

# Newsletter

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FOR TRANSFORMATION.

## A Message from Our CEO

To our incredible partners, our dedicated volunteers, and the very heart of the KZN Midlands—our community. What a year! As we close this chapter, my heart is full of gratitude for the transformation we have forged together. Love Howick's mission is simple: to see our community thrive, and because of you, this has been a year of powerful, tangible victory. Thank you for showing the world what partnership can truly achieve.

### Victories Forged by Unity

This is not just a year of records; it's a year of **new beginnings** for hundreds of families.

**1. Hope in Action (Jobs):** We didn't just run courses; we gave **555 job-seekers** a new path to dignity. Seeing **23%** of those graduates gain jobs or start businesses is the clearest proof that when you invest in local potential, you ignite a powerful future.

**2. A Place We Love (Environment):** The commitment to make our town the 'cleanest and greenest in South Africa' has never been stronger. By cleaning **2.2 million square metres** and recycling **tons of waste**, we are protecting the air our children breathe and building a clean, safe

legacy for the KZN Midlands.

### 3. The Spirit of Ubuntu (Partnership):

Our strength lies in our unity. With over **8,400 hours** of volunteer time poured into our mission, you showed up for one another. That is the true spirit of ubuntu—I am because we are.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Let the victories of this year inspire us to even greater heights. Together, we will continue to build a Howick filled with promise and prosperity. 2026 - here we come!

**Please note that our office will be closed from 15 December 2025 to 11 January 2026.**

*Matt Hogarty*



FOUNDER & CEO

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R10,000!

150 Learnerships  
Launched

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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

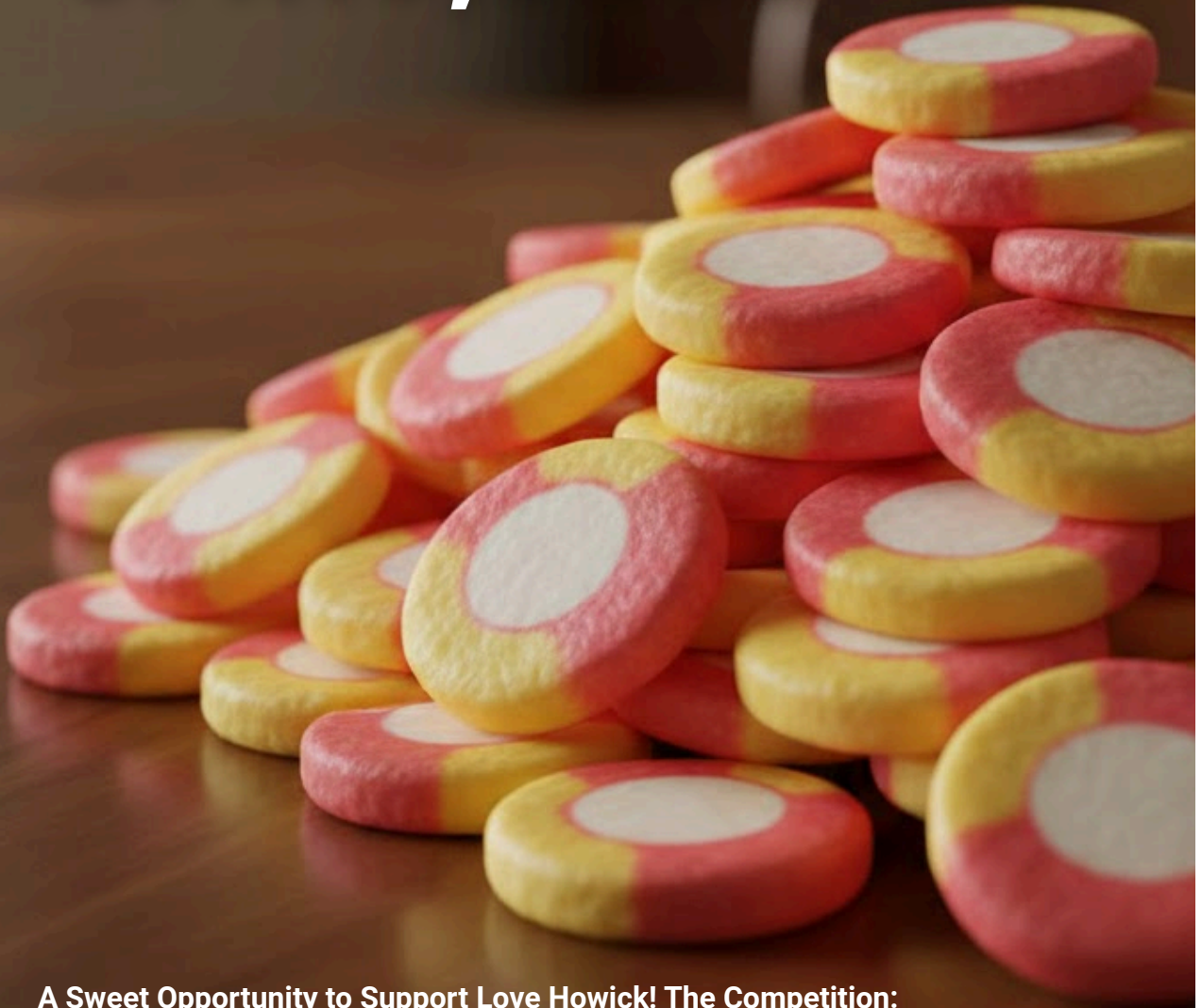
Love Howick is a platform that enables collaboration between all stakeholders in a community for the sake of sustainable social change. We align social investors, volunteers and philanthropists with key projects to ensure maximum impact and measurable results. We invite you to join the movement for positive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

