

# Newsletter



## Choosing Hope in a Time of Crisis

South Africa is facing some of its toughest challenges yet: 32% unemployment, over 60% youth unemployment, and more than half of our people living in poverty. Families are struggling, crime and gender-based violence are on the rise, and too many children still go to school hungry. **These aren't just numbers—they are the everyday realities of our communities.**

In times of crisis, it can be easy to give in to despair. But we believe that crisis is also a call—a call to choose hope. Hope is not passive; it is active. It is what drives us to rebuild broken systems, restore dignity, and create opportunities where none seemed to exist.

At Love Howick, choosing hope means putting faith into action: from creating pathways out of poverty through skills training, to standing with survivors of GBV, providing for the poor through our Street Store, and building stronger families and safer neighbourhoods. Every project is our way of declaring that **a better tomorrow is possible—if we choose to build it together.**

These are a few steps we choose to take as a team when faced with a crisis and encourage you to do the same:

- **Focus on What You Can Control** – Hope grows when people take small, meaningful actions instead of being overwhelmed by what feels impossible.
- **Anchor in Purpose** – Viktor Frankl, Holocaust survivor and psychiatrist, argued that people endure suffering when they can connect it to a greater purpose. Hope is rooted in knowing why you carry on.
- **Build Connection** – Experts in trauma recovery highlight that isolation fuels despair, while strong relationships and communities create resilience. Hope multiplies when people feel they are not alone

As Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said: 'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness'. **Let's fight to see light every single day.**

*Matt Hogarty*



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# The Love Howick *Approach.*

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## PLACE DEVELOPMENT

Creating beautiful spaces, recycling waste, rehabilitating public parks, maintaining infrastructure, urban renewal projects, and promoting environmental sustainability



## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Education support services, school outreach, teacher training, work readiness programs, professional skills training, leadership development and recruitment



## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Preventative education to reduce social ills, poverty measurement, community asset mapping and mobilisation, street stores for poor, counselling support and disaster relief



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Entrepreneurship development, economic growth support in tourism, in-service training to improve labour productivity, agriculture support and networking events



## NARRATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Positive media campaigns, storytelling platform, personal and societal narrative workshops, hosting community dialogues, events that promote social cohesion

## Exploring Our Mission

Love Howick exists to champion the transformation of our local community. Through strategic partnerships and co-ordinated social investment, we provide a platform that creates sustainable, long term, and measurable change in our five key focus areas. Our dream is to see a connected, healthy and prosperous people who are empowered in all areas of life.

## Joining Our Movement

Love Howick is a platform that enables collaboration between all stakeholders in a community for the sake of sustainable social change. We align social investors, volunteers and philanthropists with key projects to ensure maximum impact and measurable results. We invite you to join the movement for positive change today!

Visit our [website](http://www.lovehowick.org.za) for more info ✨

19 Morling Street, Howick, KZN

# Could you skip one R100 takeaway meal a month?



## Your **R100** monthly donation could:

- Provide food for 3 people for one day.
- Help run our Dream Centre courses, like Barista, Computer Literacy, and First Aid, creating pathways to employment.
- Contribute to the work of our Renoverge teams, cleaning verges and maintaining our public spaces.

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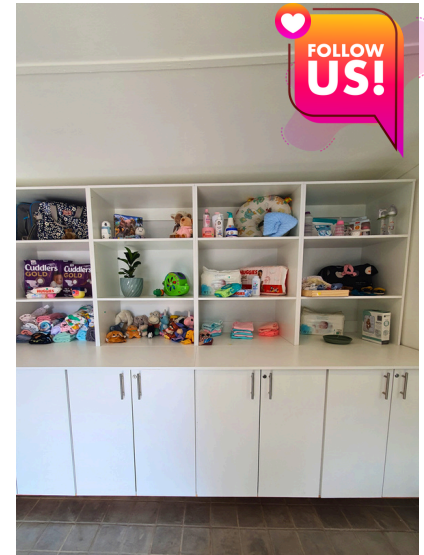
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*Together* **FOR TRANSFORMATION.**

# Social Development *News.*

## A NEW CHAPTER: STREET STORE REOPENS & BABY TOWN LAUNCHES

In response to a clear community need, we are thrilled to have reopened our Street Store and launched Baby Town—a new space where moms can give to moms by donating good-quality baby items. The grand opening was a joyous celebration, well-attended by **local government, Moms of the Midlands, Capitec, FNB, Seeff, Village Talk, local churches, and many other valued partners.** The most beautiful moments came from hearing the stories of beneficiaries, whose lives are being transformed through both practical support and developmental opportunities.

