

# ZAWADI\*

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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

Ubuntu: “I am what I am because of who we all are.”

## CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS

Franky's Foundation, in partnership with the Nairobi County Department of Youth Affairs at One Stop Youth Centre, Nairobi, celebrated their class of 2024 graduation on February 28, 2025. The graduates were 24 women and 61 men. This is their third graduation for their ICT training program focusing on digital skills, laptop repair, phone repair training, and e-waste management (January 2024 – February 2025).

Franky says, “they deserved this celebration. They have worked so hard to reach this journey of their life, always showing up and putting in the effort.” Connection Ubuntu is very proud of all of these young people and wish them success in obtaining self-sustaining jobs after all of their hard work and dedication. Together we change lives!



# CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS (continued)

**Baraco Foundation** is graduating six girls and five boys who have successfully completed their four month computer course offered at their facility in the Nambinzo village in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The celebration takes place on Saturday, March 8, 2025, to congratulate the students on this amazing step in their life. This is Baraco Foundations' first graduate class since receiving their computers. The celebration includes presentation of certificates, cake, drinks and photos sessions. The course was designed to take young students into the computer world by teaching the following: Intro to Computer and Microsoft Applications such as Word, Excel, Power Point and Publisher. We are so proud of the graduates and the work of the staff.



## ON ANOTHER NOTE

After more than ten years of working on computers, I have an official workspace!! I started this journey many years ago. I used our dining room and kitchen for my workspace. While challenging because of having to move all the computers, tools and supplies if we needed the space, I made it work. I've been using our back room for storage of both completed computers and ones that needed to be rehabbed. We have made space now for a work station and, after using it now for about two weeks, it is so lovely. I am still making small tweaks to the space but it is so nice to have an organized work area with tools, parts and supplies in a designated place.





## TRANSFORMING STUDENTS AT TRANSFORMERS MATHARE!

Lorine Raduk, one of the students from the Transformers Mathare computer lab in Mathare settlement in Nairobi, Kenya, has been awarded a full scholarship to advance software programming at Moringa School, Kenya's top tech bootcamp school. Moringa also happens to be Transformer's Director, Jack Owour's, Alma Mater. Jack recommended Lorine to the school as a candidate for their scholarship. Jack says Lorine is just passionate about what she does. She says this, "never limit or underestimate your abilities." Jack shared, "Lorine came to Transformers without any knowledge about programming and is now taking it to the next level. I am just proud of her determination!" Indeed, Jack, we're all so proud of her and also of the work you are doing to change lives with technology!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Empowerment and Health Promotion Organization (EHPO) has kicked off the 2025 year with the grand opening of their Early Childhood Education Center as a way to empower women and protect children. They thank God for the program's successful launch and are glad to announce the opening of Smart Kids Day Care Center, at Kisesa, MAGU district of Mwanza region in Tanzania. The center is wholly managed by EHPO and they are looking forward to using the laptops donated by Connection Ubuntu to enhance digital literacy to these children from ages two years and up. They thank the Connection Ubuntu team for the computer donations which give their children this great opportunity to get a great head start in digital literacy.



# BLESSINGS FROM COMPUTER MINISTRY

The CoTech lab in Kitale, Kenya, was hoping to start a computer and mobile phone repair class for their technology students. On behalf of The CoTech, we submitted a proposal to Computer Ministry to see if they would be willing to donate funds so that The CoTech could purchase the necessary tools. Our proposal was approved and the tools have been purchased by The CoTech and are now in the hands of their capable students. Josphat, Director of The CoTech, was so thrilled, “These tools are more than just equipment; they are a gateway to opportunities!” We can’t wait to see how many students lives are changed with these tools.



Rescue Wing Kenya’s computer lab was at a standstill because flooding damaged their batteries for the solar powered system. They needed new batteries and a solar panel. They were going to have to put classes on hold to attempt to raise the money for the batteries and solar panel. Connection Ubuntu wrote a proposal, again, to Computer Ministry, and, by the grace of God, they approved it to assist another of our partners. Rescue Wing Director, Erick, immediately bought the supplies needed and within two days, they had very happy students back in class! Erick from Rescue Wing Kenya shared these words, “I don’t know what to say... they have done a miracle to us!”



