

Newsletter



The Cost of Unemployment in Our Communities

Every day in South Africa, the human cost of unemployment is written on the faces of our people. It's in the eyes of the father who wants to provide for his family but has no means. It's in the silent pain of young graduates who believed education alone would open doors, only to find them locked. It's in the growing frustration and hopelessness that feed cycles of poverty, crime, and social instability.

Here in uMngeni, the statistics are not just numbers—they are our neighbours, our families, and our community. Unemployment erodes dignity, weakens families, fuels gender-based violence, and robs our youth of purpose. It is the root cause of so much of the hardship we see daily, and if not dealt with aggressively, urgently, and collaboratively, it will have far-reaching ramifications for all of us.

At Love Howick, we believe it doesn't have to be this way. **Our Pathway to Earning** programs are designed to break this cycle by equipping people with practical, market-relevant skills and supporting them to turn those skills into sustainable income. From urban farming and home-based care to baking, digital services, and waste-to-income

innovations, we help unemployed men and women move from learning to earning—and reclaim their dignity in the process.

We can't do this alone. The need is urgent, and we need partners—businesses, donors, and individuals—who believe economic empowerment restores hope and rebuilds communities. **Please consider how you can come on board by sponsoring a student for R850 per month**, offering your skills as a trainer, or mentoring graduates.

Your support will help us train more people, launch more small businesses, and create a ripple effect of change that reaches far beyond one household.

Hope is possible. The time is now. Will you join us?

Matt Hogarty



In this newsletter you can expect:

Program Updates

Community Impact

Upcoming Events

Join our Journey

How to get Involved



THE BIG GIVEAWAY

ENTER TO WIN
R30,000 WORTH
OF PRIZES



R100 PER ENTRY



Draw on: 6 Sept 2025

PRIZE 1

5 STAR SAFARI EXPERIENCE
WORTH R17500

- 2 Night stay for 2 adults in a luxury tented suite at Ndaka Safari Lodge - Nambiti KZN. Includes: All meals, 2 game drives daily with snacks & a drink, and a 60-minute couples massage



PRIZE 2

TRAVEL VOUCHER WORTH
R4000

Howick Travel R4000 travel voucher - redeem for all land, air, and sea travel, T&C's apply



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AND MORE!

WIN PRIZES WORTH R8500

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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

Social Development



Winter Warmer

The Emandleni Hall in Cedara was filled with warmth, hope, and unity as our Winter Warmer Drive culminated in a truly special distribution day! Under the inspiring leadership of Ward Councillor Kate, our community came together in high spirits, alongside dedicated partners including: Love Howick, Department of Health, Department of Social Development (Child & Safety), Department of Environmental Services, SAPS, and the Department of Social Work. **Thanks to YOUR incredible generosity**, we saw smiling faces receiving warm blankets, beanies, and scarves to face the cold.



Street Store

Our Street Store continues to be a beacon of hope and dignity in the community, transforming lives through kindness, sustainability, and shared effort.

By the Numbers:

- We've supported **99 households over the past two months**.
- 170 clothing hampers, 87 toiletry packs, and 163 food parcels distributed.
- 209 recyclable bags turned into tokens.

Our innovative Swop Shop model ensures everyone can contribute, whether by recycling (1 bag = 5 tokens) or volunteering (1 hour = 2 tokens). These tokens unlock essentials like maize meal, clothing, hygiene kits, and more.



Mandela Day

Volunteers and partners joined us in hands-on community service—cleaning streets, **packing and distributing 150 hygiene packs** for the Zuzokuhle community, and learning sustainable farming.

Community Clean-Ups: Teams cleared weeds, invasive plants, and waste across Howick—in Morling Street, Karkloof Road, and Greendale Park.

Agricultural Training: Andermatt facilitated a workshop on soil health at Masithokoze Garden, equipping local residents with skills for long-term food security.

Social Development

SPAR Group Leadership Immersion Experience with Love Howick

Love Howick and Love Cities, in collaboration with the **SPAR Group's Southern African Management Development Program**, hosted an immersive social impact experience in the KZN Midlands. The event brought together **29 SPAR leaders**—including independent retailers and distribution centre managers from across South Africa—to engage directly with the socio-economic challenges faced by underserved communities, fostering empathy, ethical leadership, and actionable strategies for sustainable change.