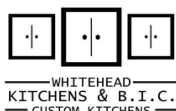


### We extend our sincere gratitude to:

- **Midlands Exterior Cleaning** for donating their time to clean the entrance to our new Street Store.
- **M&N Electrical** for donating their services and materials to rewire and fit new lights in the shop.
- **Whitehead Kitchens** for the assembly and installation of the cupboards.
- **Mr. Aubrey Shabalala** for undertaking the painting and tiling work.
- **Harvard House** for the proceeds from their Golf Day, which went towards installing new shelving and stocking the store.
- **Penny Carolan** for beautifully capturing the launch of Baby Town through her photography.



**M&N  
Electrical**



## WOMEN'S MONTH

### Holistic Health Sessions



#### **Week 1 – Nourish to Flourish**

We had the privilege of welcoming Kerryn Jones, a dietitian and nutritionist, who shared valuable insights on the importance of a balanced diet. She highlighted how understanding food labels empowers us to make informed choices for our families, discussed the essential role of vitamins in our daily nutrition, and outlined the profound benefits of breastfeeding in laying the foundation for a child's lifelong health and success.



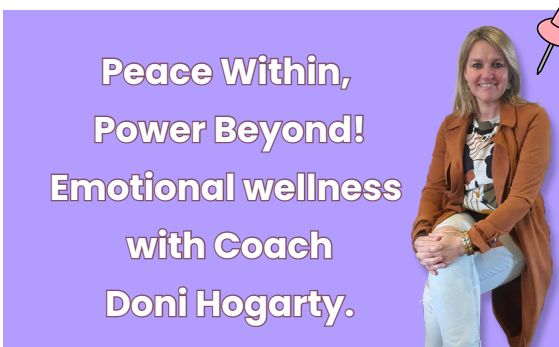
#### **Week 2 – Rooted and Resilient**

Week two was a fun and interactive experience with our speakers, Lihle Mavuso and Noxolo Sibiyi. The women learned how to become small-scale farmers by planning and cultivating gardens to sustain their families. Beyond gardening, they were also equipped with practical recipes to maximise the nutritional value of their harvests.



#### **Week 3 – Sacred and Safe**

Week three was particularly special as we partnered with Angels Care, an organisation dedicated to community upliftment and transformation. Their team of women addressed the challenging topics of sexual health, abuse, and safety with both professionalism and great compassion. This created a safe space for those present to share personal stories and seek assistance in the areas where they needed support most.



Peace Within,  
Power Beyond!  
Emotional wellness  
with Coach  
Doni Hogarty.

#### **Week 4 – Emotional Wellness**

In week four, Doni Hogarty hosted a session focused on emotional wholeness and finding inner peace. The session proved deeply impactful. The women were encouraged to pause and reflect on their personal well-being, exploring how effective self-management can free us from the need to control aspects of life that are, ultimately, beyond our control.

**A big thank you to Woolworths who kindly donated flowers**



# Love on a Hanger

## BE PART OF HER SUCCESS STORY

Seeff Midlands is proud to partner with Love Howick for the 'Love on a Hanger' **Clothing Drive**. This September and October, we are collecting quality clothing to support the '**She's the Boss Program**', empowering unemployed women in our community to start up a small retail clothing business. Your donation provides the essential starter stock for a small business, fostering financial independence and dignity. Financial donations towards training costs can be made using QR code below.