Words cannot express how grateful we are for the work Computer Ministry does. They help us with computers, parts and projects. Working toward the same goals of giving technology to the world, Computer Ministry are beacons of hope. Because of their kindness for others, Connection Ubuntu and our partners are thriving. We couldn’t do our work without their help. Together we change lives!

## DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Donate your Laptop/Chromebook/tablet/smartphone, etc., and you'll be changing many lives. Once received, we'll wipe all data, add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it. If you'd like to donate your used equipment, send us a message [here](#)... **your donation is tax deductible... and keeps equipment out of our landfills! Your used equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa.**

## SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING

AND CHANGE A LIFE

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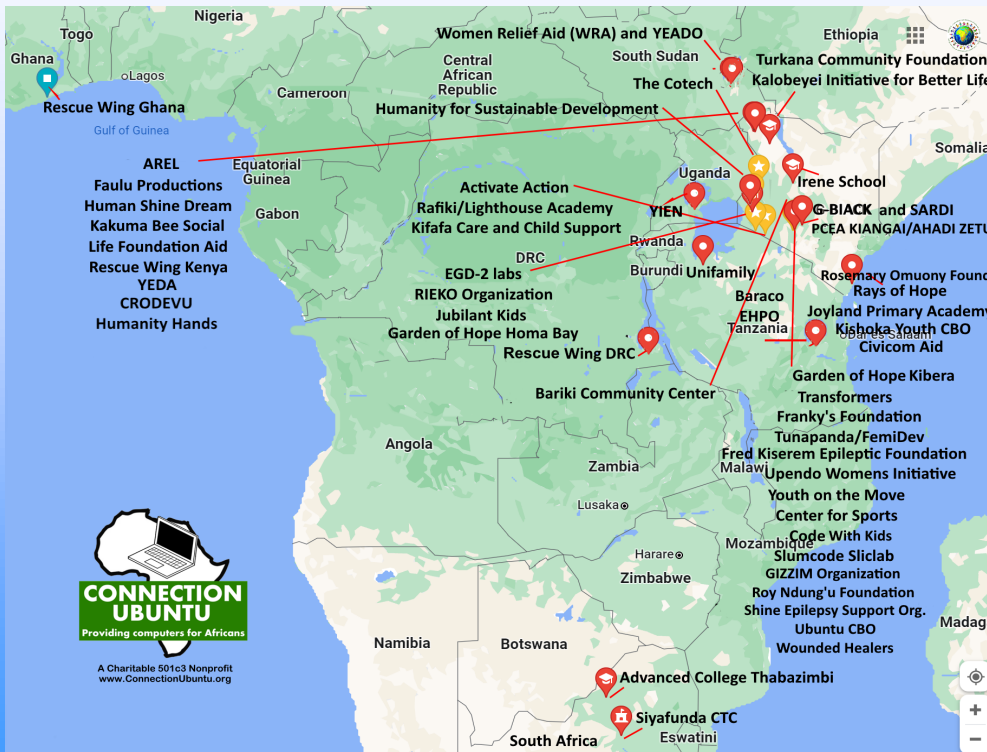
## GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR



Gifts That Give Hope (GTGH) has an online store all year long now! Grab those birthday and anniversary gifts right [here](#). This is a great way to shop for those folks who have what they need, supporting those in other countries that need the help. Connection Ubuntu and our partners would love your support... Together we change lives!



Computer Ministry of Mechanicsburg, Pa collects computer equipment items and then refurbishes them. They use the donations received to help people in the USA and around the world. Connection Ubuntu receives most of our donations via Computer Ministry. We are so grateful for them and their volunteers. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer, click [here](#) for more information.



## MAP OF OUR COMPUTER LABS

(click on map for more details)

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