A Day of Deep Engagement and Learning

The program, part of SPAR's 14-month Southern Africa Management Development Program, focused on themes of sustainable development, social justice, and community stewardship. Delegates joined the Love Howick team and came face-to-face with community challenges on the ground by participating in:

· **Poverty Measurement Workshops:** Conducted in Shias Township, highlighting systemic inequality through Greenlight Surveys. This approach aims to use data-driven innovation to unlock opportunities for community development.

· **Unemployed Youth Dialogues:** One-on-one interviews at the Love Howick Dream Centre, revealing barriers to employment and resilience stories.

Food Poverty Line (FPL) Challenge: Teams cooked meals for four on a daily budget of **R37** (the Lower-Bound Poverty Line), confronting the realities of food insecurity that the majority of our country face on a daily basis.

SPAR leaders also explored Love Howick's community upliftment initiatives, including skills development and entrepreneurship programs, witnessing firsthand the organisation's commitment to "teaching people to fish" rather than offering handouts.

Powerful reflections from SPAR National Leaders

The immersion left a profound impact, with delegates describing it as "humbling," "eye-opening," and "a call to action."

Key takeaways included:

- **"Love Howick restores dignity to marginalised communities. Their work proves that change is possible when we collaborate with—not for—communities."**
- **"This experience shattered my numbness to inequality. It's no longer abstract; it's a responsibility."**
- **"We need more organisations like Love Howick—brave, compassionate, and solutions-driven."**



Social Development

SPAR Group Leadership Immersion Experience with Love Howick

Matt Hogarty, Founder/CEO of Love Cities, emphasised: *"When leaders witness inequality as a lived experience, not a statistic, it ignites authentic commitment to inclusive business practices. SPAR's willingness to engage at this level sets a benchmark for corporate social responsibility."*

The event underscored the urgency of bridging South Africa's economic divide through ethical leadership, stakeholder governance, and community-led solutions. **Love Howick and SPAR Group hope this partnership inspires other businesses to move beyond compliance and charity toward transformative, long-term social impact.**



Place Development



Enviro-Waste

Over the past two months, our dedicated team has been hard at work maintaining and beautifying Howick

- **Brush Cutting:** Over **6,702.20m²** of overgrown vegetation was cleared at: Dunlop intersection, Harvard Street and Sport Field, Hillbrow Road and Main Road, Howick Bridge, Howick Bridge and Howick Falls, Karkloof Intersection, Main Road, Merrivale, Miller Street Cemetery, Morling Street, Morling Streer Park, and Tweedie.
- **Road Kerb Painting (3,496m²)** at Dunlop intersection, Howick Falls intersection, Karkloof intersection, and Main Road.
- **Road Gutter Weeding, Garden Maintenance, and Planting (13,396.37m²)** along Bell and Somme St, Dunlop intersection, Harvard Street, Howick Clinic, Howick Falls, Howick Library, Howick Police Station, Karkloof intersection, Main Road, Morling Street Park, and Morling Street.
- **Alien Invasive Species Removal:** A total of **338** harmful plants were removed from Tweedie, Karkloof Road, Sport Field, and Miller Street Cemetery, with herbicide applied to prevent regrowth.
- **Recycling: 676kg** of recyclable materials, including PET and LDPE plastics, were diverted from landfills, contributing to a greener future.



Mandela Day

Love Howick joined forces with volunteers, RE/MAX, Checkers, EPWP, and Build It.

- **Morling Street:** Removed weeds near the taxi rank, cleaned stormwater drains, and cleared dumped waste, covering an impressive 9,983.42m².
- **Karkloof Road:** Removed invasive plants and applied herbicide together with Eco-Guard.
- **Tweedie Off-Ramp:** Installed vital road signs (towards Greendale Spar).



Hilton College

We were thrilled to welcome the enthusiastic students from Hilton College, who rolled up their sleeves and worked alongside the Love Howick team to beautify public spaces across our community. Their **two-day** clean-up effort saw them **weeding, planting gardens, and restoring key areas**, including Howick Falls, the Howick Library, the Police Station, and Morling Street Park. A heartfelt thank you to Hilton College for their energy and commitment to making Howick a better place for all!

Skills Development



Ubuntu at Etham College

We took the 'Ubuntu Workshop' to Etham College, following impactful sessions with Michaelhouse and St Anne's Grade 12 students! As part of their Matric Life Orientation program, we guided learners to harness principles like **shared responsibility, empathy, forgiveness, respect and compassion** – tools to tackle our community's greatest challenges. Ubuntu teaches us that community triumphs over individualism, and kindness over judgement – values essential for building a better world from the ground up.