**Quality Clothing | Accessories | Baby & Maternity Wear | Baby Equipment**

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Avenue, Garlington Estate, Hilton, 3245

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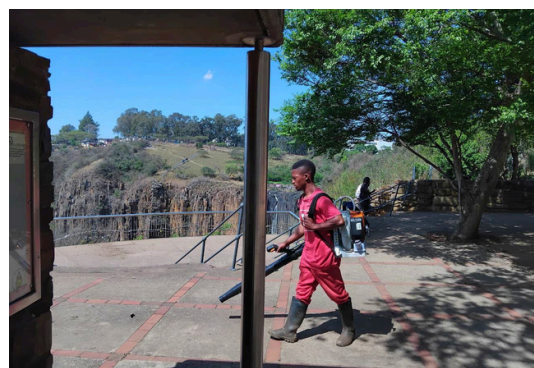


- **Brush Cutting** of overgrown vegetation (**3,386m<sup>2</sup>**) at: Love Howick Park, Park Road, the area opposite the Municipality, Post Office, Karkloof Intersection, Main Office, Howick Falls, next to Bears, Dunlop, Harvard Street, Symmonds Lane, Dream Centre, the sports field below the Bowling Club, Middle Park, behind the Police Station, and Howick Clinic.
- **Weeding, Garden and Grounds Maintenance** (**2,810m<sup>2</sup>**): Bell Street, Somme Street, Howick Post Office, Main Road, Love Howick Park, Karkloof Intersection, Main Road Howick Bridge, Harvard Street, Howick Falls, the sports field below the Bowling Club, and the Howick Clinic.
- **Painting and Surface Care**: Repainted **189m<sup>2</sup>** of road kerbs at the Howick Post Office, fully repainted the exterior of the Howick Post Office, and undertook additional painting work in the area opposite the Municipality and Post Office.
- **Drain and Pavement Clearing** over **498m<sup>2</sup>**: Cleared drains and pavements of stones and debris at the Karkloof Intersection, Main Road Howick Bridge, Bell Street, and Harvard Street.
- **Litter and Recycling Collection**: Collected a total of **13 bags of litter** from various sites including Howick Falls, Love Howick Park, Harvard Street, and the sports field below the Bowling Club.



## Post Office Revamp

Love Howick Maintenance Team giving the **Howick Post Office** a fresh coat of paint to spruce up this iconic building



## Falls Landscaping

Our dedicated Renoverge team has been hard at work cleaning the **Howick Falls** area, removing unsightly weeds in the various walkways and lookout platforms, as well as sprucing up gardens and brush cutting. Our goal is to ensure that this vital tourist destination is looking beautiful for visitors.

# Education Project *News.*

## Edu-Team ✨



### **Advanced Coding Classes**

What a proud day for our Grade 3, 4, and 6 students as they graduated from the Advanced Coding Classes! The day began with a final examination, showcasing the skills and knowledge they have acquired throughout the course. Following the exam, students proudly received their graduation certificates in a moment filled with excitement and pride. It was truly heartwarming to witness their joy, especially knowing that many began this journey with little to no computer experience. Seeing them confidently use a computer and celebrate their achievements was both inspiring and rewarding.



### **Literacy Festival**

Two schools competed in what proved to be a fiercely contested competition for our Grade 1, 2, and 3 learners at Elijah Community Hall. The judges had a difficult time deciding the winners, as the standard of talent was exceptional. In the end, Qhamukile Full-Service School excelled, taking first place in all categories: Group Guided Reading, Poetry, and Drama. A heartfelt thank you to our judge, Rosanne Hurly-Coyne, Festival Director of the Speech and Drama Association of South Africa (SADASA), for so generously donating her time and expertise. We also extend our gratitude to Office National for their kind donation of the goody bags, which added a special touch to the day.



### **Schools Market Day**

Our young entrepreneurs from Nhlanhleni Senior Primary School showcased impressive levels of creativity, teamwork and customer service that truly inspired everyone there. A special thank you goes to our guest judge, Mr Ndlovu of Amangonyama Tours, and to our wonderful sponsors: Fairfield Dairy for generously providing 100 flavoured milk drinks, and Mr Makhaye of Mpophomeni Shopping Centre for the venue and 50 goody bags.