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

19 Morling Street, Howick, KZN



# Win your Share of R10,000!



## **A Sweet Opportunity to Support Love Howick! The Competition:**

- Visit the RAWSON Pop-up Candy Store – Follow Rawson Properties Midlands on social media to find out where the pop-up will appear each week.
- Create Your Entry: Make a short video that includes a sweet and you saying their phone number: 0861 MY HOME (0861 69 4663). No face needs to be shown in the video!
- Submit & Tag: Share your video on your preferred social media platform and tag RAWSON MIDLANDS.
- Win & Donate: The prize is a share of R10,000 for you AND your favourite charity – so choose Love Howick!





In November, we took a monumental leap forward for our community! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our **Green Learn to Earn** program, creating **150 learnerships** for unemployed uMngeni residents.

In partnership with DUCT and the National Social Employment Fund, this 10-month program is a direct investment in our five pillars. We're not just creating short-term jobs; we're empowering a new generation with skills in waste management, environmental restoration, sustainable agriculture, and micro-enterprise. This is about building a resilient, green economy from the ground up, right here in uMngeni.





# Green Learn to Earn (GL2E) *News.*

Our Green Learn to Earn program recently hosted a Landscaping Training Workshop led by the incredible Ryan Ripley from **Fair Lands Farming**. Ryan generously donated his time to train 20 of our participants. And a huge THANK YOU to **Merri-Mow Enterprises** for sponsoring machinery and monthly costs.

Want to be a part of this transformation? We invite more local businesses to join us as official partners. Contact us at: [info@lovehowick.org.za](mailto:info@lovehowick.org.za)

- ✓ Demonstrate your commitment to ESG principles.
- ✓ Earn valuable B-BBEE points.
- ✓ Invest directly in the skills, environment, and economy of YOUR town.





# Green Learn to Earn (GL2E) *News.*



## Equipping Our Youth to Uplift Our Community!

Three of our GL2E participants have successfully completed their Greenlight Facilitator Training and are now equipped with the skills to conduct household surveys that help families self-diagnose their unique challenges and co-create solutions to move from poverty to sustainability.



### A true star

Snethemba Kheswa has earned the very first Certificate of Excellence. Stepping into the role of Team Leader for the first time, Snethemba showcased incredible leadership and a strong command of the program's goals, leading his team to a remarkable success.