Staff Development Training at Grace College!

Our program equipped their team with essential soft skills for personal and professional growth.

Topics covered included cultivating a growth mindset, thinking like an owner, time management, communication strategies, honour, self-management, emotional intelligence, smart goals, and stewardship.

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Love Howick's Alumni Day was a resounding success, packed with insights, networking, and practical career advice. **Guest speakers Laura Dodd, Kate Watts, and Micki Whitefield** delivered engaging sessions on CV writing, AI in job hunting, and LinkedIn optimisation. Students loved the **interview roleplay**—with lollipop rewards for standout performers!

Most importantly, alumni shared heartfelt stories of how the Dream Centre's programs changed their lives—proof that every effort counts. **Thank you** to our speakers, volunteers, and sponsors.

Skills Development

Edu-Team ✨



Literacy Champions

Our Edu-Team has fostered a love for reading that shines brightly in the eyes of our young learners. From **peer reading** sessions to **storytelling activities**, they've created a supportive space where confidence and curiosity grow hand in hand.



Eco Warriors

Through Eco Clubs and preparations for the Happy Earth Festival, our team is instilling a deep **respect for the environment**. Learners are not just talking about sustainability –they're living it.



Entrepreneurship Guides

From finalising product ideas to securing a venue for Market Day, our EduTeam is nurturing the next generation of thinkers and doers. Their efforts are teaching learners to **dream big, plan wisely, and turn ideas into action**.



Teacher Empowerment

The recent **Edu Seminar** equipped educators with tools to **overcome learning barriers and create engaging classrooms**. One teacher reflected, *"I feel more confident in supporting learners with diverse needs."* And another; *"Thank you for reminding us to prioritise our own mental health as well."*

Thank you to the following brilliant people: **Vanessa Muskett** - Caversham Education Institute and Cordwalles, **Gugulethu Radebe** - Linc Foundation, **Casey Navin & Bronwynn Saunders** - Little Lives Child Development Centre Hilton, and **Daniella Malherbe & Ashley Richardson** - Purposeful Pathways.



Coding Innovators

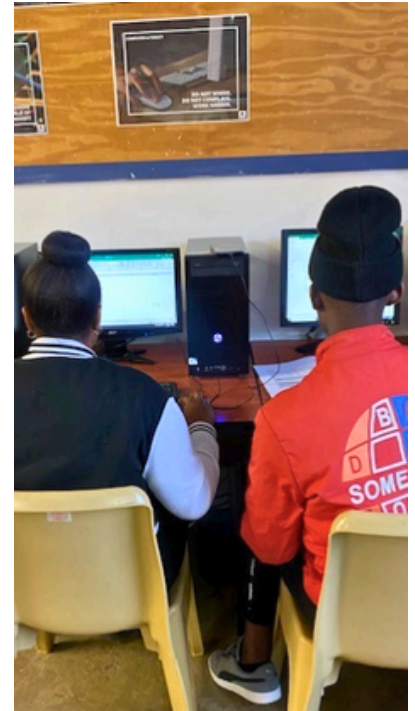
With 20 learners selected for Advanced Coding and 100 preparing for the upcoming Coding Tournament, our team is unlocking doors to creativity and problem-solving. A student proudly said, *"I used to think Coding was only for people in big cities. Graduating to the advanced Coding class makes me feel proud and hopeful. One day, I want to build an app to help my community."*

Skills Development

Dream Centre ✨



Our **Work Ready** course prepared **50 students** for the professional world by focusing on character development, workplace readiness, and emotional intelligence. **Five students secured employment**—including roles at Merrivale Spar, Beares, BP Garage, and Karkloof Canopy Tours. **Six** students committed to ongoing volunteering. One standout moment was Siyabonga Mbokazi, a guest speaker at Next Steps Day, offering ongoing support by assisting students with **university applications and job opportunities**. This holistic program has left graduates more confident and employable.



Computer Literacy: 7 students gained essential digital skills in Office 365.



In partnership with **uMngeni Municipality**, we trained 10 students in Baking and Office Admin, equipping them with income-generating skills.