### **Nhlanhleni Market Day**

It was truly inspiring to witness the dedication and creativity of the learners at their Inter-School Market Day. They showcased a fantastic range of products and services, demonstrating real entrepreneurial flair. From market research and budgeting to advertising. The level of professionalism and enthusiasm on display was remarkable.

# Education Project *News.*

## Edu-Team ✨



### **Arbor Week celebration**

We celebrated Arbor Week in a meaningful way with Nhlanhleni Senior Primary, Qhamukile Full Service School, Isibongo Junior Primary, and Sifisesihle Primary. Together with learners and educators, we planted trees generously donated by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). These trees are more than just greenery; they represent hope, growth, and a commitment to a sustainable future. By involving young learners, we are nurturing not only the environment but also the next generation of eco-champions. A heartfelt thank you to DFFE for their support and to our partner schools for embracing the vision of a greener tomorrow.



### **Trashion Show**

It was truly inspiring to see our Nhlanhleni Primary School ECO Club members take the initiative to create costumes from waste materials and organise a 'Trashion Show'. Motivated by the recent Happy Earth Festival, the learners demonstrated fantastic creativity and environmental awareness. As part of the show, they also performed a drama during assembly, using the platform to promote sustainability and responsible waste management in a memorable way.



### **Coding Tournament 2025**

Four schools participated in this year's tournament. Nhlanhleni Senior Primary claimed 1st place against Sifisesihle Primary, who also performed exceptionally well. Qhamukile and Isibongo Primary held exciting inter-class competitions. An Educator Assistant shared: "It was my first time experiencing something like this. The Edu Project Coding initiative is such a huge support for learners' brain development!" A special thank you to Woolworths and Office National for generously donating the prizes.

# Education Project *News.*

## Edu-Team ✨



### **Inspiring Young Readers**

Sifisesihle Primary School has started a Reading Club to help learners develop their reading comprehension from Foundation to Intermediate grades. Their passion for literacy is already inspiring other schools to start their own clubs.



## Dream Centre ✨



### **Dream Centre Open Day**

Enthusiastic members of the public and private sector gathered to hear how THOUSANDS of lives have been impacted by the innovative training programs run by Love Howick.



### **Work Ready Stars Shine at Halfway Toyota**

We are delighted to share the progress of several students from our Work Ready Course who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and professionalism.

Siyanda is currently on contract at Halfway Toyota Howick. He has shown exceptional dedication and a strong work ethic, earning praise from management for his hands-on approach.

Balungile and Thandazile have made a significant positive impression. Manager Mr Glenn commended their professional appearance, reliability, and valuable skill sets, noting they are a real asset to the business.



### **A Gold Work Ready Graduate**

*"My name is Balungile Sokhela. I completed my Work Ready course in July with Love Howick and was fortunate to receive a work placement at Halfway Toyota in Howick. The Work Ready course helped me a great deal in boosting my confidence and taught me so much about the workplace, from dealing with colleagues to interacting with customers. I have now been given the opportunity to continue volunteering to build my experience. I highly recommend the Work Ready course to anyone who is looking for a job."*



### **Work Ready August Graduation**

## Dream Centre ✨



### Next Steps Day for Our Students

Work Ready recently hosted a powerful Next Steps Day, featuring inspiring talks from past and present students. Thabiso Manamathela, now a Supervisor at Dunlop, shared his journey of overcoming hardship. Sister Zola from Siphuthando Step-down Facility offered valuable insights on resilience and caregiving. Current student Gugu Makhathini spoke about beginning the course despite health challenges, encouraging others to never give up. Recent Retail graduate Sbhongakonke Zakwe, now employed at Spar Merrivale, shared how the course transformed his mindset. The day left all our students feeling motivated and hopeful for their futures.



