

# 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.”

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Last year Connection Ubuntu decided to start a scholarship program for a female student from one of our computer labs who had big dreams of learning information and communication technology (ICT) but could not afford the expense of the classes. We received six applications in November from our computer labs that were in good standing for their best students who fit our criteria. We are happy to share that the Scholarship committee awarded not one, but two students, the Connection Ubuntu Scholarship based on the student’s accomplishments, academic records, future plans, and references provided. Please join us in congratulating Cynthia Musanga from Rays of Hope and Loice Musamali from The CoTech as the Scholarship recipients.

Loice will receive her education for ICT Level 5 at The CoTech, an equivalent of ICT occupation standards in level 5 (Awarded by National Industrial Training Authority), an equivalent of a Diploma certificate for ICT. This is an eighteen month program with the possibility of higher education if Loice receives good grades. Loice shares these words, “I envision becoming an accomplished woman in the Information Technology world using technology to create solutions that address the unique challenges faced by women and vulnerable communities. I want to see my children and other children who have faced bitter lives flourish through education and opportunity.”



Cynthia will complete a full course of ICT Level 4 to meet requirements for an Artisan Certificate, a post-secondary vocational qualification (KNQF Level 4, Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA)), allowing graduates to progress to Craft Certificate levels. This is a twelve month program with the possibility for Cynthia to get higher education dependent on her grades. She says this, “Despite my vulnerability as a member of a marginalized community in Kenya, I am a daring woman. They say women cannot fit in the tech world, many believe that our work should be in the kitchen. I refuse this. I am passionate about technology and eager to gain useful skills in the technology that will greatly contribute from bondage of poverty, 21st Century illiteracy and also give a chance for my life sustainability.”

# A MULTITUDE OF OPPORTUNITIES

**Civicom Aid**, a computer lab in Mombasa, Kenya, has embarked on an exciting new journey with their students. After successfully completing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) classes through Civicom Aid, students now have the opportunity to earn degrees in Business Management, Accounting, Public Health, Business Leadership, Project Management, and Advanced ICT through the Brigham Young University online courses. The university offers these courses at no cost to the students. This would not be possible without the partnership between Connection Ubuntu and the Civicom Aid administration's dedication to securing these kinds of opportunities for their students.



While **Ready Aiders Foundation's** main focus is on autism awareness, they also empower the youth and women in their community by developing programs that enhance life skills and leadership development for the support of positive, personal, economic, and social change. One of their largest programs is Code Her Future Kenya. Code Her Future Kenya empowers vulnerable girls in Nairobi's informal settlements with digital skills that open doors to economic independence.

In Mathare, many young women grow up without access to technology or the skills to use it confidently. They finish school with few options and face poverty, gender-based violence, early motherhood, and limited opportunities for further education. Without digital skills, they remain locked out of the growing digital economy, trapped in cycles of dependence and unable to reach their full potential. The Code Her Future Kenya project provides free training in coding, graphic design, digital marketing, and virtual assistance for vulnerable young women in Mathare. By gaining digital skills and mentorship, young women in Mathare secure jobs, start businesses, and support their families. This breaks cycles of poverty, fosters confidence, and creates role models for their peers. Over time, empowered women strengthen communities, influence decisions, and open opportunities for all, building a more inclusive digital future. We're so glad their students have this opportunity because of Ready Aiders care for their community along with the support of computers from Connection Ubuntu!



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In 3 days, students from [Riley Orton Foundation](#) went from zero tech exposure to building real projects in Scratch Coding. This is the power of access. This is the future they're building for their girl students and this is why their work matters. To see more of the story from the kids' perspective, check out their video [here!](#) To try learning Scratch Coding, check it out [here!](#) Learning digital literacy will change students lives. It's the one common goal of all the computer labs... And Connection Ubuntu's goal especially for women and girls.



We're excited to see the kids from [Kakuma Vocational Center \(KVC\)](#) in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya exploring technology and building new skills in their computer class... Every lesson opens a world of possibilities. Their computer class is giving children the digital skills they need for their futures, empowering young minds, one click at a time!



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## 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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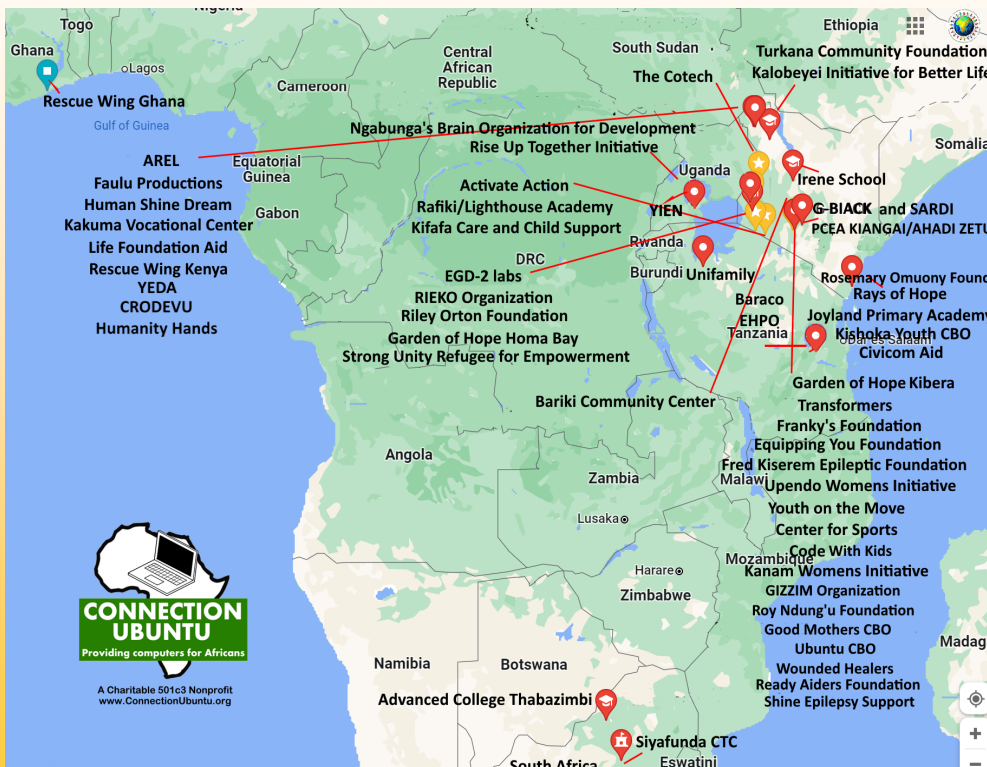
## GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR



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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