# Zawadi *

## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CONNECTION UBUNTU

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\* Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"

## SAVE THE DATES!

**There are some great events coming up and we'd love your support.**

**NOV 28, 2023**

**GIVING TUESDAY**

**Connection Ubuntu participates in #GivingTuesday every year. We are also starting a new campaign called "Giving Every Tuesday," which supports women and girls, teaching them ICT (Information and Communication Technology) skills. When women learn these skills they will teach their community! We would love your support... Together we change lives!**

**GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE**

## 16th Annual Gift Fair
## December 10, 2023
## 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
## Farm & Home Center, Lancaster

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US AT OUR BOOTH FOR THE GIFT FAIR, PLEASE CONTACT US HERE… WE COULD USE A FEW EXTRA HANDS.

IF YOU CAN'T JOIN US AT THE GIFT FAIR, HERE'S OUR ONLINE LINK… WE'D LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!

# WELCOME 7 NEW COMPUTER LAB PARTNERS!

After reviewing numerous computer lab applications we are thrilled to share that we have approved these seven labs! Their computers will soon be on their way to these new partners and we couldn't be more excited for them. We get requests daily from all over Africa for technology support. We are so blessed here in the USA and most Americans have no idea how needed this equipment is in Africa. We are so happy we can help. If you have older computers that you would like to donate, please contact us here. You have no idea how many lives it may change.

**MEET OUR NEW LABS!**

AREL — The objectives of Action for Refugee Life, located in the Kakuma Refugee camp, in Kenya, are to provide training for those who lack skills, and facilitate their access to job opportunities. They aim to give them power to become self reliant participants in a life that is both economically and socially rewarding.



BARACO FOUNDATION — Lack of vocational training and skill development centers in Mbozi, Tanzania, leaves young people no possible way to earn a living wage. The lab will provide training in computer skills, coding, web and graphic design, and Microsoft Office, to equip young people, especially girls, with skills necessary to earn self-sufficient wages. They hope to break the struggles of young girls who have no choice but to marry as teens, depriving them of socio-economic opportunities and living a life of poverty.



EHPO — The mission of Empowerment and Health Promotion Organization (EHPO) is to strengthen the economic and social independence of vulnerable groups in their local community by focusing on empowering girls, young women and boys through enhancement of economic independence and personal wellbeing through computer literacy.



KAKUMA BEE SOCIAL — By providing access to technology and training, Kakuma Bee Social Enterprise, located in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya, hopes to empower marginalized individuals with valuable job skills to enhance their employment prospects, self-sufficiency and personal development.

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**SARDI** — Based in Thika, Kenya, SARDI's (Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Initiative) goal is to empower farmers and communities who are computer illiterate by equipping them with computer skills thus enabling them to find work that helps to support their families.

**TRANSFORMERS CONNECT** — Their project plans to support vulnerable and disabled girls in Mathare slums, in Nairobi, Kenya, by teaching them computer programming skills. They plan on training more women, youth, and persons living with disabilities to learn how to code and create the next software developers from the heart of Mathare.



**UPENDO** — Upendo's vision is to eradicate poverty through education and skills training to improve the lives of people in Kawangware slums, in Nairobi, Kenya. Their mission is to nurture and empower women and young girls suffering from mental illness and gender based violence in the community.



Thank you, Computer Ministry, for the continuous generous cornucopia of donated computer equipment to Connection Ubuntu. Without your assistance, we truly would not be able to provide our African partners with the best possible computers. We are truly blessed with our partnership with you.

# THANK YOU SCROUNGE!

S.C.R.O.U.N.G.E. (Students for Computer Recycling to Outfit Underrepresented Nonprofit Groups in Education) is a student-run micro-business at Penn State University that exists to redistribute functional computers to nonprofit groups, receive donations of computer and electronic equipment, and to help the community by safely disposing of electronics. Connection Ubuntu has been blessed with another wonderful large donation of laptops and peripheral equipment from them and we are so very thankful. We appreciate their work and are so lucky to be a beneficiary.



Left-Right: Kevin, Ean, Sean, Asik

All of these laptops!

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# COMPUTERS, COMPUTERS EVERYWHERE!

We've shipped a ton of computers lately. Our September shipment just reached Nairobi, our October shipment will soon reach Mombasa, and we have five more boxes ready for pickup from Kevin at Homeland 254 Logistics! What a great year for computers reaching our African partners, all thanks to your support!



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Evan (in van) And Kevin!

# DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your laptop/desktop/tablet/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 <u>message</u>... *your donation is tax deductible... and keeps equipment out of our landfills!*

## THE OFFICIAL CONNECTION UBUNTU MERCH STORE

**STOP NEW ITEMS ADDED**

Visit our <u>Online Store</u>... we'd love to see you wearing our goods and Bonfire will donate a percentage of your purchase to us! **Check out our new tie dye and earth-friendly wearables!**

## SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING
### AND CHANGE A LIFE

**DONATE NOW! CLICK HERE**

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

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### CONNECTION UBUNTU'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:
### WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO "FOLLOW" US. PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

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# VISION STATEMENT

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

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.

Providing computers to Africans

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