### Work Ready July Graduation

Our students were excited to receive their certificates. Most of the class earned Gold and Silver awards for their hard work, consistency, and strong will to improve. We are thrilled to announce that Radhika from **Hilton Spar Quarry** has hired three of our male students—Sbusiso Ndlovu, Sphesihle Ngqulunga, and Sphamandla Mthiyane—on three-month probation contracts. A fantastic achievement.



### Home-Based Care graduation

We are delighted to celebrate the graduation of our March and May intakes of Home-Based Care students! All have successfully completed their practical training, demonstrating remarkable dedication and skill. The students earned excellent feedback from Sister Zola, who praised their commitment and professionalism. Those placed at the **Step-down Facility** even received formal letters of recommendation from the Department, a fantastic honour.

## LEVEL UP Staff Development Training ✨



### Transforming Teams & Mindsets

Celebrating our Level Up Staff Development Program with the Dunranch family!

This tailored program equipped their team with essential soft skills for leadership. The impact? Life-changing growth—both professionally and personally!

Hear it from the participants:

*"This training has changed the way I think!"*

*"I've been reminded of how capable I am—I now choose how I think, act, and lead."*

*"I see growth opportunities everywhere!"*

Invest in your greatest asset – your people. [Enquire here.](#) ✨



# Economic Development *News.*

## LOVE HOWICK ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACCELERATOR

The Love Howick Entrepreneurship Accelerator is a dynamic program designed to empower 13 ECD principals with the business knowledge and tools needed to transform their centres into thriving, sustainable enterprises. Too often, passionate ECD leaders focus solely on the classroom, while the business side of running a centre becomes overwhelming. This accelerator bridges that gap by **equipping principals with the skills to manage both learning and leadership effectively.**

Through a carefully structured curriculum, participants will explore the essentials of **strategic planning, financial management, and marketing.** This includes **practical training** on tools like **Canva** to help them promote their centres creatively and professionally. Principals will also strengthen their capacity to deliver quality programs that balance child development excellence with **sound business practices.**

The program emphasises practical learning, with each session designed for direct application within the participants' centres. By the end of the accelerator, principals will not only understand how to budget, plan, and market effectively, but also how to **grow resilient organisations that serve both children and communities.**

As a next step, all enrolled participants will engage in a peer learning day with private ECD owners—providing valuable exposure, networking opportunities, and shared insights to broaden their vision and spark innovation.



# Narrative Development *News.*



## **SUBMIT YOUR STORY AND WIN!**

Share stories of hope, courage, and collaboration for #WhyWeWin

We believe real transformation begins with ordinary people doing extraordinary things. That's why we're asking YOU:

### **Do you know someone in uMngeni who...**

- Turned struggle into strength?
- Built bridges where others saw barriers?
- Inspired others through simple acts of kindness?



Their story deserves to be told! Help us shine a light on our community's unsung heroes by nominating them for our #WhyWeWin series.

These stories will be published on multiple platforms.

How to share:

Email: [marketing@lovehowick.org.za](mailto:marketing@lovehowick.org.za)

# Community Impact *Review.*



## Dream Centre:

- **69** Students' lives transformed through the Dream Centre Courses
- **4** Courses conducted: Work Ready x2, Office Admin, and Home-Based Care



## Enviro-Waste:

- **3386m<sup>2</sup>** Areas Brush-cut
- **1033m<sup>2</sup>** Gardens cleared/Replanted
- **498m** Road gutters cleared of weed
- **278m** Pavements cleared/deweeded
- **13** Black plastic bags of litter collected



## Social Development:

- **244** Clothing items distributed
- **195** Food items distributed
- **510** Black bags of recycling collected
- **83** Toiletry items distributed
- **3** Beneficiaries enrolled in training programs



## EduProject:

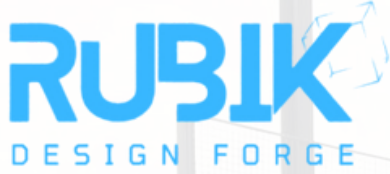
- Learners impacted by program: **1,931**
- Foundation Literacy Student Reach: **957**
- Entrepreneurship Student Reach: **257**
- Coding Student Reach: **657**
- Teachers trained: **65**
- School gardens started: **6**

# Love Howick 9th Birthday.



# Thank You!

To all the incredible teams and partners that made our 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Padel Challenge an unforgettable event.



