



17828

Students in under-resourced schools impacted by Literacy, Entrepreneurship, Coding, Environmental Studies Program



226

Community members received counselling support

JOBS! JOBS! MORE JOBS!

Love Howick is committed to reducing the youth unemployment rate through quality job skills and entrepreneurship training. This past month we have been inundated with calls from past students who have secured jobs, internships or started their own businesses as a result of the valuable input, mentorship and guidance offered by our passionate Dream Centre team.



EMPLOYMENT ON THE RISE!

Our Training Team has been flooded with messages like this from graduates who successfully completed our various programs.

JOIN OUR NEXT COURSE

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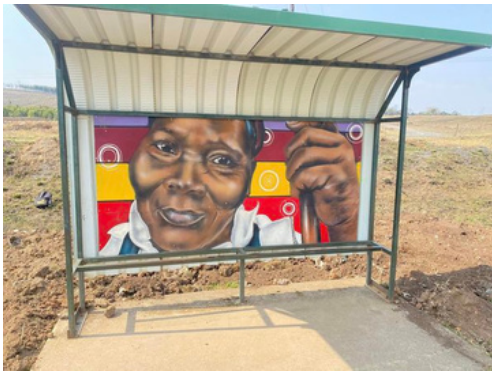
OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!



'I completed the Love Howick Work Ready Course and now I am an Intern at the South African Diamond & Precious Metals Regulator in Kempton Park, Gauteng' - Andiswa



Nothing is impossible - even winning the 'Help n Dorp' competition and appearing as one of the featured towns in South Africa on the KykNET TV series. The concept of using public art to rejuvenate neglected public spaces is not new, but by partnering with the unique approach of local talent 'Jackal & Hide' this concept was taken to a whole new level as they combined art with story telling. This project saw many businesses, landscapers, local architects, story tellers and talented artist unite to foster local pride, promote cultural expression, attracts visitors, and ultimately create a sense of belonging. Thank you to the generosity of our community who went 'all out' to put the KZN Midlands on the map!



Love Howick hosted a jam-packed Midlands Business Networking Dinner, where we interviewed the Coffeeberry Team on their 20 year journey, enjoyed a great meal and formed stronger connections amongst the business community.

CLEAN, GREEN TOWN

'We have seen such a difference in Howick with the exceptional work of the Love Howick teams on a daily basis' This was a comment from a message sent to us recently and captures the essence of our mission - to make Howick the 'Cleanest and Greenest' town in South Africa (with YOUR help!)

The Love Howick teams are committed to this vision through DAILY brush cutting, waste collection, weeding, drain cleaning, and beautification efforts. In 2024 we have seen significant progress:

- 2.4 million m² brush cut
- 43 illegal dumpsites cleared
- 77786 kg of waste recycled
- 3004 alien plants removed
- 692 trees planted
- 596 m² of paving installed
- New Park in Morling Street

As we move forward, we encourage the community to support and engage with these efforts, ensuring that our shared spaces remain well-maintained and welcoming for all.



LOVE HOWICK NOTICEBOARD



STUDY WITH US!

Are you unemployed and looking to kickstart your career? Our professional skills courses will give you the foundations needed to thrive in the workplace.

COURSES STARTING 13 JAN 2025

LEVEL 1: Work Ready (13 Jan - 7 Feb)
ONLY R 850

After successful completion of LEVEL 1 Courses, students can enrol for one of the following LEVEL 2 Courses:

Office Admin (15 Days)	R 1000
IT (10 Days)	R 1300
Retail (15 Days)	R 1000
Barista (1 Month)	R 2500
Hospitality (1 Month)	R 2000
Crop Production (10 Days)	R 1900

** Dates will be confirmed when class is full

REGISTER BEFORE 10 DECEMBER GET 20% OFF

REGISTER NOW 📞 033 940 5075 📍 19 Morling Street, Howick

We need you!



BANKING DETAILS

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