

Zawadi*

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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

SO MUCH SUPPORT FROM COMPUTER MINISTRY

When Connection Ubuntu began this work it was quite challenging. We started with donations from the public, donations because the individual had upgraded their computer and were looking for a home for the old device, whether it worked or not. Fast forward to now, having Computer Ministry as our partner has been such a game-changer. These photos show just how much equipment we continually receive from them, whether it's laptops, desktops, or peripherals, they are so very generous in supporting our work. We surely could not do what we do without the kind hearts of the volunteers at Computer Ministry. We have been blessed beyond measure and we are so thankful. We know our African partners are also thankful and grateful. Because of these donations from Computer Ministry and Connection Ubuntu, so many students' futures have been changed together... TOGETHER WE CHANGE LIVES!



Above: laptops donated from Computer Ministry

Right: projectors, All in One desktops, computer bags and more laptops



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARTNERS

Connection Ubuntu approved five more computer labs in April and we can't wait for them to add a computer lab to their numerous successful community projects. Their computers have all been shipped and we're excited for them to receive them in a few months. Please celebrate with us by welcoming the following very worthy organizations. Click on their logo for more information:



Located in the Ruai suburb of Nairobi, Kenya, Good Mothers CBO was formed after witnessing most families breaking up when mothers give birth to differently abled children. These children face lots of rejection, stigmatization and hopelessness in the community they live with. The computer lab will not only help caregivers of people living with disability but also the youth in our community especially young girls and women. This affordable technological knowledge will be of value in the launch of their careers and jobs like local Supermarkets, Cyber cafes or small offices which require a receptionist or secretary computer services etc.



Kakuma Vocational Center (KVC), residing in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, was established in 2018 with the primary objective of equipping both refugees and the host community with the necessary skills to create a better future. KVC aims to reduce the number of street children by providing them with skills training, and to assist women in overcoming their basic needs and those of their families. Their lab will help to create lasting solutions for refugee women, promoting gender equality, and fostering economic self-reliance in one of the most marginalized areas, the refugee camp.



While in operation since 2014, Ready Aiders Foundation launched the girls Information Communication Technology (ICT) center and digital library in 2020 in Mathare, Nairobi, to provide digital skills training in areas like website design, graphic design, and coding. This program targets young women who have completed high school but face financial barriers to further education, equipping them with marketable skills for employment or self-employment. Ready Aiders aims to reduce poverty and create sustainable development by empowering women and girls to become self-reliant.



Riley Orton Foundation, in Kisumu, Kenya, is dedicated to alleviating poverty among marginalized girls and communities in Kenya by providing holistic education, health, economic empowerment, and life skills training. A core aspect of their mission is equipping young people, particularly girls, with 21st-century skills, including STEM education and digital literacy, to bridge the gender and skills gap and open pathways to economic opportunities. They plan to teach basic computer skills and digital work such as data entry, virtual assistant skills, digital marketing, transcription, and more advanced topics like basic app development and web development.



Rise Up Together Initiative was founded in 2020 in Namutumba, Uganda, after witnessing various inequalities among women including digital illiteracy, poverty and gender based violence, with a desire to create change. The computer lab project will promote an education curriculum by encouraging girls and women to participate in computer learning, promoting gender equality and also Igniting the love for using digital tools among persons with disabilities. The lab will also boost the employability potential of the target beneficiaries in the technology industry.

NEW LABS GET THEIR COMPUTERS

Connection Ubuntu approved some new computer labs in November and we're happy to share that they have received their computers! We're excited to see them get started teaching their communities digital literacy. These skills will give the students so many opportunities to be what they want to be for their futures. Thank you to all of our donors... together we change lives! Click on the logos for more information about these organizations.



From Rosemary, "Today we celebrate a transformative gift at Rosemary Omuony Foundation: 10 brand-new laptops, generously donated by Connection Ubuntu. These state-of-the-art devices will dramatically enhance our digital skills workshops—expanding access to basic computer literacy, equipping trainees with e-commerce know-how, and opening up remote learning opportunities. With these laptops, our women and young people will learn to build websites, manage online storefronts, and harness cloud-based tools for business and education. This donation is more than hardware," says Rosemary Omuony, Founder and Executive Director. "It's a bridge to new possibilities—where every keystroke can lead to a brighter future." Together with Connection Ubuntu, we're empowering our community to dream bigger, connect farther, and turn passion into real-world impact—one laptop at a time.

"A computer is the most remarkable tool we've ever come up with — it's the equivalent of a bicycle for our minds."

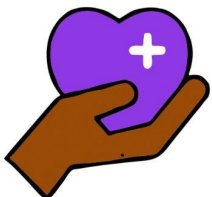
Steve Jobs



Ubuntu CBO's Founder says, "Thanks to these laptops, our girls in Githurai now have the wheels to explore knowledge, unlock creativity, and power their dreams. We are grateful for this life-changing gift."