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# Big Giveaway Sponsors

We are so grateful to our Big Giveaway competition sponsors! Please join us in giving a massive round of applause to:



## Ndaka Safari Lodge

A gigantic thank you for providing the spectacular Grand Prize: a 5-Star Safari Experience for two (worth R17,500!). Explore the magic of Ndaka Safari Lodge



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## Howick Travel

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## Sag's Creations

Thank you for providing the beautiful set of decor cushions! Check out the beautiful wares, handmade items, and more from

 [Sag's Creations](#)



**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Thank you for making a difference! Your commitment to our non-profit allows us to continue our work, and for that, we are deeply thankful.**



### Midlands Ladies Circle 42

5 August · 🌐

This past Saturday, a group of incredible volunteers came together to make a difference in our beautiful town. Together, we collected 27 black bags of litter from Howick Main Road near Fairways and the park on Hillbrow Road.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to [Love Howick](#) and Cedars Rehabilitation Centre for generously sending volunteers to assist — we are so grateful for your continued support!... See more



This is amazing, thank you all for your hard work!!

Great work highly appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

[Love Howick #lovehowickmoment](#)  
No specific moment but a general thank you and appreciation for what "Love Howick" has and is doing for Howick and environs.

a huge thank you to the hardworking teams



Weldon guys and thnx for keeping howick clean.

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**Categories:** Professional,  
Amateur, Youth (12-18)

**Deadline:** 15 Nov 2025



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**Friday 24 Oct**

08:30 AM



**Karkloof  
Country Club**



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**Friday 31 Oct | Stockowners Outdoor Park  
17:00 Registration | 17:30 Run and Walk Starts**



# 5K RED RUN

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# THRIFT MARKET

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- Clothing
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- and more!

Saturday, 04 Oct 2025 | 08:00-11:00 | 19 Morling Street

# How to make *a difference.*

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### Sponsor a Food Garden

Sponsor one person through our growers program + includes a startup kit **R850**

Payment Reference: *Your name* + FoodGarden

### Sponsor a Student

Sponsor one person through the one month Work Ready Program **R850**

Payment Reference: *Your name* + WRStudent

### Volunteer

- Help at our monthly Thrift Market
- Monthly handyman services for our facilities
- Knit scarves and collect blankets for winter
- Join our monthly garden day at Park, Falls, CBD
- Help source donation for poor and vulnerable
- Join our Reading Buddies to read to students in schools

