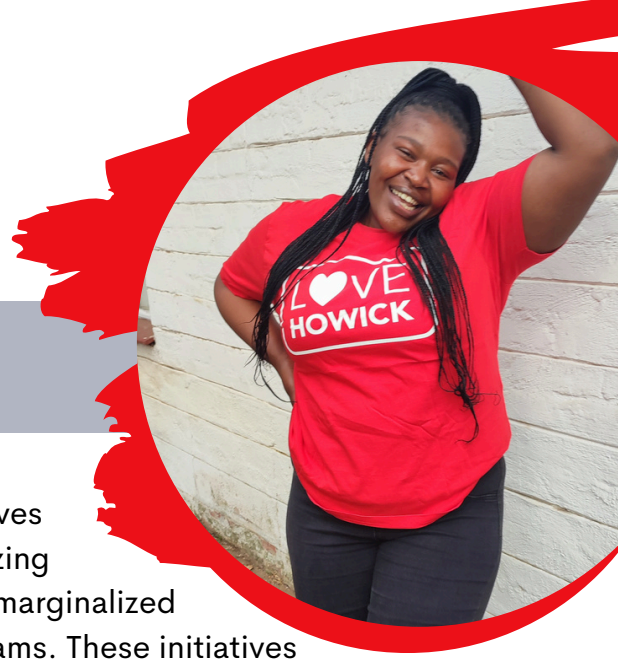




**NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL/MAY 2024**



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## **Invest for Long Term, Positive Change**

At the core of every flourishing community are innovative initiatives dedicated to igniting positive change. These range from revitalizing urban areas and safeguarding the environment, to empowering marginalized communities and combating poverty through educational programs. These initiatives are pivotal in paving the way for a brighter future for everyone. Yet, the sustainability of such transformative efforts often hinges on two crucial, yet frequently overlooked elements: **robust community support and sustainable funding.**

## **Community Support: The Foundation of Change**

Community support forms the backbone of all transformative endeavors. It acts as a powerful call to action, rallying individuals to contribute their time, expertise, and resources. Every volunteer effort, every act of grassroots advocacy, and every shared piece of awareness adds to the collective force propelling these initiatives forward. Without the enthusiastic participation of the community, many of these programs risk stagnation, unable to realize **their full potential.** In the past year, Love Howick has witnessed a troubling decline in volunteerism, forcing us to scale back our beautification projects, waste collection and cleanup operations. **"The majority of our workforce for essential tasks like clearing dumpsites and managing recycling comes from government-aligned programs like YES and IDC. With these programs facing budget cuts, we have no choice but to reduce our services,"** explains Matt Hogarty, Director of Love Howick. This means we will begin to see less of our #redteam on the ground making Howick beautiful.

## **Sustainable Funding: The Lifeline of Initiatives**

While passion ignites the spark of transformation, it is financial stability that keeps the flame burning. Adequate funding is critical for covering operational costs, procuring necessary materials, and supporting the passionate individuals leading these causes. **"There's a common misconception that our operations are fully funded by the uMngeni Municipality,"** says Barbara Dommett, Finance Manager at Love Howick. **"In reality, the municipality's contribution is only a small fraction of our budget. Most of our funding comes from the generosity of local businesses and residents, who have been nothing short of heroic in their support."** However, Love Howick has seen a decrease in donations this financial year. Despite cost-cutting measures, the future of our impactful work is uncertain. The need for community support and funding transcends convenience—it is a dire necessity. The difference it makes can lead to either a vibrant, thriving community or one that suffers from neglect. We must all be active stewards of our shared future, contributing our voices, resources, and dedication to ensure these vital initiatives not only survive but thrive.

## **Join Us in Making a Difference**

Love Howick urges everyone to **rediscover the initial passion that fueled our early successes and to recommit to transforming our community.** Whether through donating time, goods, or funds, every bit of help counts. To get involved, please email [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com) or visit us to discuss how you can make a difference.



