

Zawadi*

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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

Ubuntu: “I am what I am because of who we all are.”

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!

Last month we all celebrated World Poetry Day on March 21st. We want our students to all get this most important message, “You can do whatever you believe is possible if you put your mind, body and soul into achieving your goal.”

Amanda Gorman, UNICEF Ambassador, shared her poem, “With This Bright Voice,” at the UNICEF gala in 2025. It’s so fitting to share it [here](#) (the whole video) or read it below. Her works affirm a simple but profound truth: Every child deserves a chance. A chance to be seen and heard. A chance to learn, to dream, to belong. A chance to grow up in a world that invests in their curiosity, creativity, and potential.

It is Connection Ubuntu’s hope that we all do our part to ensure that every child's bright voice has a chance to rise. If you would like to help us achieve this goal by supporting our work, please click this [link](#). Together we change lives!



“With this bright voice
we speak audacious and audible;
Our purpose,
not just ethical, but eternal.
For while every child is rightfully unique,
The right to childhood
is universal.
We must care for
every child, everywhere,
No matter their race, religion,
or gender.
In this, we never
back down;
we never surrender,
Because every child deserves a chance,
And this world
deserves a change.

With this bright voice
we speak,
audacious and audible;
What yesterday we might have called
obstacles,
Today are opportunities that make us
unstoppable.
We respond in every
strife and struggle,
Because every child is phenomenal,
And to every child
we are responsible.
This is not just purpose.
Now, more than ever,
It is possible.”

COMPUTER LABS GET THEIR COMPUTERS!

Kanam Women's Initiative, in Nairobi Kenya, started their computer lab in March 2026 when they received their computers. Currently they are offering a range of practical and empowerment-focused classes, including Basic Computer Literacy, Business Presentation Skills, Bookkeeping, Financial Literacy, Table Banking, and Business Plan and Business Model Canvas Development. These programs are specifically tailored to equip young women in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) with the digital and entrepreneurial skills needed to improve their livelihoods. In addition, their computer lab will serve as a valuable resource for students from Kiriri Women's University of Science and Technology, who use the space for evening research, online assignments, and Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) examinations. Connection Ubuntu is so excited for these students to get this education!



Equipping You Foundation from Kiambu, Kenya, plans to equip students with essential digital skills, such as graphic design, video editing, and proficiency in various computer applications. What makes this initiative unique is its focus on combining technical skills with entrepreneurial training, enabling students to acquire digital expertise but also to apply these skills in practical, income-generating projects. This holistic approach ensures that the Lab doesn't just provide knowledge but also empowers individuals to create sustainable enterprises, addressing the dual challenges of skill gaps and limited economic opportunities. They aim to transform lives by bridging the digital divide and unlock the potential of their youth and underserved communities. They are thankful to Connection Ubuntu for this opportunity, working together to strengthen communities and girls in Computer Literacy. We wish them all the best!



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At Ngabunga's Brain for Development in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Uganda, they will offer tailored digital literacy programs, solar-powered sustainability, inclusive access for all demographics, and a focus on mental health, creativity, and innovation to foster empowerment and self-reliance within the community. By using the computers to teach Microsoft office, graphic design, and other essential digital skills, they are preparing students for self-reliance and employment. These classes will equip them with practical knowledge to support themselves and improved their livelihoods. We are so excited to see these young students faces as they explore this gift of opportunity to learn and accomplish goals for their futures!



Strong Unity for Refugee Empowerment (SURE) is located in Kakamega, Kenya. Their Founder, Jules Shengo, sent this message to us at the end of February, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Connection Ubuntu for the computer lab we received. We are pleased to announce that the computer lab was successfully installed. All equipment has been properly set up and arranged, and the lab is now ready for use. This marks an important step forward in supporting our students' learning and digital development. We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to making this installation a success."

We are excited for their journey and are excited to learn about their students success stories in the future.





