

Zawadi*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

WELCOME TURKANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMPUTER LAB!

Turkana Community Foundation’s lab was opened in January 2021 under the direction of Samuel Litunya. TCF’s lab is located in Lodwar, Kenya. They are teaching Basic Computer Training skills that aim to equip young people with appropriate technology, and later include ICT training for which there is a specific demand. The training runs up to 2 months depending on the student’s speed and the student will receive a Certificate of Merit, created by TCF, upon completion of all prepared exams. Samuel shares these words, “Here are some of our recent photos. We are glad that our students can afford to put on a smile while touching the computer laptops. We are truly humbled for your love and the support you have given us.”



SUPERSTARS



WHAT DO MY COLORS REPRESENT?



The Kenyan flag includes symbols of unity, peace and defense of the country. The color black represents the people of the Republic of Kenya, red for the blood shed during the fight for independence, and green for the country's landscape and natural wealth. The white fimbriation was added later to symbolize peace and honesty. The black, red, and white traditional Maasai shield and two spears symbolize the defense of all the things mentioned above.

WE HAVE A NEW UPCOMING FUNDRAISER FOR
THE MONTH OF JUNE!

HANDEL'S
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SINCE 1945

PINT CARD SALE

We will be selling Ice Cream Gift Cards for Handel's Ice Cream. The Gift Cards can be used any time! You purchase cards for pints of delicious homemade ice cream from Handel's and we get a percentage of all sales. These are great gifts for any special occasion!



Thank you so much for your support of our Isaacs Fundraiser last month. We raised a total of \$174 between our online donations and the percentage donated from Isaacs. We couldn't do this without you and we are grateful for your support!

CONNECTION UBUNTU IS A PART OF THIS GREAT PROGRAM...

When you "Leave a Legacy," you're enriching the lives of other people and supporting and sustaining charitable work for future generations.



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A Program of the York County Bar Foundation

Make the Gift of a Lifetime.

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- Assisting York County nonprofit organizations in promoting bequests and planned gifts.
- Encouraging York County professional advisers to include charitable giving in the estate planning process.
- Promoting planned giving directly to the public.

Leaving a gift to your favorite charities serves to avoid PA inheritance tax after you pass. And it will not affect your financial stability. We would be honored to receive this gift.

KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP STATISTICS

Kakuma refugee camp is a home to 160,000 refugees (January 2021) from South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Uganda. The camp is located in Turkana County, one of the poorest counties in Kenya. Many Turkana residents are pastoralists living semi-nomadic lifestyles, and most live in small huts in villages without running water or electricity. Our study shows severe poverty and vulnerability for both hosts and refugees, making the case for targeted interventions to buffer livelihoods, improve human capital, and break the cycle of poverty across these communities. We found that 68% of Kakuma refugees and 65 percent of Kalobeyei refugees live below the poverty line of \$1.90 per day (2011 PPP). Strikingly, the immediate surrounding host community in Turkana County is even more impoverished with 72% living in poverty. In comparison, 37% of Kenyans are poor at the national level. The study also found that refugees who live in households headed by women are poorer than those who live in men-headed households. Not only does the poverty rate among refugees vary according to gender, but also by country of origin, and the date of displacement.



Connection Ubuntu has one computer lab located in this camp with the possibility of another two labs there soon. We would love your support to help these people, most who arrived as children with no family, learn technology so they can get good jobs. Will you join us in supporting them? Your \$10 donation buys one computer. Donate [here...](#) Thank you!

We would love to have your support on a monthly basis... whether it's five dollars (or more)... Your support means not only the world to us but to our partners in Africa. And our online system, Donorbox, makes it so easy to set up your donation. There are several options to choose from. Check out the link [here...](#) We are so thankful for you!

Set-It-and-Forget-It Monthly Giving Program



DO YOU HAVE USED EQUIPMENT?

HELP US GET IT INTO HANDS THAT CAN USE IT!



We'll take your older laptop/desktop/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. as long it is working, and wipe all data, if needed. We'll add an Operating System (OS), make sure the equipment functions properly again and clean it. Next, your donated equipment is sent to our partners in Africa. Used working equipment is priceless to them and donating it keeps our landfills happy. So if you have a computer or other technological equipment and you're not sure what to do with it, send us a [message](#).

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."

