



NEWSLETTER

May 2024



DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT EMPOWERING YOUTH

As we celebrate YOUTH MONTH this June, I am reminded by a great quote from Lyndon B. Johnson, *"The greatest resource of any nation is its youth."* I believe if we are going to see long-term, sustainable, positive change in our Nation then developing our youth has to be a core priority. One of Love Howick's key strategies for community transformation is focused on youth development. Here's how:

- Facilitating a dynamic one-year **internship program** for young professionals to be shaped, inspired, trained and mentored within each part of our organisation. This June we have 20 new interns joining us for the year, sponsored by Nedbank
- Promoting **skills development, employability and entrepreneurship development** through our 11 different training programmes offered at the Love Howick Dream Centre on a daily basis. These include classes, mentorship, community service, workplace practical's, values training and work readiness classes.
- Employing hundreds of youth in **environmental – waste work** in a 10 month program sponsored by Social Employment Fund (SEF).
- Partnering with four no-fee primary schools through an **Education Support Initiative** sponsored by Sweetwaters Trust, aimed at training teachers in literacy, coding, entrepreneurship program, environmental education, financial literacy, school management training.
- Various **campaigns in schools, communities to reduce social ills** affecting youth e.g. teenage pregnancy, addiction, gender based violence, bullying and depression.

By prioritizing youth development, we not only secure a brighter future for the next generation but also ensure the continued growth and prosperity of our communities. We would like YOU to be a part of our 'SPONSORING A STUDENT – CHANGING A LIFE' fundraising drive to get each business/family to pay R1050 to help an unemployed youth gain meaningful training and mentorship through the Love Howick Work Ready course that runs each month. Consider giving to this cause this Youth Month and let's make a difference TOGETHER.

- Matt Hogarty

SAVE THESE *Dates*

Mark your calendars for **June 20th, 2024**, at 10:30 AM, as Thabo Mahlobo takes center stage in a discussion aimed at igniting a Local Economic Revolution Through Agriculture. With an esteemed background in agricultural development, Mahlobo's insights promise to be both enlightening and actionable.

Midlands NGO Forum, a transformative session on **July 19, 2024**, at 10:30 AM, hosted at THE OLD MUSHROOM FARM, 11 Karkloof Road, Howick by Melanie Jackson, the Founder of Words that Count.

Ticket Price: R150 (Includes Breakfast & Coffee).

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Reviving The Local Economy Through Agriculture

THABO SIZO MAHLOBO

Founder of AgriBiz Hub Africa, AgriBiz Village Africa, TCLE, MFVest Venture Partners, I AM HOME Foundation, and GSK. Nation Building Strategist, Innovator, Husband, Dad, Wealth Creator and Community Investor

BOOK NOW

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LOVE CITIES

20 JUNE 2024
10:30 AM
VENUE: TO BE CONFIRMED

NGO FORUM

FUNDING SUCCESS FOR YOUR NPO

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

FRI. 19 JULY 2024

09:00 AM FOR 9:30 - 12 PM

THE OLD MUSHROOM FARM
11 Karkloof Road, Howick

R 150 (INCLUDES BREAKFAST & COFFEE)

MIDLANDS NGO FORUM

Elevate your fundraising game and secure the support your organisation deserve

For more information and registration details, please contact us at 033 940 5075 or email info@lovehowick.com.

KEEPING UP WITH LOVE HOWICK



Our recent endeavors have been met with great success.

Dream Centre's **May Work Ready class graduated with 2 Gold and 22 Silver Certificates**. Work Ready equips young people with the skills and mindset needed to excel in the workplace, including high standards of excellence, strong work ethics, and integrity.

Our **Work Ready Lite classes** facilitated by Sam Khumalo, who is our Work Ready Lite Trainer at Michael house was a resounding success, providing valuable skills and opportunities for personal and professional growth to



Our **Renoverge team continues to drive positive change**. They have taken them to various locations, including the Municipal Flats, Hillbrow Road, Harvard Street, Main Street, Morling Street, and even the iconic Howick falls. They have set out missions to beautify these areas and breathe new life into our surroundings. They understand that true change requires dedication, patience, and resilience—and they embody these qualities every step of the way.

We had the honor to be a part of **Harvard House Golf Day**. The generous support and generosity shown towards our community by Harvard House and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others is both inspiring and heartening. We extend our sincerest gratitude for selecting us as beneficiaries.

As a result of their support, Love Howick can continue its mission of uplifting and empowering the Howick community.