### Hands-on skills

Our Green Learn to Earn learners mastered skills like using multimeters and safely repairing everyday appliances, actively fighting e-waste in uMngeni. These new skills pave the way for micro-enterprises and a greener local economy.

# Social Development *News.*



## EXCITING NEWS FROM OUR GARDEN!

The vegetables grown in our garden are now available for our Street Store beneficiaries, meaning every token earned from recycling or volunteering can be exchanged for fresh, nutritious veggies.



## THANK YOU HILTON COLLEGE!

We are so grateful for their incredible generosity in donating 20 mattresses to Love Howick. These mattresses have found new homes and are providing a comfortable night's sleep for our Street Store beneficiaries in need.





## Dream Centre ✨



*"Raised by a single mother after my father passed away when I was eight, life was initially challenging. Before joining Love Howick, my life was directionless—a mess with no goals or dreams.*

*Joining the program changed everything. I went from 'zero to hero,' completing the Work Ready, Barista, Hospitality, and Baking Courses. Through hard work, Love Howick helped me secure a job at Amber Glades, where I have worked as an Assistant Chef, Waiter, and Barista for 1.5 years.*

*I am now living my dream with a clear vision for my life. I thank Love Howick for helping me become a better man.*

*To all young people in uMngeni: please visit Love Howick and enrol. If you work hard and follow their guidance, your life will never be the same—I promise you."*

**-GIFT MAKATHINI**



## Dream Centre ✨

*"That course thought me about the workplace, BEING MYSELF, working on myself, and dealing with a lot of stuff from my upbringing.*

*RIGHT NOW I am a confident person.*

*RIGHT NOW I am ready to start my farming business.*

*I advise everyone who wants to be something in life to do this course, this is a very good course for you."*



**-BALUNGILE SOKHELA**

## Dream Centre ✨

You can help us create more success stories like Gift's & Sdongakonke's & Balungile's:

- **Sponsor a Student:** Put one person through our Work Ready Program for just R850.
- **Become a Financial Partner:** Make a donation to support our work.

Donate Here ✨

*"I come from a family of seven, and in August, I was grateful to receive the huge opportunity to become a **team member at Spar Merrivale**.*

*This achievement followed my enrolment in a skills development course at the **Love Howick Dream Centre** in June 2025. The Centre equipped me with **essential workplace skills** and the knowledge to thrive in **diverse professional environments**.*

*I am very **grateful** for the impact it has had on my life.*

*Today, I am supporting my family and am able to take care of myself.*

*Thank you to the Love Howick Team."*



- SBONGAKONKE ZAKWE



# Skills Development *News.*



## INSPIRING ECD VISITS FOSTER GROWTH & INNOVATION

Principals from Love Howick-supported Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres had the enriching opportunity to visit Settler's Park Pre-Primary School (a well-resourced ECD centre) as part of our ongoing professional development program.

During the visit, the principal led a delightful music and movement lesson, introducing concepts like tempo and dynamics. The well-organised classrooms and thoughtfully designed outdoor play areas also provided wonderful examples of how environment shapes learning.

Experiences like these broaden our educators' perspectives and equip them with practical ideas to create more engaging, stimulating spaces for children. We are deeply grateful to our funders **The DG Murray Trust** and **The Valley Trust** for making this program possible. Your support helps empower ECD practitioners, strengthen our centres, and uplift the quality of early learning in our community.





# Economic Development *News.*

## MEET THE NEWEST ENTREPRENEURS IN TOWN

We celebrated the incredible graduates of the SHE'S THE BOSS program! For two weeks, these inspiring women embarked on a journey to step into dignity and opportunity through micro-business and retail training. We cheered as each woman received her first bundle of quality clothing to launch her very own micro-business.

