

# 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.”

## A NEW COMPUTER LAB IN UGANDA!

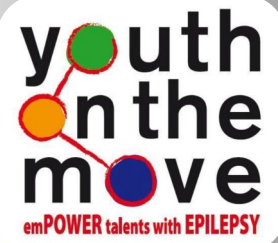
**Rise Up Together Initiative** is a community-based organization that was founded in 2020 after witnessing various barriers for women including digital illiteracy, poverty and gender-based violence with a desire to create change. They are committed to promoting entrepreneurship, digital literacy and hands on skills, empowerment and advocacy. .

With the support of Connection Ubuntu they have launched their new computer lab. This lab will be a hub of digital empowerment for women—opening doors to learning, innovation, and opportunities in today’s digital world. From basic computer skills to digital literacy training, they are building a future where women can thrive, lead, and create lasting change. Together, we are breaking barriers and ensuring that no woman is left behind in the digital age.



# LABS HAVE GRADUATES!

On December 6, 2025, twenty youth graduated from the digital literacy program at Youth On The Move lab. Two of the students have already been deployed to work in the nearby cyber café and one student volunteers at his church to assist with data entry. This is great news! We're so proud of their hard work.



Rieko celebrated the graduation of 46 youth last month from their school. The students learn general education along with digital literacy. Rieko's largest goal is to promote intergenerational care and learning, giving both the youth and their families a more rounded education. We're looking forward to seeing these children succeed in becoming self-sufficient adults and supporting their community!

Eight students graduated from the SARDI Computer School in January. Their computer lab empowers farmers and communities who are computer illiterate by equipping them with computer skills, enabling and empowering them to find work that helps to support their families. SARDI realizes that there is almost no opportunity for their community to receive good jobs without computer literacy training. Congrats to them!



# OUR PARTNERS ARE EVERYTHING

For Roy Ndung'u Foundation (RNF), who focuses their work on caregivers of persons with disabilities (PWD), 2025 was a year of definitive moments. They understand that caregivers are often unseen, unheard and unsupported, and that digital literacy opens new opportunities for their caregivers. By connecting them with online services, their caregivers feel connected to others who share the same experiences with their PWDs. By educating them with digital literacy, the caregivers also have a chance to explore their own life goals, while still assisting with the care of their loved one. To read their success story, [click here](#). We are so thankful to call them partners!



## SINGLE MOTHERS LEARN DIGITAL LITERACY

Good Mothers CBO is a nonprofit organization focused on supporting children with mental and physical disabilities, along with supporting their caregivers. They aim to empower and support special needs individuals to integrate them into the community as independent and productive citizens. A goal specifically for their computer lab is to provide affordable technological knowledge and skills for young girls and women and those raising children with disabilities.



Good Mothers has introduced free evening classes for young single mothers up to 25 years old. These skills will assist them to launch their careers. We are so thankful for their work. It's so important for people to be seen as human beings, instead of being held to stigma. May Good Mothers continue to be a beacon of hope to their students and caregivers.

## 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

**DONATE NOW!**  
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We would love to have your support on a monthly basis... Click the Donate Now button on the top right... there are several donation options to choose from... and Goodworld makes it easy to navigate our page. Thank you!

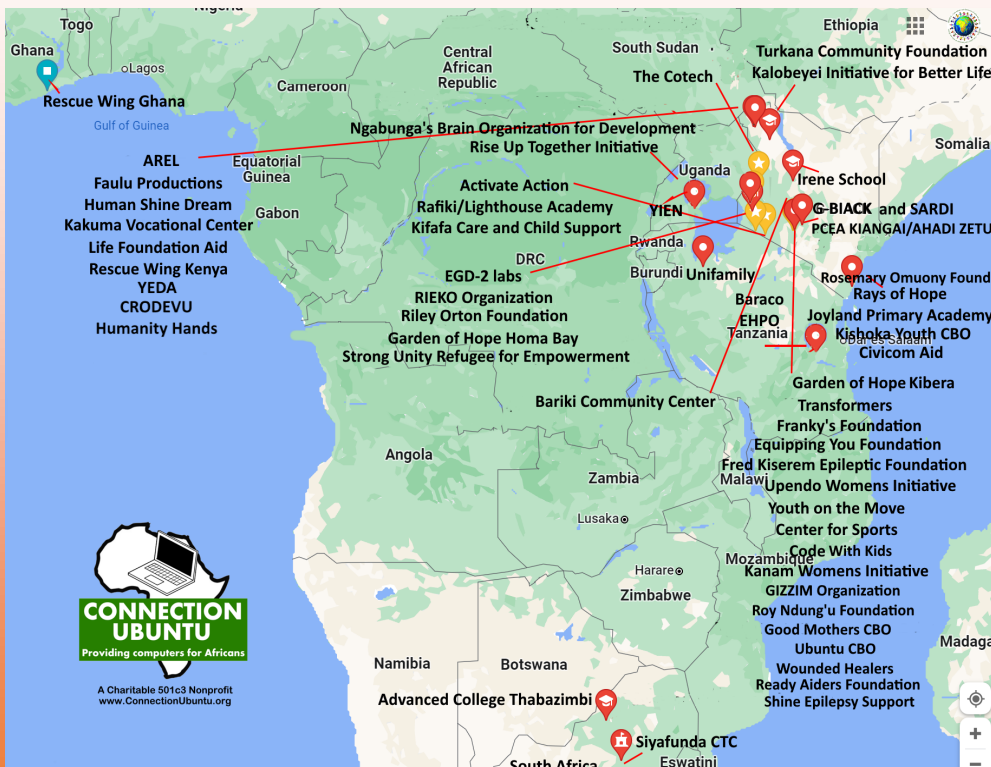
## GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR

GIFTS THAT  
**GIVE HOPE**

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)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO FOLLOW US

