

# Zawadi

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\* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

## OUR BIGGEST SHIPMENT YET

February was another milestone month for Connection Ubuntu. WE SHIPPED 85 COMPUTERS! We approved seven new computer labs in October and, as of February 17, all of these computer labs’ equipment has shipped (thank you Kevin and [Homeland 254 Logistics!](#)). We are proud of the work we’re doing and so very excited for these new labs to get their start with technology. Keep an eye out for these new labs in coming newsletters:

- 1) [Franky’s Foundation](#), Nairobi, Kenya
- 2) [Kiserem Epilepsy Foundation](#), Ruiru, Kenya
- 3) [Kishoka Youth CBO](#), Mombasa, Kenya
- 4) [LakeHub Academy](#), Kisumu, Kenya
- 5) [Tunapanda Mobile LEAP](#), Nairobi, Kenya
- 6) [YEADO](#), Juba, South Sudan
- 7) [YEDA](#), Kakuma, Kenya
- 8) [YIEN](#), Kampala, Uganda



# GRADS AND GRAND OPENINGS

In Africa, most schools, including the computer labs, close for the month of December for the holidays. Once students are back in school, graduations take place to get the new year started. This year, Unifamily is happy to celebrate their students graduating from their computer classes... and the first class to graduate in their new building... CONGRATS TO ALL OF THEM!



Well Done!

We also witnessed the Grand Opening Ceremony of Rescue Wing Ghana via livestream and what a celebration it was. Wonderful words were shared to empower these female students. After the ribbon-cutting was finished, the girls showed us how they've learned to write coding and also program their robots... they are so very impressive and we can't wait to see what they accomplish this year! CONGRATS TO THEM AS WELL! You can find more videos of this wonderful day [here](#).



Computer lab door with ribbon



Some of the students

# TWO HUNDRED GIRLS GRADUATE FROM THE COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE AT IRENE SCHOOL!

We're so very proud of these young ladies. This is the first group of students from Irene School, an all-girls school, to finish the course, which includes word processing, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word Note and basic design skills. Felix Okumu, the Director at the school, says this, "The students are confident of higher potentiality in furthering their studies at the next level since they are a notch higher in the dealing with the ever-changing technological world." CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BRIGHT YOUNG INDIVIDUALS... KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

The Irene School Maralal



## TESTIMONIAL FROM FAILENE LENDIRA, GRADUATE AND GROUP LEADER CHAMPION (pictured below with her Champion Sisters and Computer Instructor)



"Ubuntu—We are because of you!"

"I offer my sincere thanks for your donation of a computer lab to our school. With this generous support I have been able to foster the knowledge of ICT (Information and Computer Technology) support. My sisters and I have benefited tremendously from the computer lab.

We have learned important skills such as word processing, spreadsheets, etc., and web design and software development. With these skills we are now able to explore various career options in the tech industry. We're also better able

to utilize the internet for research and to stay up to date on the latest technology. Moreover, the computer lab has been instrumental in my academic success. I can now access resources such as online libraries and research databases, allowing me to gather information quickly and accurately. This has enabled me to produce higher quality work and has given me a better understanding of the material I am studying.

I am immensely grateful to your organization for providing us with such a valuable resource. Your support is greatly appreciated and has helped us to flourish in an increasingly digital world." **Failene Lendiria, Irene School**



## WE ARE NOW TAKING USED OR NEW GOOGLE CHROMEBOOKS!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your laptop/desktop/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. (as long it is working and uses Windows 7 OS OR Apple 2013 or newer OS) and you'll be changing many lives. Once received, we'll wipe all data, if needed, add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it. If you would like to help us by donating equipment, send us a message... **your donation is tax deductible... and keeps equipment out of our landfills!**



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## VISION STATEMENT

Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and local community self-sufficiency.

*Ubuntu: "I am what I am because of who we all are."*