# ACKERMANS

**Seeff Midlands**



**ST JOHN'S D.S.G.**  
**PIETERMARITZBURG**  
*Growing girls with heart*

A big thank you to Seeff Midlands, Ackermans, and St John's Diocesan School for Girls for their generous donation of clothes towards this program.



# Economic Development *News.*



## BRINGING BIG IDEAS HOME TO HOWICK

On 31 October, our team attended the inspiring TRIGA Entrepreneurs Conference at Laborie Estate in Stellenbosch, witnessing firsthand how faith-driven entrepreneurship is building ventures to solve Africa's challenges.

It was a day of festive connection and learning, affirming our commitment to fostering redemptive business within our own community of Howick.

## FORGING GLOBAL LINKS FOR LOCAL IMPACT

On 28 and 29 October, Love Howick joined the FORGE Global Summit in Cape Town, connecting with global ecosystem builders who use entrepreneurship to drive change.

We shared our community-driven model and gained fresh inspiration, tools, and worldwide connections for our mission in Howick.



## LOVE HOWICK CEO JOINS NATIONAL GREEN JOBS 'THINK TANK'

In September, our CEO was honoured to be invited to a National Green Skills Jobs 'Think Tank' in Johannesburg, hosted by Accenture.

This critical workshop focused on accelerating partnerships and job creation in the Green Economy. It's a promising step forward in tackling unemployment and climate change together.



# Economic Development *News.*



## OUR MODEL GOES NATIONAL!

Big news! Our very own Matt Hogarty presented the Love Howick story at the national Community Development Conference at the University of the Free State.

His talk, "Love Cities – A Scalable Model for Sustainable Community Transformation," showcased how our hyper-local, love-driven work in Howick can inspire change across South Africa.

This recognition is a win for our entire community—for every volunteer, partner, and resident who helps build a brighter Howick. Our local actions are shaping the national conversation!

Let's keep making Howick a model of hope.





# Could you skip one R100 takeaway meal a month?

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## 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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# Community Impact *Review.*



## Dream Centre:

- **133** Students' lives transformed through the Dream Centre Courses
- **10** Courses conducted: Work Ready x 2, Computer Literacy, Sewing, Home-Based Care, Retail x 2, First-Aid x 2, and Micro-Business.



## Enviro-Waste:

- **13,038m<sup>2</sup>** Areas brush-cut
- **4,650m** Drains/Pavements cleared
- **9,840m<sup>2</sup>** Alien invasive plants removed
- **8 Trees** and **130** plants planted



## Social Development:

- **350** Clothing items distributed
- **197** Food items distributed
- **838** Black bags of recycling collected
- **75** Toiletry items distributed
- **8** Beneficiaries enrolled in training programs







## Have you spotted our Basket of Hope donation bins?

These bins are the heart of our Street Store! Your donations of non-perishable food, baby supplies, clothing, and hygiene items directly help our neighbours in need.

Every tin of soup, every diaper, and every bar of soap helps someone trade their time or recycling for essential items with dignity.



- Quarry Spar
- Love Howick Office
- St John's Spar
- Geendale Spar
- Pick n Pay Fairways







## What a fantastic day supporting the Harvard House Go Gravel MTB race

Our amazing Love Howick team was out in force, keeping riders hydrated, energised, and cheered on as they tackled the grueling 62km and 98km routes.







A huge THANK YOU to all the incredible NGO leaders from the KZN Midlands who joined our **NGO Forum**. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn how to intentionally invest in your own and your team's emotional health, especially in the midst of our sector's constant demands.

A special well done to our speaker, Doni Hogarty from TRU Connection Coaching, for facilitating such a powerful and insightful workshop. And of course, the stunning Karkloof Forest never disappoints.





### **Red Run 5k**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to every single runner, walker, and supporter who joined us at the Red Run in October.



### **Jurgens Bekker Attorneys**

Thank you for your generous sponsorship of waters that kept our runners hydrated.



### **Seeff Midlands**

Thank you to Greg for getting us off to a fantastic start as our race starter and for hosting a lively prize-giving!



### **Milkylane Howick on Main**

Thank you for donating delicious vouchers.



