

Zawadi*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

HERI YA MWAKA MPYA! (HAPPY NEW YEAR IN SWAHILI)!

Wishing you all a healthy and very happy new year filled with love and abundant happiness. The Connection Ubuntu team is excited for what the new year will bring to us and to our African partners. We have lots of work to do preparing many donated computers, thanks to you, and we look forward to sharing the joys of how these computers are changing lives in Africa this year.



WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SHIPPING SUPPLIES ASAP...

(Packaging can be used or new...)

1. Earth-friendly packing peanuts, small or large bags
2. Large size boxes, heavy duty, size 18x18x24 (Lowe's)
3. Packing tape (earth-friendly is even better), 6 rolls
4. Heavy duty brown paper (for packing), any amount
5. Bubble wrap (if you get boxes shipped to you, we can reuse your materials!)
6. Women's sanitary pads... we line the bottom of our shipping boxes with these... they serve two purposes... they are great for padding protection for computers and then can be used by the women in Africa.

LINK TO OUR AMAZON WISHLIST [HERE](#).

If you have USED PACKING MATERIALS, PLEASE EMAIL US AT CONNECTIONUBUNT@GMAIL.COM SO WE CAN PICK THEM UP!



ARRIVALS

COMPUTERS ARRIVED AT ACTIVATE ACTION, JOYLAND PRIME ACADEMY AND LIFE FOUNDATION AID IN NOVEMBER AND THEY ARE READY FOR STUDENTS!



Activate Action is located in Homa Bay, Kenya. Their mission is to build self-esteem of young people, allowing them to take advantage and thrive in a digital world, bridging the digital divide. Their team consists of high school and university students, as well as people living with HIV, gender minorities, and marginalized youth living with disabilities. They are united by the common goal of an open society in which HIV, disability and gender is never a reason for exclusion, fear, or stigma.

Joyland Prime Academy is located in Mombasa, Kenya. Their computer lab will enable children to complete home work assignments requiring internet access, to learn ICT (Information and Communication Technology) lessons and to offer internet services to marginalized children, giving them access to digital learning.



Life Foundation Aid is located in the Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kakuma, Kenya. Their vision is to develop well rounded, confident and responsible individuals who aspire to achieve their full potential. They hope to reach this by providing a welcoming, happy, safe and supportive learning environment in which everyone is equal and all achievements are celebrated.



From their Founder, Musa Mungu: "We are thankful for the support you made with all the team for remembering those who are in need of your hands. We believe through the computers you provided we are going to empower more refugees in technology."



DEPARTURES

WE HAVE THIRTY MORE COMPUTERS ON THEIR WAY TO AFRICA!

Three more labs in Kenya will soon be bustling to get their labs set up for students in February 2023. Their computers are on their way to Kenya via container ship through Homeland 254 Logistics. They are headed to the Emuhaya Group of Disabled (EGD) in Luanda, Kenya, The Cotech in Kitale, Kenya, and Human Shine Dream in the Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kakuma, Kenya. There are 12 boxes in this shipment because the computers are Small Form Factor (SFF) desktops instead of laptops. That means there are also 30 monitors, keyboards, mice and cords... that's a lot to fit into four boxes for each lab. If you would like to see the route these container ships travel, click [here](#) to play our Scratch game... click on the green flag when the page opens... it takes you on a ship ride! Thank you to all of you who donate funds towards our work... we couldn't do this without you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMUEL BINJA CIMANUKA!



Samuel Binja Cimanuka, Computer Lab Director for Kalobeyei Initiative For Better Life in the Kalobeyei Settlement Refugee Camp, won a ReimaginED award. He was chosen based on the measurable impact he has made on his community in advancing education in Kenya, based on the following criteria for the award: do hard things, go further together, listen and learn, redefine excellence and do small things with great love.

I can speak from personal knowledge that Sam likes to brainstorm and loves to be held accountable for the work he does. He is truly a special individual and Connection Ubuntu is proud to have provided a computer lab to Sam to help him continue to serve his community. Stated on his award, "You are a lighthouse of possibility for us all and deserving of special recognition." We're so proud of him!





WE ARE NOW TAKING USED OR NEW GOOGLE CHROMEBOOKS!

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



THE OFFICIAL CONNECTION UBUNTU MERCH STORE

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VISION STATEMENT

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."

