

ZAWADI*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

WE'RE HAVING A JUNE “FUN”RAISER!



Has there ever been a time when the need for improved communication was greater? In the best of circumstances, effective communication is difficult. Email, text and video conferences are replacing in-person social activity, conversations and meetings, especially for those who live in different time zones.

June is “**Effective Communications Month**” and communication is very important to both Connection Ubuntu and our partners in Africa. Communication is key when getting information needed to approve new computer labs and also to address issues any of our partners may experience. We struggle with the time zone challenges and mostly resort to either email or WhatsApp to do our communicating.

Connection Ubuntu has eight new labs up for approval and we’d like to effectively communicate that we need assistance with funding for four of these labs during the next months... so here’s what we have in mind:

We are making this a game! Every Friday in June will be \$5 Friday. For every donation you make, we’ll put your name in a hat... and at the end of the month we’ll draw a name and that winner will get to choose one photo out of a group of selected photos from Becky Mohr of Mohr Visions to call their own!

Why not get started with your first donation! Any day you donate, even if it’s not a Friday, will still get your name in the hat!



 **Donate**

IDEAS WANTED



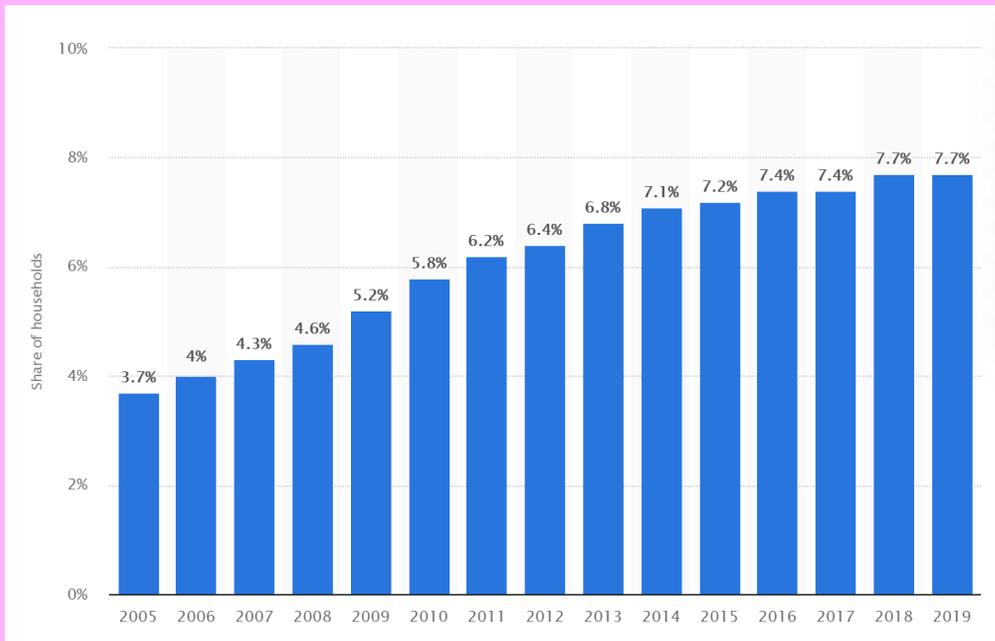
Do you enjoy a certain type of fundraiser? Are there others you would never attend? Do you live in another state and feel left out when you can't attend a local fundraiser? Do you have ideas you'd like to share? We're looking for fun, inclusive online fundraisers and would love your thoughts! Connection Ubuntu is preparing to approve eight new computer labs and we would love to raise funds by having a fundraiser lots of people would like to attend... something different that we haven't tried before... something that your family and friends would enjoy too. We're hoping you'll share some great brainstorming ideas. Please [contact us](#) with your suggestions!



The 10 computers for Advanced College Pretoria are almost in South Africa! They were picked up from Evapco on April 26th, were then shipped from the Baltimore Port of Authority shortly after. Their estimated arrival date is June 7th at Port Authority in Cape Town, South Africa. We're so excited for the students... many who have never touched a computer! Thank you, Evapco, for allowing Connection Ubuntu the space for these computers in your container... we couldn't do this without you. A shout out to Chris Wagaman for coordinating and to Steve Moxley for crating our goods!

HOUSEHOLDS IN AFRICA WITH A COMPUTER AT HOME

STATISTICS FROM 2005 to 2019



In 2019, 7.7 percent of households in Africa were estimated to have a computer at home, a figure that matched with the previous year too. That's only 7 families out of 100 that actually own a computer. Can you imagine what our lives would be like if our family shared one computer? If we were one of the 93 families that didn't have a computer?

Unlike those of us here in the USA, families in Africa don't have the resources to own a computer... but Connection Ubuntu is working to change this situation by donating community computer labs where people can

learn computer skills to increase their employment opportunities. If your family is blessed with more computers or smartphones than you need, please check out page 4 of this newsletter about how you can donate your used computer and/or smartphone to our partners in Africa. They are so grateful to receive the equipment.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



DEBRA HEMPING



Serving on the board of Connection Ubuntu is an honor and a privilege. I have taken several trips to Kenya and gotten to know and love the people who live there. It is apparent how different their life style is compared to ours. There are many struggles they face due to economic issues and many shortfalls stemming from that. Connection Ubuntu provides a leg up to many through providing computer labs that impact many very needy and deserving people. Serving on the board has given me the opportunity to stay actively involved in this worthy task. As I said, it is an honor and privilege to serve on the board.

SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING

AND CHANGE A LIFE

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. Click the button on the right... there are several donation options to choose from... Thank you!



DO YOU HAVE A USED COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE? 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."