"Thanks to the computers we received from Connection Ubuntu, our girls and the whole Githurai-45 community are now connected to a world of knowledge, opportunity, and empowerment. These tools are not just machines — they are bridges to a brighter future. Asanti sana (thank you in Swahili) Connection Ubuntu!"



**Wounded Healers
Foundation**

Josphine shares these words, "Today, our hearts are full. The City of Peace Learning Center, a safe space for healing, growth, and second chances, has received a transformative gift — a donation of laptops from Connection Ubuntu. In a world where knowledge and opportunity are tied to digital access, this is more than a donation. It is a doorway. A doorway for teen moms who once thought their dreams had ended... a doorway for survivors of SGBV who are rebuilding their lives with courage... a doorway for the Mwihoko community to step confidently into a future where no one is left behind. These laptops will power our computer literacy classes, helping women and youth develop the skills they need to thrive in the digital age. For many, this will be their first time touching a computer — and from that moment, everything changes. Connection Ubuntu, you have not just given laptops, you've given hope, dignity, and a tangible reminder that we are seen, supported, and not walking this journey alone. You've reminded us that connection is not just a word — it's a lifeline. And because of you, our community can dream bigger, reach higher, and rise stronger. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

OUR WISHLIST

We are constantly working on donated computers in preparation to send them to their new homes and we have a few things on our Wishlist that we could really use. These Solid State hard drives would speed up the computers and help them last longer. If you would like to help us out by donating some of these items, we would be so grateful. eBay seems to have the best prices for these items, but feel free to shop around elsewhere. Click on the photo for the link to order... If there's no Buy It Now button, the items may have already been purchased. Please send to Connection Ubuntu, 735 Aldinger Dr., Dallastown PA 17313... and thank you so much for believing in our work!

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Lot of 5 PNY Mixed Models 240GB 2.5" Sata SSD:



Lot of 6 Samsung Mixed Models 250GB 2.5" Sata SSD:



Lot of 10 x 300Mbps Mini Wireless USB Wi-Fi Adapters (We can use at least two of these):



And lastly, we can use more packing peanuts for our shipments...

Packing Peanuts Shipping Anti Static Loose Fill 30 Gallons 4 Cubic Feet Pink (We could use three of these):



Thank you so much...
Together we change lives!

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.

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 Donate Now button on the top right... there are several donation options to choose from... and Goodworld makes it easy to navigate our page. Thank you!

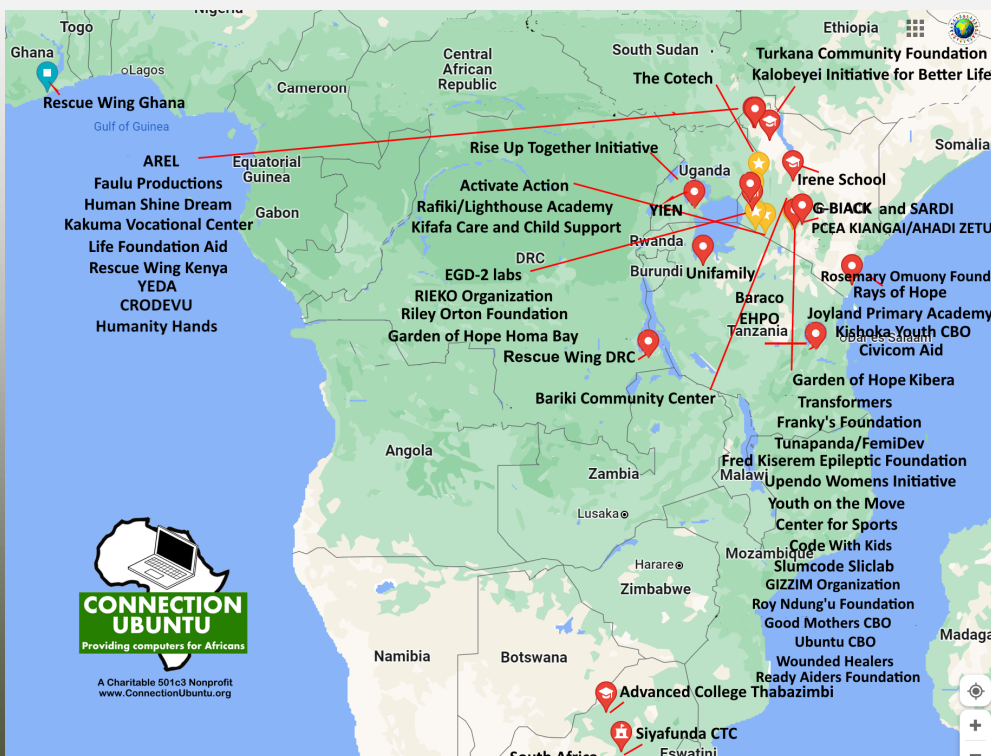
GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR

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

