



# MONTHLY STEP COUNTER

AUGUST 2020 FEATURE



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Collaboration is simply **'when a group of people come together and contribute their expertise for the benefit of a shared objective, project, or mission.'** It's a photographer working with a designer to create a cover image, or a technology department regularly convening with the marketing team to plug away at quarterly goals, or in our case, when businesses, NPO's and community members all work together to see a community transformed.

As an organisation we passionately believe we are 'better together' and are actively seeking out partnerships with like-minded people (like you!) to see our vision of a 'prosperous city' realised. If you have never considered becoming part of the Love Howick movement for transformation

in our region, here are some good reasons to consider getting on the 'Collab Bus' (and not the Covid Bus):

1. **Collaboration increases problem-solving capacity.** Consider helping us overcome some of the problems our community is facing – become part of the solution!
2. **Collaboration inspires learning & development.** Consider sharing your expertise, experience and perspective with us – help us learn and develop!
3. **Collaboration brings more people to the table.** Consider opening up new channels of communication and sharing of information for us by participating in the change you want to see in Howick – and not merely being a spectator!
4. **Collaboration boosts morale and fights 'do gooder' fatigue.** Consider how your fresh ideas, fresh energy and fresh contribution could add a boost to the teams on the ground who are working tirelessly to transform our city!
5. **Collaboration gets the job done.** Consider how you can help to take action and see sustainable change in our community!

This Monthly Publication is full of examples of how Love Howick is seeking to ACT and get the job of transformation in our community done. We can't do it without your support! Please consider joining a 'Collab Discussion' with us by emailing [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com) and finding out how you can add value. This month we are so excited to honour the many organisations and people that are collaborating with us – thank you!

### **Some of these include:**

- Our **'Adopt a Spot'** initiative launches where a number of local businesses take responsibility for the upkeep and beautification of a particular part of our CBD **(see page 2)**
- Our **'LIFT Mentorship Programme'**, in collaboration with Women in Business South Africa, leaves the starting blocks. Through this programme we will see 8 young ladies who have completed the Love Howick Entrepreneurs Training, paired with local Business Leaders in a comprehensive mentorship journey to launch them into success. **(see page 5)**
- Our **'BIN IT'** campaign launches, aimed at providing 50 bins for the Howick CBD through various business sponsorships. We hope to see the litter issue in Howick resolved. **(page 5)**

There are so many more stories of generosity, teamwork, and courage I could tell – but space doesn't allow. So please head over to the Love Howick Facebook & Instagram accounts and follow us!

Let's keep collaborating!

*Matt Hogarty*  
DIRECTOR



During August our Renoverge Team cleaned up, brush cut and got rid of the alien plant species in four open plots of land in the CBD to open it up and make it look beautiful again. We also took hands with Merrivale Xtra, who are doing great work in the area, to clean up and transform Roma Street in Merrivale

## RENOVERGE PROJECT - AUGUST STATISTICS -

Areas Brush Cut (m2)	26347
Verges & Pavements Cleaned (m)	1516
Curbs Fixed	7
Curbs Installed	130
Curbs Painted (m)	70
Gardens Cleared (m2)	398
Gardens Planted (m2)	53
Garden refuse & litter removed (bags)	170

## STREET REJUVENATION - BELL STREET -

On Mandela Day, 18th of July, we started a project to turn one of the worst looking streets in Howick into one of the best. We cleaned up the verges, planted new gardens, upgraded sidewalks, and covered open ground with stones. With the help of the Howick community and businesses who donated plants, stone, cement and volunteer time we can, with much joy and pride, welcome you to the NEW BELL street! Please take some time and drive through this street and enjoy the new, fresh look. (Project still underway!)



## 'ADOPT-A-SPOT'

We invite you to an exciting opportunity where you can get involved in the radical transformation of our town. Introducing the Adopt-A-Spot campaign.

We have identified 4 key zones to be adopted by a team of businesses and individuals who are prepared to take ownership over keeping these areas consistently maintained.

These four zones include:

**ZONE 1. Karkloof Rd.** Intersection (Ambers through to Karkloof Intersection/Corner KFC & Library/Build It to Post Office Intersection)

**ZONE 2. Howick Falls Area** (Dunlop through to Falls View Drive/ Falls Area through to lower Harvard Street)

**ZONE 3. Inner-City** (Main Street/Bell Street/Harvard Street/Somme Street)

**ZONE 4. Central Park and Morling St.** (Morling Street/Parks in Upper Harvard & Bell Street/Central Park & Sports Field)

To get involved or if you want more information, send an email to [werner@lovehowick.com](mailto:werner@lovehowick.com). Let's continue, together, to making Howick the cleanest town in South Africa.



*Our 'Adopt-A-Spot' Champions*



### MEET WENDY GASA

Wendy did the Job Readiness Course at the Dream Centre in 2019, and it motivated her to keep volunteering and putting her CV's everywhere.