### Banking Details

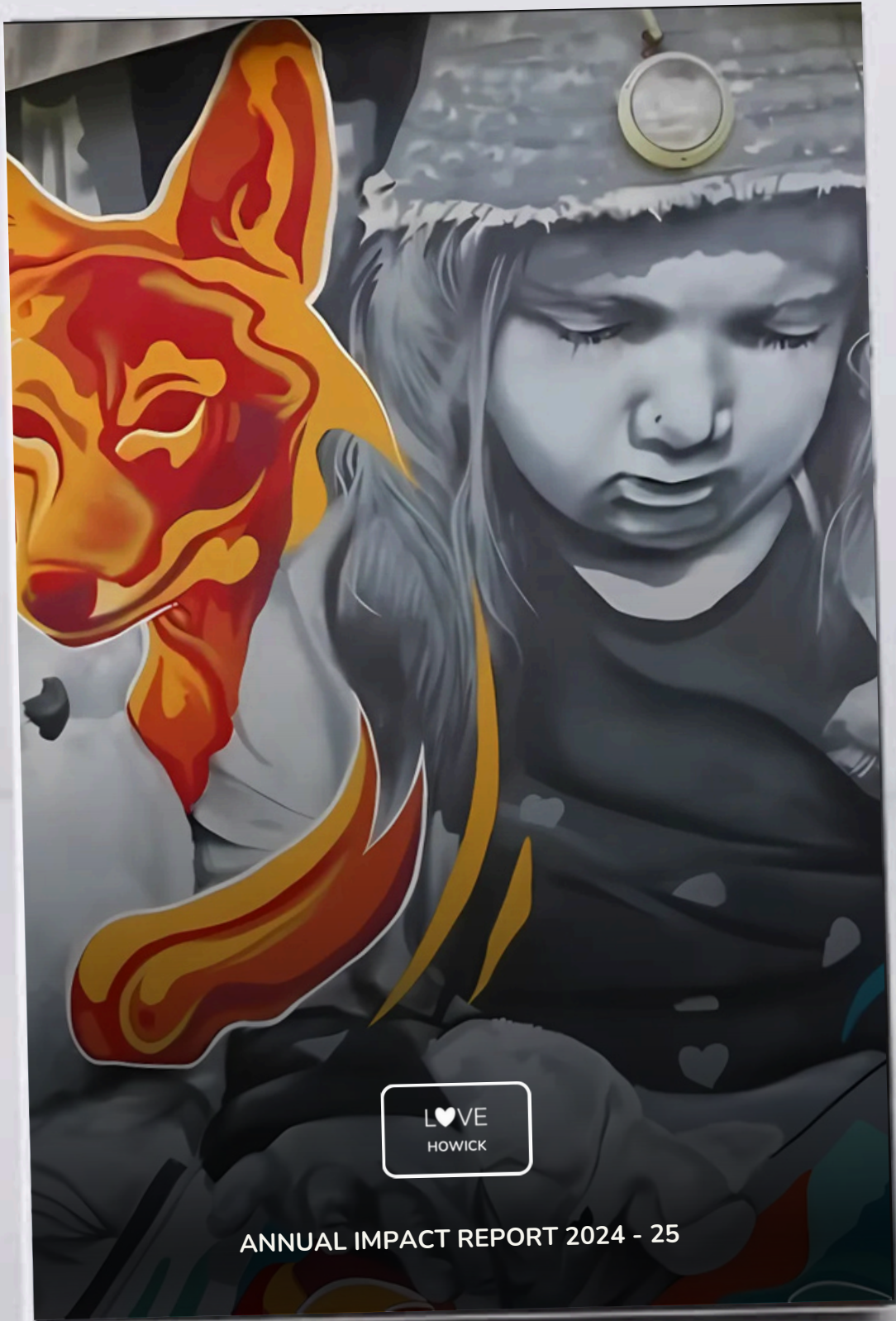
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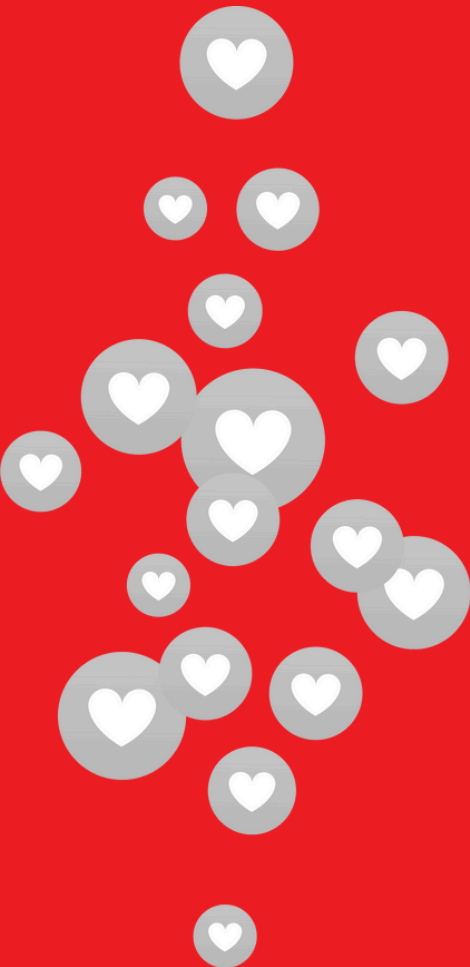


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