

ZAWADI*

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Connection Ubuntu provides computer labs to students and entrepreneurs in Africa.

SAVE THE DATE—DEC 5th



VIRTUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

ONE DAY ONLY | DECEMBER 5, 2020 | 10 AM - 4 PM

GIVE GIFTS. GIVE HOPE. CHANGE LIVES.

Join us for the 2020 VIRTUAL Gift Fair!

For the health and safety of all our awesome nonprofits and our incredible shoppers, we are taking the gift fair online in a VIRTUAL format! Each nonprofit will be offering only one gift—an open donation to support their mission. Join us from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, to shop through our Square store. Upon receipt of your order, we will be mailing gift inserts and holiday cards so that your loved ones can still enjoy opening their alternative gift of hope!

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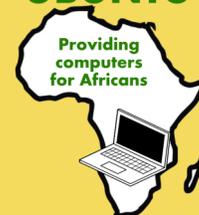
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Also, be on the look out for news about our upcoming Note Card Fundraiser for December!



Some photos for our Note Card Fundraiser

CONNECTION UBUNTU



* Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"



SPOTLIGHT

Slumcode Kenya

From Slumcode's Most Recent Report:

Over the last our lab was used by over 10 Students (8 female) for the entire duration with a few walk in – walk out who wanted to learn some basics of Hardware challenges and troubleshooting.

Most users also spent more time in the extra after class sessions doing research online and finding ways to connect with other people via Social Media.

Our Staff have also continued using the laptops for the numerous Zoom and Online sessions and also relied on the same for Data Storage from the Media Teams that have to capture so much information via Video and Photography for hub promotion, records and future use.

We also look forward to our lab becoming certified by the Computer Society of Kenya possibly for Quarter Two 2021 if not January subject to many factors remaining constant.

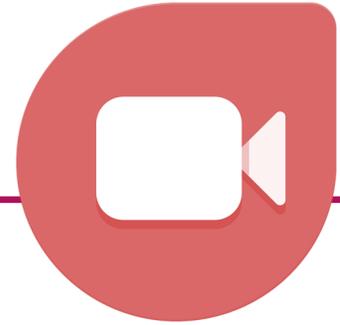
Our wiring and lighting of the lab has greatly improved, we are excited to now stay late and arrive early. We are soon unveiling our service charter which will help us progress and open up Slumcode Hub to more adult paying users. The advantage is this service enables users to sign up on a Daily, Weekly, Monthly and soon Annual Subscription as Members for various levels of service as we grow and become more sustainable.

Covid-19 Related challenges greatly affected our plans to move and setup at the larger spaces downstairs but hopefully this happens by Quarter Two 2021 This also dealt us lots of challenges as parents still remained unsure about gatherings and issues of social distancing towards the health of their children. This coupled with reopening of schools which also affected many parents and children both emotionally and financially as many had lost jobs and or businesses. Families therefore relocated to the countryside or moved to other locations.

You did it!
Congratulations



We however are glad to announce a 1st Graduation on the 4th of December 2020 for our initial team of participants to the Zuvamuka Program which we piloted since September focusing on Entrepreneurship, Computer Training and Holistic Personal Development.



To experience the Slumcode lab and see its changes, check out

#March2Greatness

2017:

<https://youtu.be/OUg40IGzTcY>

2020:

https://youtu.be/2kPxb_8ODuU



TESTIMONIAL



“Before we knew about this place, no one had ever taken their time to sit us down and tell us about the god things and impact learning Computers could bring to our future careers. The chance to learn and even have a laptop is not a simple one for people who stay where we stay – and that is why coming to this Slumcode Centre is what we want to always do.”

Unleash Generosity

December 1, 2020



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Every year, on GivingTuesday, we mobilize millions of people across the globe to show up, give back, and change their communities. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet.

SO VERY THANKFUL

THANKSGIVING TO THANKS-LIVING

Lives around the world are changed because of you! This Thanksgiving, we are grateful for each of our donors and volunteers. Futures given hope because of your support.

We also express our gratitude to our

Computer Donation Partners:

- ◆ Heat Transfer Systems of Georgia,
- ◆ Stanton and Associates,
- ◆ Fox Engineering,
- ◆ Evapco,
- ◆ St. Johns UCC Red Lion



Happy Thanksgiving



TESTIMONIALS



“...Each morning I cannot wait to start my day at the Hub. A chance to have a computer and use it well to help me better my skills at design work and typing based on training is life changing. I never saw myself realizing this dream this soon. Thanks to Slumcode’s Zuvamuka Program for the opportunity.”
George Kiuna - 18

“Having studied basic Computer Training years ago, I am happy to have gotten this one off opportunity to refresh at Slumcode Hub and further my knowledge. Nothing makes a difference to a young man like an opportunity to have a computer and even connected to the internet at my disposal, that spurs my innovative mind. I love this.”
Keith James - 19



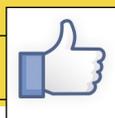
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Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and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

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



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