READY AIDERS GRADUATES



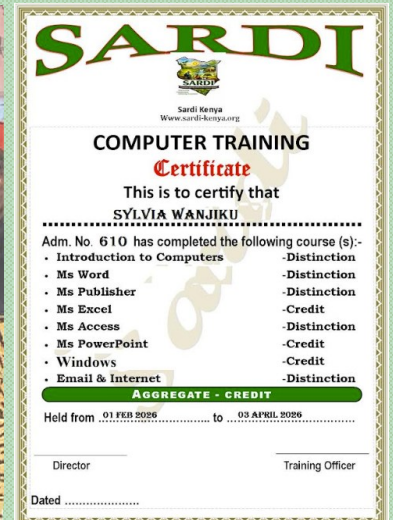
We celebrate strength, courage, and consistency. Connection Ubuntu is so proud of these students and congratulate them on this huge success!

Words from Code Her Future Kenya, “Our young mothers from Mathare have shown us what true determination looks like. With babies in their arms and dreams in their hearts, they committed to a three-month digital skills journey, and they did not give up. Graced by the Sub-county Director of Education, Mathare, Madam Kerubo, shares that this graduation stands as more than a ceremony. It is a statement. That no matter the circumstances, growth is possible.”

SARDI GRADUATES

SARDI had their twelfth Computer Training graduation with 7 women and 3 men. Francis, their Founder and instructor, is doing a wonderful job teaching his community digital literacy. This is so exciting and we look forward to many more of these celebrations.

Monica, one of the graduates, shares these words, “I am writing to sincerely express my gratitude to SARDI Computer College for the valuable knowledge and skills I have gained during my computer training. Completing this program has been an important milestone in my personal and professional development. I truly appreciate the dedication and support of the instructors, who were patient, knowledgeable, and always willing to help. The learning environment was both encouraging and inspiring, making it easy for me to grow in confidence and competence.”



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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AND CHANGE A LIFE

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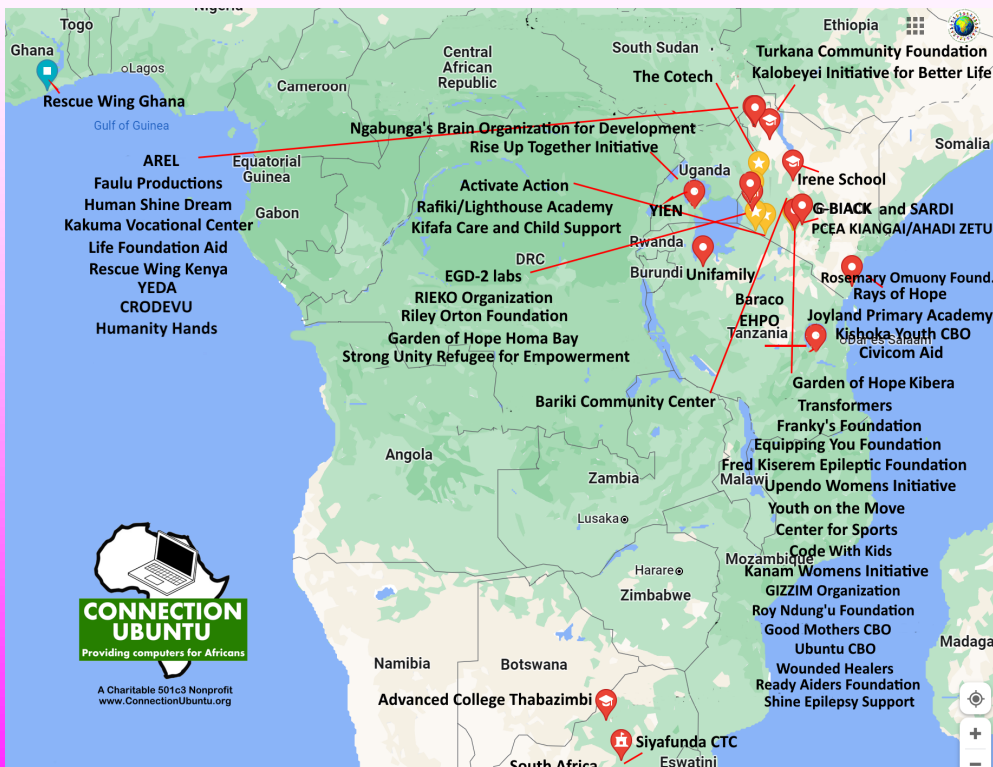
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GIFTS THAT
GIVE HOPE

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)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO FOLLOW US

