



Dear friends

It is a blessing for us to be able to share Love Story with you. The organization was founded in October 2012. It started as a small group of people who shared the same vision - to see those who are destitute across our city be reconciled with the love of our father, Jesus Christ.

We've grown from a little idea birthed out of the hearts of a few, to a multi-faceted organization that runs a great variety of community upliftment projects, education programmes and feeding schemes.

Our teams are made up of volunteers, either full-time or part-time, who are all committed to standing in the gap for a hopeless and destitute generation.

We operate everyday of the week at our office and kitchen premises based at the Old Fire House on Albany Road, Port Elizabeth.



feeding schemes

From the outset, Love Story has had a heart for the homeless. Members of our team began walking the city streets late at night. They would go into abandoned buildings to find people in need who they could pray for. They would sit with drunken homeless men on the pavements and speak hope and blessings over them.

Relationships were formed with the homeless people they encountered and starting a soup kitchen was a relational progression. We launched our first 'City Feed' in February 2013. We fed 20 men on the first night. We had to go looking for them. They came, took their food and went elsewhere to eat it. We did this once a week. A month later we included another night and a month after that we were serving food three nights a week. Over time the crowds grew from 20 men to over 150 men, women and children.

City Feed now runs 5 nights of the week and operates from in front of City Hall. We feed up to 300 homeless people each night.

We aim to reach out to every homeless and hungry person across our city. We have been blessed abundantly with food provision and now run close to 15 soup kitchens across the region and serve about 50 000 meals per month.



early childhood development

Our Early Childhood Development Programme is our doorway of influence into destitute communities. Our teams visit disadvantaged crèches everyday to interact with the children and keep them stimulated.

The general state of these children is characterized by HIV/AIDS, malnourishment, extreme poverty, alcoholism and abuse. None receive the educational instruction necessary for their age.



community upliftment

We aim to serve our community in whichever way we can. This sometimes entails some kind of building or renovating. We have in the past renovated underprivileged crèches, rebuilt homes and shacks that burnt down and revamped sections of government hospitals.

We also supply furniture and household equipment to those in need. We supply grocery parcels to many families across the city on a weekly basis. These families are in crisis due to poverty, unemployment, HIV/AIDS or death of a breadwinner. The most desperate of these are child-headed households.

Through HeartVelt we run a project with women from disadvantaged backgrounds as it's inspiration. We gather women from all across our city to teach them the value of creativity through handcraft and in this way are given purpose. More importantly these women come together in fellowship and share in the gospel of Jesus. Each lady is mentored with the focus being on the redemptive love of Jesus.

The classes run every week day from the Love Story premises. The ladies also receive a complimentary meal and a craft kit to take home with them every week to teach their friends and family what they've learnt.

distribution

We collect clothing, blankets, educational equipment, toys and baby products to distribute to the homeless, communities in need, hospitals and crèches. We rely on donations from the public and make up specific packages for those in need.

We frequent the maternity ward at a government hospital in our area where we distribute beautifully made-up parcels for the new moms. One of the saddest stories we've encountered was on our first visit to the maternity ward. A new mom thanked us for her hamper and with her naked baby wrapped in a towel, said she had nothing for her.

The nurse said they were grateful for the gifts we brought as they were trying to prevent women leaving the hospital with their babies wrapped in newspaper.



Love Story Office:
Block J1
Albany Gardens
30 Albany Road
(Look out for Love Story sign).

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm
Closed weekends.

Mamma Joyce's Kitchen:
On office premises

Kitchen Hours:
Monday - Friday:
10am-5:30pm

how to get involved:

We welcome you to get involved in whichever capacity you can - some may have time to sacrifice, while others may have resources.

We rely heavily on volunteers to help serve and minister at our City Feed (week nights from 6pm-7pm) and also at our ECD Playdays (week mornings from 9am-11am).

We cannot operate without the generous donations from our supporters. Below is a list of items we usually need:

1. **Clothing and shoes (all sizes)**
2. **Blankets**
3. **Household furniture**
4. **Toys and books**
5. **Baby products e.g. Nappies**

Our feeding schemes also only operate due to food donations. Below is a list of items we usually need:

1. **Dried starch - Rice, Samp, Mielie Meal, Pasta & Bread.**
2. **Dried Beans and Lentils.**
3. **Canned Foods.**
4. **Oil, Salt, Stock.**

As an organisation we incur costs on a daily basis. We would not be able to operate without financial assistance from the public. We pay salaries and rental amongst many other expenses. We appreciate every cent that we are given.

Bank details:

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