Baking Course: Students mastered cupcakes, muffins, scones, cookies, and decorated cakes. Entrepreneurial spirit flourished—Nobuhle Khuzwayo joined to gain skills to grow her enterprise, while Faith now confidently bakes for her family.

Office Admin: Students improved telephone etiquette, reception skills, and basic computer literacy. Zandile, a former caregiver, is now transitioning into office work, calling the course a life-changing opportunity.



Retail: 10 students gained skills in customer service, merchandising, and cashiering. **Two students**

employed

—Sibongakonke Zakwe at **Spar Merrivale** & Khunjuliwe Mtshali at **Bell Africa!**

Economic Development



In partnership with **uMngeni Local Economic Development Sub-Directorate**, we trained 15 students in **Crop Production** equipping them with hands-on business ready skills. The course covered: Seedling production, soil health, pest control, and water management. Several students now plan to start small-scale farming businesses. Others aim to train children in their communities.



Business and NGO Breakfast

Thank you to **Laura Dodd** from Accountancy Placements Pietermaritzburg and **Kate Watts** from iOCO for sharing 28+ years of combined expertise on **innovative strategies to enhancing your hiring and staffing processes, pre- and post-recruitment best practices for long-term success, and expert tips to engage and retain top performers in a competitive market.**

To everyone who joined us, a massive thank you! Your presence truly made our event special.

Thank you to **Rawson Properties Midlands** for generously sponsoring this community initiative.

Golf Day

What an incredible day on the greens at the stunning **Bosch Hoek Golf Club!** A huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped make our Golf Day such a resounding success. The camaraderie, friendly competition, and beautiful setting truly made it a memorable event.

We are especially grateful to our amazing sponsors for their **generous support.** Your commitment was vital in bringing this day together and making it special for everyone involved.

To the team at Bosch Hoek Golf Club – thank you for your excellent hospitality and for providing us with such a superb course and facilities.

Event Sponsor:



The Teams: Liberty Group SA, Neill & Veronica Shearer, Neville & Jenny Beard, Middledale Farms, Iron Light, Chotu Group Supa Quick Tyre Experts Mooi River, Araujo Attorneys, Rubik Design Forge, Polyoak Packaging, Bolt & Nut Centre.

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Narrative Development



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:

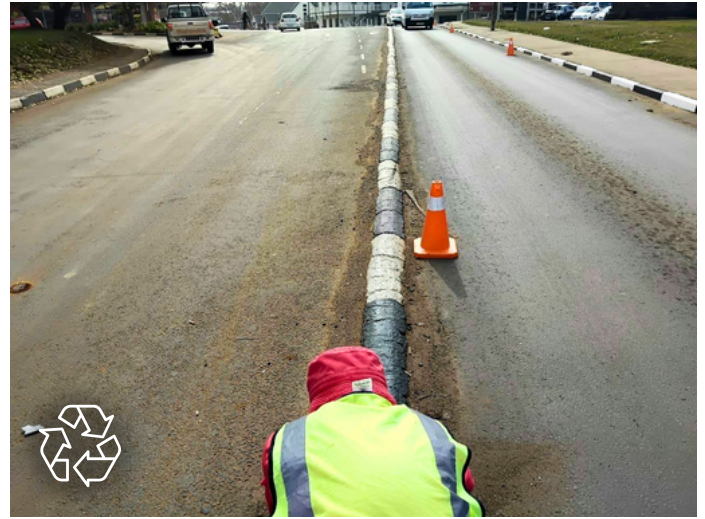
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Community Impact



Dream Centre:

- **136** students' lives transformed through the Dream Centre Courses.
- **9** Courses conducted: Work Ready twice, Baking, Crop Production, Office Admin, First Aid, Computer Literacy, Retail, and Sewing.



Enviro-Waste:

- **7102.2m²** Areas Brush-cut
- **19674** Bugweed and other unwanted trees cut
- **3496m** Pavements & Curbs repaired
- **350** Black plastic bags of litter collected



Social Development:

- **170** Clothing items distributed
- **163** food items distributed
- **209** black bags of recycling collected.
- **1** Poverty Measurement Greenlight Surveys conducted in Shias Township.



EduProject:

- Learners impacted by program: **1,917**
- Foundation Literacy Student Reach: **943**
- Entrepreneurship Student Reach: **943**
- Teachers trained: **57**
- Coding Student Reach: **657**
- School gardens started: **1**



BRAVO TO EVERYONE DOING THIS WORK!