# SKILLS TRAINING

Skills development programs play a pivotal role in Love Howick's strategy to see long term, sustainable change in our community. By equipping individuals with the tools necessary to thrive in various aspects of life, these initiatives empower people with valuable skills, enhancing employability, entrepreneurship, and overall productivity. As individuals grow, so does the community, with improved economic stability, social cohesion, and innovation. April saw **xx students** attend training in the following courses: **(add courses)**

As we continue on this journey of growth and empowerment, we look forward to guiding each student towards their dreams and supporting them every step of the way. Together, we're building a brighter future for our community and beyond!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We Need You!**

Want to do more for our community? We're looking for people like you to join our mission!



**LOVE HOWICK**

**JOIN NOW**

For more information contact 033 940 5075 or email [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)

## VOLUNTEER WITH LOVE HOWICK

Become a part of the Love Howick family and experience the joy of giving back to your community! We offer various volunteer opportunities that cater to your interests and availability:

- ♥ **Be part of our Fundraising Committee**
- ♥ **Join the Events Team**
- ♥ **Make a difference at the Love Howick Thrift Shop**
- ♥ **Join the Falls Garden Crew**
- ♥ **Use your skills with Handyman Services, Graphic Design, Building etc.**

*Your involvement can make a world of difference! Reach out to us to get started. Email your name and contact details to [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)*

### JOIN OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM!

Our mission to see positive and sustainable community transformation won't be put on pause, and we invite you to be a crucial part of this journey. **Help us continue our work by becoming a monthly donor.**

Joining the Love Howick Monthly Giving program is the safest, simplest, and most effective way to support our efforts in fighting unemployment and strengthening local infrastructure.

Zapper™



### BANKING DETAILS:

**Love Howick NPC**

Account no: 627 747 27 039

Branch no: 220 725

First National Bank Howick

# Our visit to Jackie Cameron School of Food & Wine

Jackie Cameron's School of Food & Wine in Hilton is a favourite spot for those who enjoy the culinary arts. Recently, our Love Howick Baking and Catering students had the privilege of visiting this wonderful school, as part of our commitment to ensuring we inspire our students to reach for their dreams. Everywhere we looked, there was much excitement as students got to experience the 'wonder' of this iconic Chef School

Our adventure began with the delightful smell of baking filling the air. It hinted at all the tasty things students were about to taste, and the valuable knowledge the acclaimed Chef, Jackie Cameron would impart.

"She taught us a lot! Her passion for cooking perfectly and paying attention to every detail inspired us to do our best," said one of the students.

"One of the best parts of going to Jackie Cameron's School was the hands-on cooking experience we received. We all got to taste a wide variety of different foods", said another student.

Jackie Cameron's School was a transformative experience for all our future chefs, highlighting the power of community partnerships. These moments are truly transformational and we can't thank Jackie enough for this opportunity!



**Exposing our students to professional environments like this, and having inspiring industry leaders share their passions with us, is a powerful way to inspire our students to rise above the challenges in their life. Today we saw our students infused with courage to go after their dreams.**

**- Nokwanda (Baking Trainer)**



## PORTRAITS *of Courage*

My name is Nqobile Maseko, a graduate of the Love Howick Hospitality Course. Before I did the course, I felt like my life was at a position where nothing was moving. I had absolutely nothing and there was nothing I could do. I just felt stuck! I then got the opportunity to do the Hospitality Course, which was not easy. It was a bit challenging. Now my life seems to be picking up. It feels better, because every day I wake up and I have something to do. **I was recently offered a job by Anew Hilton Hotel, after finishing the practical training.** This training has been the most amazing experience! I really don't know what words to say to thank Love Howick and Anew Hilton Hotel. My words are short. My gratitude goes a long way. My life has been transformed!



### HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR JOB CENTRE?

Students who attain a high level of excellence in our courses are listed in the Job Centre. Businesses who are hiring part-time or full-time staff can contact the Job Centre and for a small admin fee, we shortlist and supply the CVs of three appropriate candidates.