Last month the Dream Centre helped her get a permanent job in one of our local businesses. Her excellent attitude and her character impressed everyone at interview - and all the training paid off! Her life was transformed during the various Courses. She learnt that sitting and doing nothing leads to poverty and so she decided that she will not fall into that cycle but rather pave a new and brighter future for herself.

Well Done Wendy!

### SEPTEMBER COURSE DATES

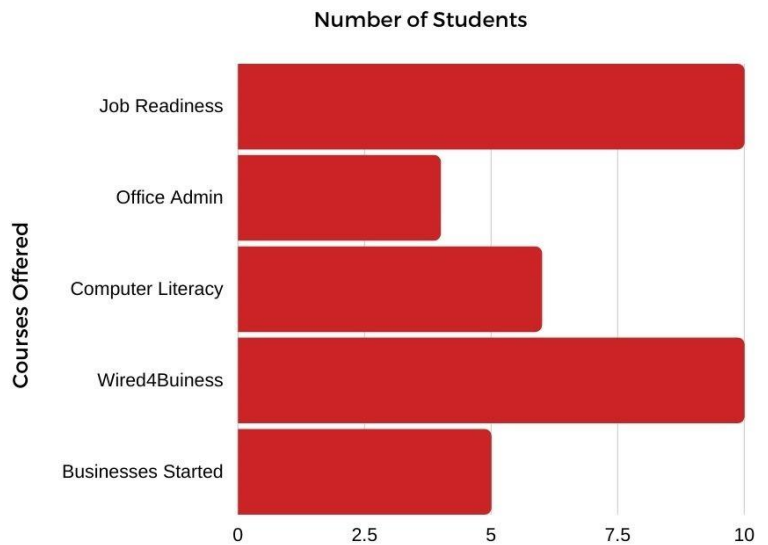
- **Job Readiness:** 1-18 September
- **Office Admin:** 3 - 10 September
- **Entrepreneurship:** 2 - 17 September
- **Computer Literacy:** 14 - 18 September
- **Cashier:** 2 - 4 September
- **Merchandising:** 7 - 11 September
- **Barista:** 7 - 13 September
- **Waitering:** 4 - 11 September

TO REGISTER EMAIL  
[dreamcentre@lovehowick.com](mailto:dreamcentre@lovehowick.com)

With systemic poverty and unemployment on the rise in our community, the Love Howick Dream Centre was birthed to break the cycle of poverty, by equipping and empowering the unemployed with employability and entrepreneurial skills needed to support themselves and their families.

### LOVE HOWICK DREAM CENTRE

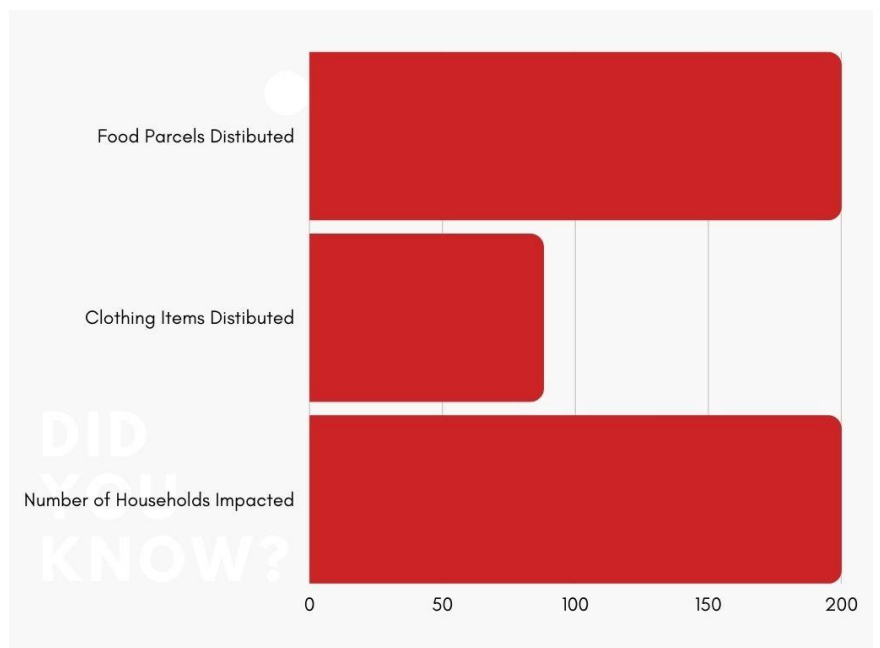
#### - AUGUST STATISTICS -



### LOVE HOWICK STREET STORE

#### - FEEDING & CLOTHING THE POOR WITH DIGNITY -

As an organisation, Love Howick is committed to dealing with poverty in our area, and addressing some of the social ills plaguing the poor in our city.



## 'LIFT' MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

We are excited to be partnering the various entrepreneurship programmes offered at the Love Howick Dream Centre with the expertise & passion of the Women in Business organisation and its leaders through a Mentorship Programme (called LIFT).

