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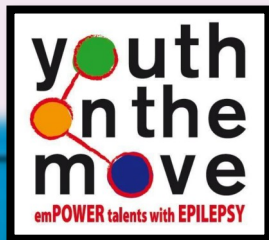
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OUR PARTNERS DOING GREAT THINGS

Youth on the Move is a nongovernmental organization based in Nairobi, Kenya whose dream is to have an understanding and responsive society that ensures equal participation of persons with epilepsy in all aspects of life. They have mentorship for youth with epilepsy, both male and female aged 18 to 30 years, where they train and mentor students on personal growth, business skills and computer literacy. The aim is to re-orient the youth back to society as full contributors to social, economic and political participation and help them become independent by gaining current social, business and digital skills that will enable them to compete equally and thus live normal lives. The training for the youth is tailored three days a week where 2 days are scheduled for 30 youth who are enrolled in a one-year program while the third day, Saturday, is scheduled for former youths (alumni) who are free to walk-in and do revisions on the computers, browse and even type their homework for those in college. Because of the computer lab, 3 percent (15 students so far) have gotten data entry and self-employed graphic designer jobs!



Testimony from a student: "I am Emily, 23 years old, positively living with epilepsy condition. I have enjoyed most working on the laptops especially writing my personal growth reports, editing of font and color as well as inserting photos and shapes. Sending emails and browsing has made the whole course at Youth on the Move interesting. I look forward to keep my business records using a computer once I finish this course!"



MAUA MWANGAZA, born in Democratic Republic of Congo,
Student at Rescue Wing Kenya—

"I live in the Kakuma Refugee Camp under UNHCR Protection. I would love to say thanks to the donor, Connection Ubuntu, and Rescue Wing Team, for the support provided to me. This was my first time for me to touch a keyboard and computer in general. Before I became a student, I was thinking that computer and television are the same. I didn't know that a computer can support me in many ways such as writing documents, saving the memories of family documentation, education and others tasks. Apart from that, I can watch movies and use it at a cyber business. When I planned to join I went first to my family to inform them of my choice but they started to discourage me by saying that it will be hard to me to learn. I thank my facilitator, Erick, who supported my journey and now I am able to use the computer. My father is now proud of me on how I can use computer. I want to become a computer web developer! Thank you for supporting girls within the refugee community."



MORE PARTNERS DOING GOOD



The CoTech's mission is to empower every reachable member of their community, especially women, through technological skills that will enable them to not only secure jobs but also remain outstanding in current affairs, solve any technological problem that may arise and also be able to take care of the environment thru technology.

This past quarter they have taught 520 students, 304 being female and 216 being male. Of this, 506 were learners in three local primary schools they partner with. Six of those students are also taking The Cotech's repair and maintenance of computer hardware course and 8 are doing other Information and Communication Technology (ICT) related courses. Two of their students this past quarter have secured jobs, one who has opened a cyber café in a neighboring town while the other one is employed as a data entry clerk in the local milk processing plant.



A CoTech student repairing a computer

Josphat, their Founder, is quite the entrepreneur, always brainstorming about how they can be more self-sustaining. The CoTech was able to gain another local partner, a school. As an organization, they have a goal to repackage themselves as a branding company to increase their sustainability base.

In the number of beneficiaries, they have shared that they have 506 primary school learners actively engaged because they have partnered with their schools. With all schools fully implementing a competency-based curriculum as a new curriculum in Kenya. There are a number of things that need to be present as tools for teachers. One of them is an assessment rubric, a tool used to evaluate an individual's performance or ability in a specific competency, defining the expected levels of proficiency. It breaks down a competency into core skills and outlines different levels of mastery, from novice to expert. These rubrics are often used in workplace performance evaluations and educational settings to guide learning and to assess progress. This assessment tool records the performance of a learner from the first day he or she steps in a class to the last day he or she leaves the class in order to transition to the next class. A typical assessment rubric is around 40 pages and costs 400 shillings in the bookshops. Josphat had an idea to make these books for the schools at a deferred cost while assisting with The CoTech's sustainability. Out of the 506 rubrics needed,

The CoTech was able to complete 396, while subcontracting the remaining rubrics, and clear approximately 52000 Kenya shillings... a net income of \$403. This income provided them with 35% of their revenue just in the last quarter... quite the success story for their organization! They are thankful to Connection Ubuntu for providing their printer.

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.**

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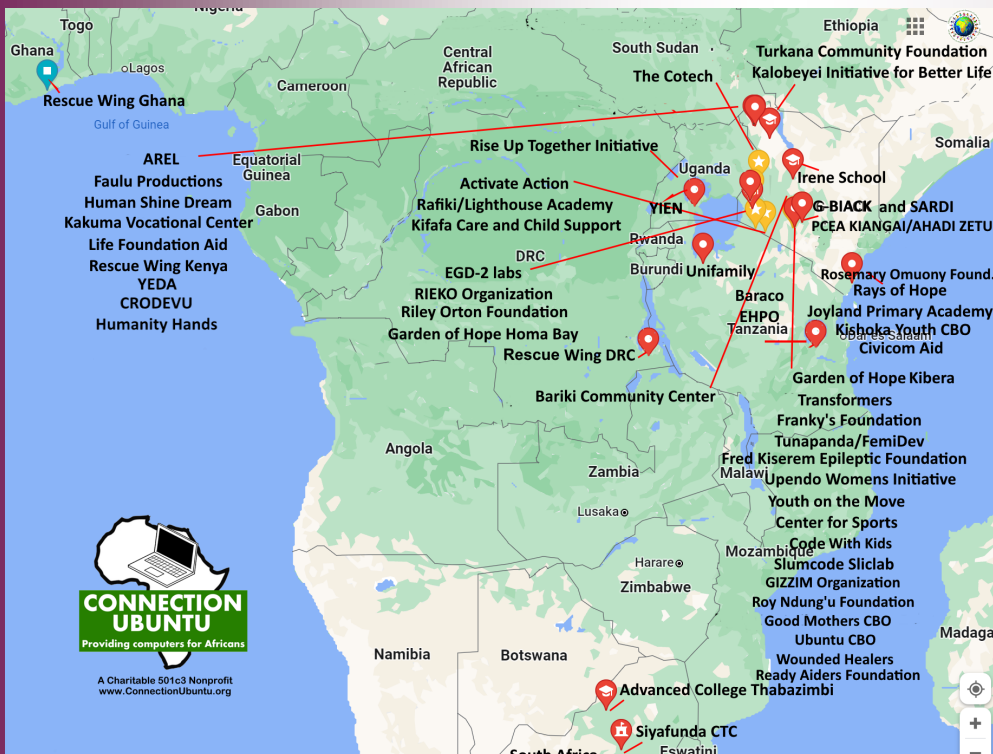
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Gifts That Give Hope (GTGH) has an online store all year long now! Grab those birthday and anniversary gifts right [here](#). This is a great way to shop for those folks who have what they need, supporting those in other countries that need the help. 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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