

Zawadi*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

PLEASE RSVP!



IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!

Join us for the
celebration!



WHERE: Tellus 360, 24 E King St, Lancaster, PA, THE TEMPLE ROOM

WHEN: September 29, 2024, 12pm – 4pm

ADMISSION: Any denomination of 10! (10 cents, 10 dollars, etc.)

RSVP: Email ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com with number of attendees

ACTIVITIES

Silent auction

Games for kids

Cash bar

Entertainment

African Food Vendors

50/50 Raffle

African Merchandise Vendors

Connection Ubuntu turns 10 this year and we are excited to celebrate with you! We are working hard in preparation of our big celebration and plan to share updates via FaceBook and our monthly newsletters. We plan to have an event schedule and look forward to celebrating all of our supporters, especially our computer and fund donors, along with thanking our present and past Board members. As seen in the invitation above, please RSVP at our email, ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com, with the number of attendees. This will help our food vendors know how much food to prepare. Food can be purchased from the African food vendors or from Tellus 360's pub. Remember, we can't do our work without your support. We hope to see you in September!

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN TECH

Renice Owino is a lab director for one of our new lab partners, working with children at her nonprofit, Code with Kids “She’s Next” is a global advocacy program that aims to support women-owned small businesses through funding, training and mentorship, to take their businesses to new heights. CEO, Renice Owino, just secured third place in the prestigious “Visa Kenya She’s Next Grant Competition,” winning 1,000,000 KES (Kenya Shillings) (Approx. 8000 USD) for Code With Kids! This fantastic achievement will allow them to acquire essential robotics kits and resources to enhance their learning center and expand the organization’s impact.

Renice's leadership and dedication have been instrumental in achieving this milestone. Her vision continues to drive their mission of empowering the next generation of innovators through affordable, high-quality STEM education. From Renice, "I am excited that I got the opportunity to show the world what Code With Kids does in the community and the impact that we have in our community. We are proud of each learner that is enrolled in our STEM Program. The experience was thrilling as we gained a deeper understanding of our organization and were excited to share the amazing work Code With Kids does with the audience present."

We're so very proud of her and hope that this win inspires other women to make their careers in technology. If you would like to watch her presentation and award acceptance, click [here](#).



Renice, on right, accepting her award



Renice, giving her presentation to the judges

SheCodes—AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS

SheCodes Foundation Mission

Women currently hold 25% of coding jobs and earn 30% less money than men. In most developing countries, more than 65% of women don't have bank accounts and cannot afford to invest in their education.

SheCodes is here to help provide women in developing countries with the opportunity to learn how to code for free. SheCodes offers a solid introduction to product development, product design and product management.

SheCodes wants to teach tens of thousands of women coding at NO COST in over 100 developing countries. It's a great way to make a self-sustainable living and only 25% of women hold coding jobs. All seven countries where our computer labs reside can be a part of their free classes and we hope they take the opportunity to share this with their female students. Their website, [here](#), shows how to apply for their free coding lessons by country. Because of our partnership with SheCodes, they are asking anyone who applies to state that they are from one of our computer labs. We hope to share in the near future that we have numerous students taking this opportunity!

CONNECTION UBUNTU COMPUTER DONATIONS AND PREP

You all know we send computers to Africa, but we have really never shared what is done with the donated computers prior to shipping them. We wanted to share this process so that you have a better understanding of what we do. After receiving donated computers, they are sorted by brand, and added to our shelves. Each computer is checked for hard drive and RAM memory. If the computer has 4GB of RAM or more, we install a very small version of Windows 11 Pro and Microsoft Office. If we receive any Apple computers, we load the Zorin Linux EDU distro, which mirrors a Windows computer. The Linux system works great on these computers because all of the drivers are included on the operating system. We test the computers as we're installing the operating system to make sure everything is in working order (battery, hard drive, memory, screen, keyboard, etc.) If we can replace any parts that are not working, we do that. Sadly, sometimes we cannot use every computer we receive because they are either too old or we can't get the parts. It's a very tedious process but our recipients are so thankful to get the computers. Have a computer you want to donate? Contact us [here](#)!



From top, clockwise:

Computer setup ,
finished
computers,
hard drives and RAM parts,
donated computers to be
worked on.



YIEN MAKES THEIR COME-BACK!

Back in April, YIEN (Youth Inclusion and Empowerment Network) was robbed of six computers, four sewing machines, a printer and their complete supply of cloth sanitary pads. The thieves also damaged the items they left behind, including electrical outlets and power strips. Thanks to kind and generous donations, including one from a local business who has a Pay It Forward program, YIEN was able to fix their doors and get new locks. The donor for the Pay It Forward program made their donation in memory of their grandson and Walter, director of YIEN, made sure Anthony was memorialized prior to restarting their facility. We are so proud of them and look forward to sharing the good work they are doing in their community. Connection Ubuntu replenished their computers but they do still need some funding to replace the sewing machines. If you feel so moved to assist, please contact us. Anthony's favorite saying was, "The world is yours!"



"The world is Yours!"

This Computer Lab was
reopened in Loving Memory
of **Anthony Hernandez**
with support from
Connection Ubuntu



**MAP OF OUR
COMPUTER
LABS**

**(CLICK ON MAP
FOR
MORE DETAILS)**

DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

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



THE OFFICIAL CONNECTION UBUNTU MERCH STORE

Visit our [Online Store](#)... 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!

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



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.

