

ZAWADI*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

GIFTS THAT
GIVE HOPE

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!
Sunday, December 12, 2021

Connection Ubuntu is one of the 17 nonprofits at the Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair this year and we are hoping for your support. Join us in PERSON at the Farm & Home Center on SUNDAY December 12, 2021 for the 14th annual alternative gift fair where you can purchase meaning-filled gifts for everyone on your shopping list!! Alternative gifts, social enterprise, fair trade, business for good, environmentally & ethically sourced gifts available.

Join us from 10am-3pm and bring a friend for lunch... stop by our booth and check out our new game!

If you can't join us, you can support GTGH by making purchases online [here](#)... just scroll down to find Connection Ubuntu... Thank you so much!

GTGH will be following all [CDC guidelines](#) and recommends wearing a mask since this is an indoor event.

****NEWSFLASH****

Have a computer, tablet or smartphone you want to donate? Bring it with you to GTGH and drop it off to us... we're grateful for your donation!



THE HOLIDAY SEASON HAS
ARRIVED AND
WE WOULD LOVE YOUR
SUPPORT.

There's no cost to you and
Connection Ubuntu receives a
donation from Amazon based
on a percentage of your
purchases!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN
UP AND SHOP [HERE](#) AND
CHOOSE US AS YOUR CHARITY!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear family, friends and supporters,

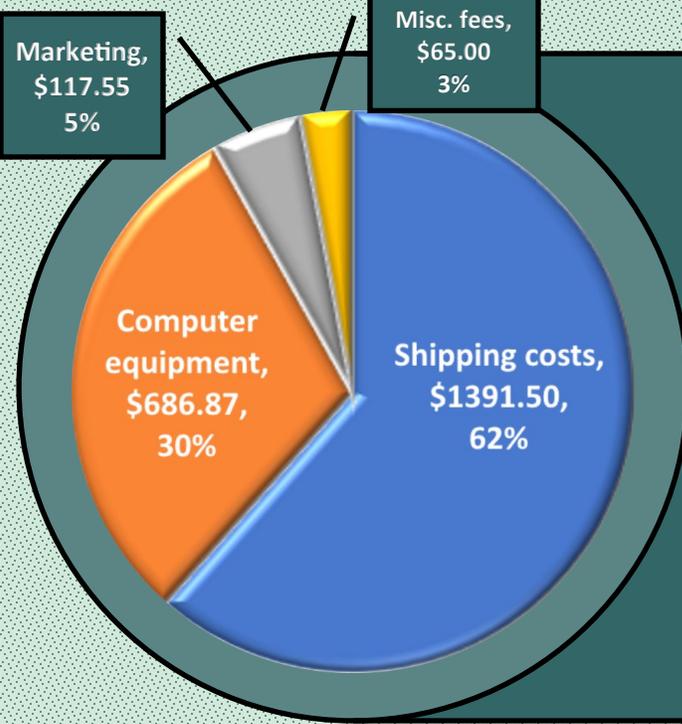
How is it December already! This year has just flown by. While the world has been dealing with the Covid-19 virus and taking safety precautions, Connection Ubuntu managed to gather more than fifty computers during the year from wonderful donors such as yourselves, along with receiving donations from Computer Ministry and 12:34 Microtechnologies. This allowed us to approve two more worthy computer labs, Garden of Hope in Nairobi, Kenya, and Irene School in Maralal, Kenya. They are both anxiously awaiting the arrival of their computers. All six new computer labs approved last October opened their doors to students in February and their students are loving the new-to-them technology. Students in the labs in Africa strived to familiarize themselves on how to operate computers and create Word, Excel and PowerPoint documents, teaching them skills they need for office jobs. Connection Ubuntu has partnered with several local companies in both Kenya and South Africa, LakeHub, Learning Lions, SheCodes and Siyafunda, to give our female students further education with the potential of acquiring jobs... a huge blessing. We are so very excited for this new opportunity! Connection Ubuntu and our partners in Africa cleared many hurdles in 2021 and learned so much. We couldn't be more proud of our work and we have you to thank for so much of this success.

Our team would like to wish you all a beautiful holiday season filled with love and good health. May 2022 give us hope for a bold and bright new year!

Vicki and the Connection Ubuntu Team

Peace
ON EARTH





CONNECTION UBUNTU EXPENSE CHART FOR 2021

This chart depicts our expenditures for the past year. As you can see, there are no expenses for staff. Our organization is all volunteer and 100% of your donated funds go directly towards our mission.



Packing 50 computers depleted our packing supplies... We would love if you could help us out by saving and donating any of your packing materials you may receive in delivered boxes. We're looking for peanuts, pillow puffs, bubble wrap, heavy duty paper, etc. If it's biodegradable that's even better! We have more computer labs waiting for approval and to make their dreams come true, we need your help with this hurdle. Please [contact us](#) for local pickups... we're happy to recycle your supplies!



Computer Ministry

Computer Ministry collects computer equipment items, recycles or refurbishes them and then donates the equipment to non-profit organizations.

Thanks to Computer Ministry, Connection Ubuntu has been the recipient of more than 25 computers this year. We are so grateful and thankful for this wonderful company. Because of their work we were able to assist more labs than expected during these challenging times.

Thank you Computer Ministry!

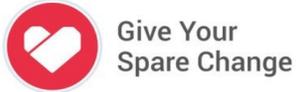
DO YOU HAVE A USED COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE?

Want to give people in Africa a great opportunity and also keep our landfills happy? Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. We'll take your laptop/desktop/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. as long it is working and uses Window 7 OS OR Apple 2013 or newer OS. We'll wipe all data, if needed. We'll add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it.

If you have a computer, smartphone or other technological equipment and would like to help us out by donating it, send us a message... *we are in dire need of equipment and your donation is tax deductible!*



 **Goodworld**



Give Your Spare Change

Supporters round up their purchases and donate their spare change.

Ever have the cash register attendant at a local merchant ask if you would like to round up your purchase total to the nearest dollar to benefit a nonprofit? You can set a weekly cap to automatically turn off roundups after a specific amount if you like. Donations are 100% tax-deductible to donors. Get started rounding up [here](#) for Connection Ubuntu!

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!

**CONNECTION UBUNTU'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES
WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO "FOLLOW" US.**



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."