For more email: [dreamcentre@lovehowick.com](mailto:dreamcentre@lovehowick.com)



# NGO FORUM FUNDING SUCCESS FOR YOUR NPO



FRI. 10 MAY 2024



09:00 AM FOR 9:30 -12 PM



THE OLD MUSHROOM FARM  
11 Karkloof Road, Howick



R 150 (INCLUDES BREAKFAST & COFFEE)



## MELANIE JACKSON

Words that Count

Founder of Words that Count,  
Chairperson of Positive Vibes,  
Journalist, Non-profit sector for  
more than 20 years,  
Philanthropic corporate,  
Trainer, Mentor,  
Communications

Rsvp-Via link provided

## MIDLANDS BUSINESS & NGO BREAKFAST

The Midlands Business & NGO Forum is not just a meeting space; it's a hub for exploring collaboration and forging partnerships. During our last gathering, the room was alive with positive energy as passionate individuals and organizations came together with a shared goal: to drive sustainable development within the uMngeni communities.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 10 MAY. THERE ARE ONLY 150 SEATS AVAILABLE!**

This network was established to create a platform where business owners, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from different sectors can, meet and develop networks.

The meeting is open to all emerging and established businesses, entrepreneurs and NGO leaders. The meeting format will include a meet and greet, a light breakfast, and three speakers, as well as networking and opportunity-sharing sessions.

Love Howick/Love Cities are partnering to bring businesses together to stimulate the local economy and support business growth. Together, we aim to stimulate the local economy, support business growth, and create opportunities for shared prosperity within our communities. As we continue to work hand in hand, let's harness the power of unity and collaboration to unlock the full potential of our communities and pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

**COST:** R150 per meeting, which includes breakfast.

**QUESTIONS?**

Email: [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)



Elevate your fundraising game and secure the support your organisation deserve



# CELEBRATING YESTERYEAR



Dear Friends,

As Love Howick NPC wraps up another financial year, filled with your overwhelming support and huge generosity, we would love to take a moment to mark our progress with a grand CELEBRATION. This celebration would not be complete without YOU - as you are the champions of the Love Howick story!

**FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024 17:30**  
**HILTON COLLEGE**

with a performance by the **DRAKENSBURG BOYS CHOIR**

RSVP: [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com) before Monday 6 May 2024

## TO BUY TICKETS

USE ZAPPER (SCAN QR CODE)

OR EFT

Love Howick NPC,  
FNB Cheq Acc 62774727039,  
Ref: Yesteryear + Name )  
Email: [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)



## LOVE HOWICK BENEFIT CONCERT

This event promises to be a memorable experience, filled with love, support, and fantastic performances by the renowned Drakensberg Boys Choir.

Join us for this important Love Howick Fundraiser as we raise funds to keep our valuable initiatives moving from strength to strength. Come and enjoy wonderful entertainment, indulge in delicious coffee, beverages, and food available for sale.

It's essential to secure your booking in advance by paying R180 per person, as no payments will be accepted on the day.

So mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and come join us for a day of music, fun, and giving back at the Love Howick Benefit Concert!

Questions? Email [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)

## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

# YESTERYEAR

YOU have been a valuable part of the Love Howick journey and we want to invite you (and your spouse and staff team) to join us as Special Guests for our Annual Celebration on:

Friday 17 May, 5:30pm

Hilton College Theatre

We have an incredible performance by Drakensberg Boys choir, welcome drink and snacks, as well as some key public acknowledgements for outstanding contributions to the Midlands from companies such as yours. Please confirm that someone from your company will be present to receive this award. Ticket sales close at midnight tomorrow Mon 6 May - so please book your spot now using link: <https://forms.gle/C42VhiriYj5N1arH6>

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of our annual celebration, where we reflect on our journey and celebrate our achievements from the past year. We look forward to welcoming you and your team for an evening of inspiration, appreciation, and camaraderie. See you there!



## LOVE HOWICK BENEFIT CONCERT

WITH THE DRAKENSBERG BOYS CHOIR

**LIVE**

COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS & FOOD ON SALE

10AM FOR 10:30AM

SAT, 18 MAY 2024

HOWICK HIGH SCHOOL

TICKET PRICE R180



BOOK USING LINK

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/CGXGNZKPYEJONEWN7](https://forms.gle/CgXGNZKPYEJONEWN7)

OR  
VISIT LOVE HOWICK OFFICE  
19 MORLING STREET HOWICK  
(033) 9405075

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF PAYMENT AND TICKET AT THE GATE



# CITY SERVE Day

OUR PARK PROJECT  
KICKED OFF LAST  
MONTH...  
CAN YOU HELP?