You are all just amazing. Thank u so much for absolutely everything 🙌 what is so wonderful to see that everyone actually works and accomplishes the task. No sitting around. Feel proud when u put this effo into your daily work. I love the feeling o accomplishing things 🙌🙌

You are all movers and shakers in this area.
You can be so proud of the difference you are making in the world 🌍❤️

Howick you guys rock. The cities, towns and villages should follow your great example. If one has pride and is patriotic S.A. Will be tops again. We've got loads of potential hits look at the competitions we are winning internationally.



Great work. Howick residents appreciate all you do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

07 AUG

WOMEN'S MONTH - FOOD AS MEDICINE

Mpophomeni Hall (9 AM - 12 PM)

14 AUG

WOMEN'S MONTH - GROW WHAT YOU EAT

Mpophomeni Hall (9 AM - 12 PM)

21 AUG

WOMEN'S MONTH - SEXUAL HEALTH

Mpophomeni Hall (9 AM - 12 PM)

28 AUG

WOMEN'S MONTH - EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Mpophomeni Hall (9 AM - 12 PM)

06 SEPT

9TH BIRTHDAY PADEL CHALLENGE

HOWICK PADEL CLUB (7AM - 7PM)

11 SEPT

DREAM CENTRE OPEN DAY

72 Main Street, Howick (9:30 - 11:00 AM)

23 SEPT

UBUNTU AT THE TABLE

Howick Falls Park (11AM - 2PM)

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES



UBUNTU AT THE TABLE | TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Join our synchronised **national** event taking place in September, where South Africans from all walks of life will gather to host meals across the country.

Host Your Own Event (22-28 Sept): Schools, homes or offices can host their own Ubuntu meal! Email hello@lovecities.org.za for a free downloadable toolkit. Celebrate community, connection and culture across SA! **Or join us:**

Where: Howick Falls Park | 11:00 - 14:00

Bring: Your own meat, rolls, salads & non-alcoholic drinks.

Businesses/Teams: Book a spot to host your own gazebo!

Book Here ✨



DREAM CENTRE OPEN DAY – THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

Discover who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved.

Where: 72 Main Street, Howick | 9:30 - 11:00

Perfect for: Businesses, churches, organisations & future students.

Book Here ✨



BABY TOWN OPENING – WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2025

We're thrilled to launch Baby Town in collaboration with Moms of the Midlands!

Where: 19 Morling Street, Howick

What: Part of our swop shop Street Store. Vulnerable neighbours can exchange recyclable waste or volunteer time for tokens, redeemable for baby essentials, food, clothing & hygiene supplies.

Donations Needed: Good quality, clean second-hand baby/toddler items: prams, car seats, blankets, carry pouches, nappies, bottles & bags. Your donations empower families – please drop items at 19 Morling Street!



How to GET INVOLVED

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R100

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Sponsor a Food Garden

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

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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

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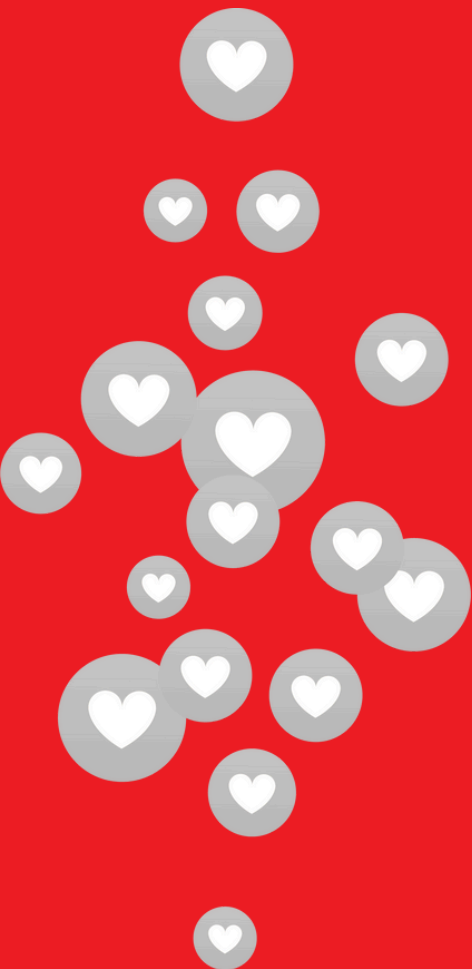


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