### **Stockowners Outdoor Park**

Thank you for having us, for your excellent support, and for the fun market that followed.



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Just fantastic.....what an example to other cities and towns!

This is amazing [Love Howick](#) and Matt Hogarty what a massive incentive to keep everything well kept in the area and great to have another business partnering this program!  
Another fantastic success story for lovehowick 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

Bravo 🙌 what an amazing group of people. We see you and we appreciate what you have done/are doing.

Enormously proud of you, congrats!!!!



I've seen a big difference and thanks I LOVE HOWICK.

***Comments from Love Howick Facebook Page***





## A Taste of Change in Howick

Our community gathered at Love Howick Park for the Feed 500 event. We shared free, nutritious meals and launched something even bigger: the Love Howick Resellers Program. This new initiative empowers local entrepreneurs to sell affordable, high-nutrition Big Five Foods products. It's a sustainable model that fights food insecurity and creates jobs. **To order, please email [info@lovehowick.org.za](mailto:info@lovehowick.org.za) or call 033 940 5075.**

## DELICIOUS ONE-POT MEALS



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**R60:**

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- Original



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

**Enter here:** [www.midlandsmagickzn.co.za/enter](http://www.midlandsmagickzn.co.za/enter)

**Deadline:** 30 March 2026.

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1 Pair =  
**R50**

# 'My Walk' Shoes

My Walk shoes are made from recycled, uncontaminated PVC hospital waste (like drip bags and oxygen masks) transformed into durable, waterproof school shoes.

**For just R50, you can donate a pair that provides:**

- **Dignity & Confidence for a child.**
- **A better school experience.**
- **A cleaner planet by reducing landfill waste.**

**DONATE NOW**

Payment Ref: MyWalk & 'Your name'



**Bank: FNB - Acc. number: 627 747 27 039 - Branch Code: 220 725**





# Light Up a Life

*this Christmas*



**EVERY ORNAMENT FUNDS A FUTURE**

**R50 EACH OR 3 FOR R100**

Turn your Christmas tree into a tree of hope. Each Love uMngeni decoration you buy supports a dream and helps sponsor an unemployed youth to attend essential skills training. Available at 19 Morling Street.