We anticipate that this Mentorship Programme will not only deliver top quality knowledge to our young lady entrepreneurs, but provide a safe environment for encouragement, skills transfer and growth. During the 6-8 week programme, Business Leaders will be paired with one of our 8 lady entrepreneurs, who will guide them through some unique discussions aimed at building their confidence, identifying their unique strengths, honing their business vision, developing critical skills for success and BELIEVING in them.



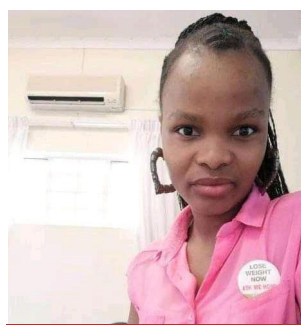
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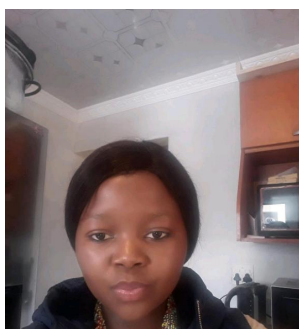
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## STORIES OF HOPE

### TRADEGY TO TRIUMPH



Meet 31 year old **Matlohonolo Kanetsi**. Matlohonolo lives in Shiyas with her husband, two children and four brothers.

“Covid-19 has really hit us hard with many in my family losing their jobs.” They live in a temporary structure with no access to basic necessities such as water and electricity. “My neighbour told me about the amazing work Love Howick are doing through the Dream Centre and the Street Store and I had to see for myself.”

Love Howick, with the help of many local businesses, have been able to feed Matlohonolo and her family; and many others; as well as giving them access to good quality clothing items. Andiswa, Street Store Assistant, approached Matlohonolo and explained that she has access to affordable, Job Skills Training that will upskill her and make her more employable. Matlohonolo is busy completing the Job Readiness course and thereafter will move on to the Wired4Business course.

HELP PEOPLE LIKE MATLOHONOLO **REACH THEIR DREAM** BY MAKING A MONTHLY DONATION TO LOVE HOWICK

## 'BIN IT' CAMPAIGN

- LET'S CLEAN UP HOWICK TOGETHER -

THERE ARE NO BINS IN HOWICK! With litter piling up on our streets daily and negatively impacting our businesses & environment, Love Howick is launching a campaign to install sponsored concrete bins every 50-70 metres on the sidewalks. We have already met with our local Waste Management Department to ensure that these bins will be cleared and new bin bags replaced on a daily basis, as well as our local Police Department to ensure they are looked after. We will also be running an Education Campaign in conjunction with installing bins where our 'Renoverge Team' will be hitting the streets to educate people on the distasteful impact littering has on our environment & livelihoods. our goal in Phase 1 of this project is to get 50 bins sponsored - so please consider getting involved!



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DONATE TO KEEP  
HOWICK CLEAN  
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**EACH BIN COSTS R 2500**

(includes 2 x signs / installation / cost of bin)

Email [marketing@lovehowick.com](mailto:marketing@lovehowick.com) to sponsor a bin



Thank you to Husqvarna for their generous donation of three brand new brushcutters towards our 'clean up operations'. What a great business to partner with!



## URBAN VEGETABLE GARDEN

FEEDING THE HUNGRY SUSTAINABLY

The vision of the Urban Vegetable Garden Project is driven by the need to provide sustainable ways of feeding the vulnerable in this tough economic climate we are experiencing. We hope to produce enough to supplement our weekly food parcels, and help our key community leaders to earn some income from sales at a local vegetable market. This garden will also be a key training hub to transfer skills to our local community, helping them to setup their own gardens at home.

To get involved and volunteer at this garden please contact Debra at [info@lovehowick.com](mailto:info@lovehowick.com)



### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



'We love supporting Love Howick because we can see the difference it makes to Howick as a town and the positive impact Love Howick has on people's lives.'



'The Howick Community Church is an integral part of the town of Howick and we wish to see our town well maintained and safe for all its residents and visitors. This is our small way of supporting this important initiative and giving something back to the town we all love.'



'Our mission as Oasis Church is transformation. Adding our strength to the work of transformation in the community is a natural extension of our core mission and so we count it a privilege to be involved in the great work Love Howick are doing. Their vision, positivity, and generosity are great building blocks for an exciting future in Howick!'

### LEADING LADIES OF HOWICK

This Women's Month, we chose to honour and thank the amazing Women in our community. We asked locals to nominate someone in the community who they felt personified the values of a 'Local Leading Lady', namely: selfless, generous, supportive, encouraging, loving, and hardworking.

The response we got was really heart-warming which pushed us to choose 11 winners, instead of just 5.

The Finalists of this Campaign are (as pictured):



Anni Dwarika, Georgie Hancock, Rejoice Mcnube, Eunice Gumbo, Lauren Farquharson, Peta Lee, Nikki Brighton, Jen Millar, Judy Ryley  
Apologies: Emma Wijnberg, Carolyn Hancock

VOLUNTEER YOUR **TIME** IN ONE OF OUR PROJECTS, EMAIL [INFO@LOVEHOWICK.COM](mailto:INFO@LOVEHOWICK.COM)

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