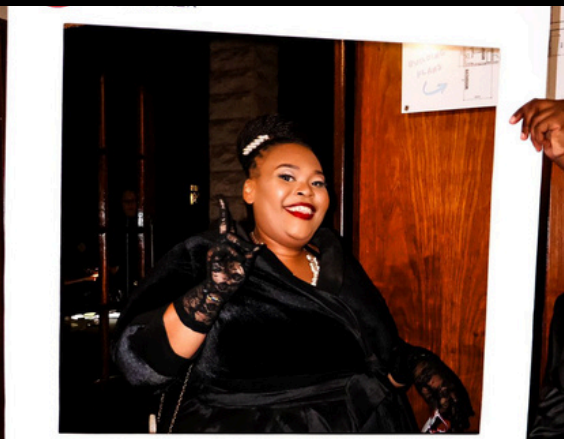
On Friday 09 May '24, Love Howick had the pleasure of participating in the Maritzburg College Golf Day, standing in solidarity with SOS Contractors, one of our esteemed partners.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and participate in our initiatives. Together, we are truly making a difference!





Celebrating Impact 2023-24



Love Howick held its highly anticipated annual celebration, marking a significant moment in the community's journey of growth and development. This event served as a moving reminder of the strides taken and the achievements made over the past year, showcasing the collective efforts and commitment of individuals dedicated to positive change.

As the community gathered to commemorate this milestone, there was a sense of pride and unity in the air. From volunteers to local leaders, residents to business owners, everyone came together to reflect on the progress achieved and to celebrate the successes that have driven Love Howick forward.

The celebration provided an opportunity for networking and collaboration, fostering connections and partnerships that will further drive community progress in the months and years to come. By bringing together individuals from all walks of life, Love Howick continues to bridge gaps, tear down barriers, and create a more inclusive and vibrant community for all.

The annual celebration served as a testament to the power of community, the tenacity of the human spirit, and the endless possibilities that emerge when people come together with a shared vision and purpose. As Love Howick looks ahead to the future, it does so with renewed enthusiasm, passion, and a deep sense of gratitude for all those who contribute to its success.





Volunteer
Appreciation
Thembakazi Mdliva

Thembakazi has consistently gone above and beyond in her volunteer efforts, demonstrating a remarkable willingness to contribute time and energy to support our community initiatives.

Her selfless contributions have made a significant impact, and her positive attitude and enthusiasm have inspired others to get involved. We are truly grateful for Thembakazi outstanding service and proud to recognize them as our Volunteer of the Year.



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AMBER GLEN EXPO

On the 23 May 2024, Love Howick had a fantastic time at Amberglen Retirement Village. The day was filled with meaningful interactions and genuine connections, providing a wonderful and unique opportunity for Love Howick to engage with more members of the Howick community.

Central to the success of the event was the invaluable assistance of Mary, whose assistance and support ensured that everything ran smoothly. From coordinating logistics to providing a warm welcome, Mary's contributions were instrumental in creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all.

Love Howick extends a heartfelt thank you to the residents of Amberglen Retirement Village, for their contributions to making the day truly memorable. In moments like these, we are reminded of the power of community and the importance of coming together to create positive change.

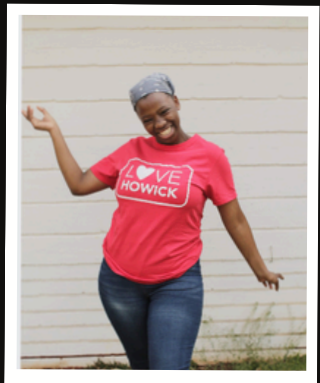
As we reflect on this special day, Love Howick looks forward to continuing to connect and engage with the beautiful Howick community in the days ahead. Together, we can build a brighter and more connected future for all. To book an Expo for your company/group - email info@lovehowick.com



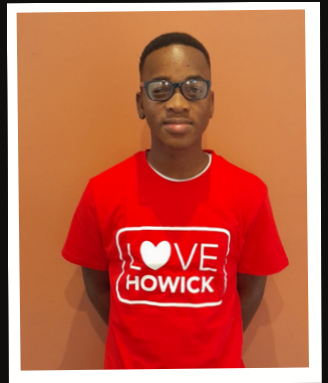
Congratulations



In a ceremony filled with applause and admiration, Love Howick proudly announced Amanda Dumakude and Thembinkosi Mnculwane as the recipients of the 2023/2024 Interns of the Year award. These two remarkable individuals have not only demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment but have also gone above



and beyond in their roles as interns, leaving an indelible mark on the Love Howick community. Their dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence have not gone unnoticed, and their contributions have left an enduring legacy within the organization and the community at large.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Amanda and Thembinkosi on this well-deserved honor. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and dedication, and we look forward to witnessing their continued success in the future.