On Wednesday, May 1st, our community came together for our Love Cities - City Serve Day. It was a day filled with hard work and lots of laughs as the community, businesses, and organizations joined forces to breathe life into the Harvard/Morling Street Park project.

While this day was a success, our work is far from over! The Park project is an ongoing project, and we continue to rely on the support and generosity of our community. Every contribution, whether big or small, makes a difference in our collective effort to create a welcoming and enjoyable park for all to enjoy. A **special thank you** goes to **Build it MEGA Howick F&F** for their generous donation of paint and painting equipment.

**DONATE TODAY**



We are looking for donations of plants, steel jungle gym equipment, concrete benches and bollards plus skilled labour to assist.

## WHY DO WE LOVE OUR CLEAN UP TEAMS?

Their commitment to cleanliness is evident in their efforts to eradicate invasive plants, trim trees, and remove waste, all of which contribute to preserving our natural environment.

Not only do they focus on these crucial tasks, but they also dedicate their time to beautifying our community's open spaces, such as Morling Street, by engaging in activities like brush cutting, tree trimming, and rubble removal.

Their hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for their efforts in making our town a better place for all. Let's show our appreciation for these unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to maintain the beauty of our surroundings!



*Clearing, sorting, cleaning, cutting, fixing, sweeping, planting, pruning, smiling - all in a days work!*

# APRIL IMPACT!

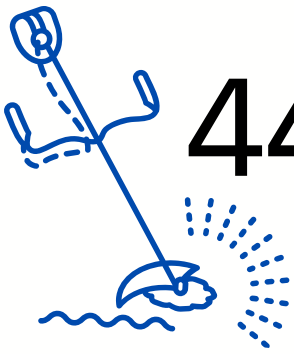
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People graduated from courses at the Dream Centre



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Households audited for Social Welfare



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Square metres of grass cut in public spaces



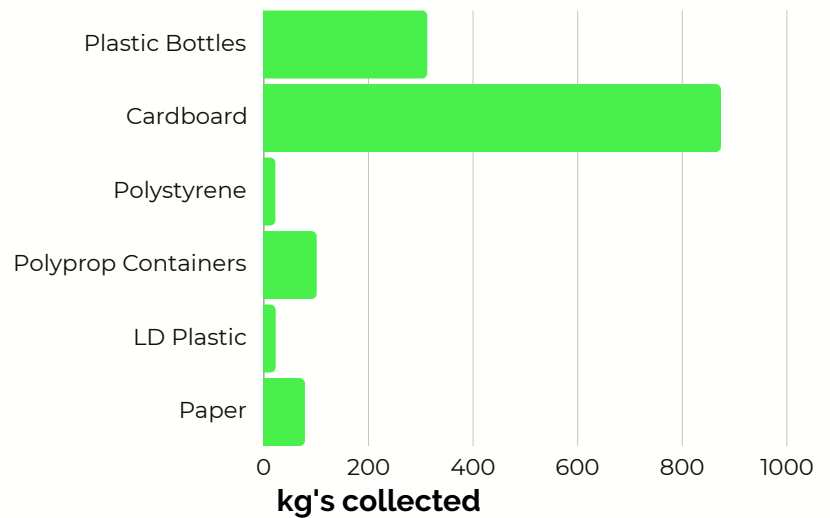
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People participated in our Community Outreach & Health Clinics

Our recycling initiative includes more than 40 local businesses & organisations. Total recycling collected in MARCH: 543 kgs



Types of recycling collected



## WORK READY

STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Lite*

The Treverton Work Ready Lite class was a success!

The Training covered important areas such as:

**Emotional Development**

**Developing a Growth Mindset**

**Financial Literacy**

With our modular approach, you can customize the training to suit your business's unique goals and objectives. This ensures that your staff's well-being and performance are always at the forefront. Contact [matt@lovehowick.com](mailto:matt@lovehowick.com) to discuss your staff training needs.