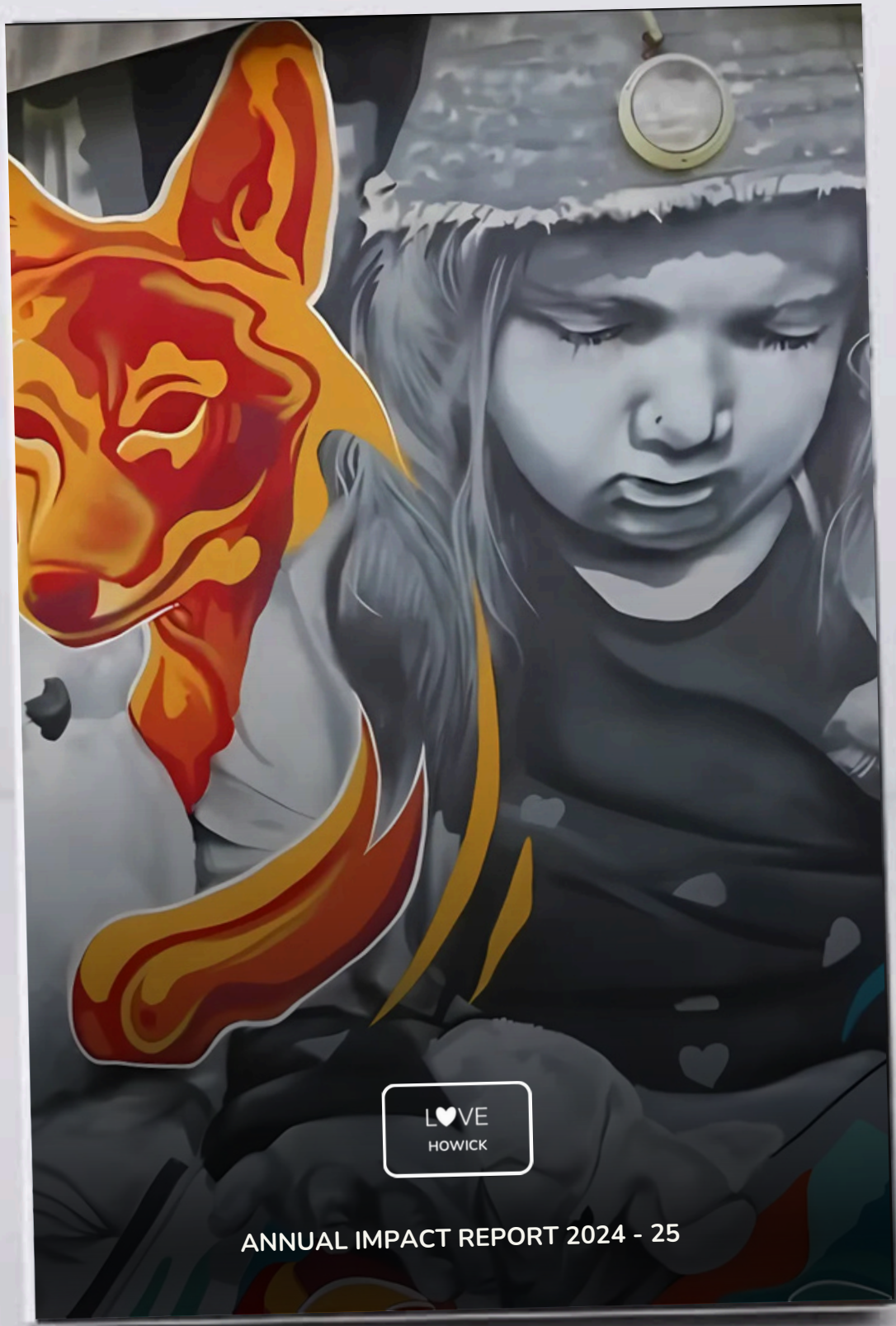


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# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024 - 25



Annual  
Report



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# How to make *a difference.*

## Howick Hundreds | Financial Partner

Become an official Howick Hundreds member - Donate R100 per month

**R100**

[Click here](#) 

### 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

Love Howick NPC  
Account no: 627 747 27 039  
Branch no: 220 725  
First National Bank Howick



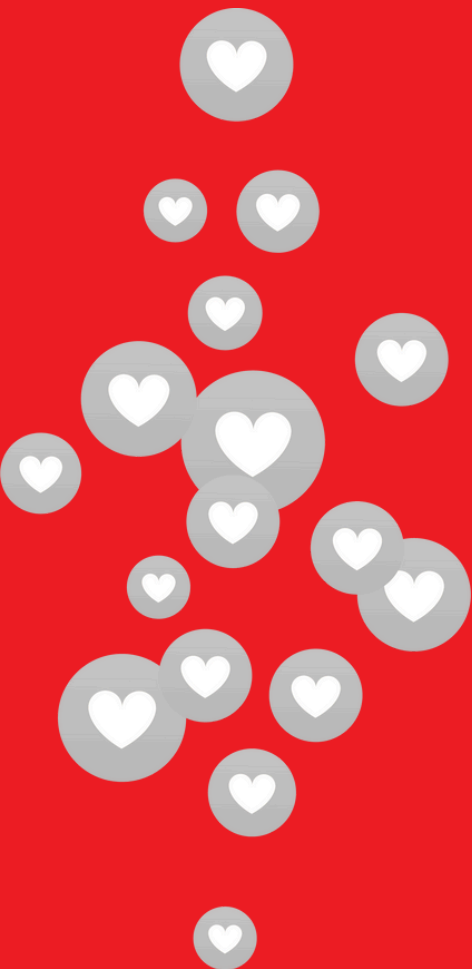
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