

ZAWADI

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

OUR FIRST COMPUTER LAB IN UGANDA

When Okwir Walter applied for a computer lab for his organization, Youth Inclusion and Empowerment Network (YIEN), we were very impressed with what they hoped to accomplish with this technology. “They are a Community Based Organization (CBO) and truly focus on their youth, to empower, skill and mentor adolescents and young people, particularly girls and young women, to improve their socio-economic status by building sustainability, health and productivity of their local community.” This is exactly the goal that Connection Ubuntu strives to meet with the computer labs. Okwir made the 13 hour trip from Kampala, Uganda, to Nairobi, Kenya, to pick up their ten computers. We welcome them as a partner and are excited to see how the lives of their students change.



RAYS OF HOPE LAB BEGINS THEIR JOURNEY OF COMPUTER AND SMARTPHONE REPAIRS

In April 2023, the technical team of ThE Cotech, in collaboration with Andrew Sadziwa of MushaCare, developed an ICT hardware “Repair and Maintenance” syllabus, which was shared for implementation, with Dorcus Andati, Founder of the Rays of Hope Computer Lab. Dorcus notes this, “Due to the increased number of technological devices subscription (laptops, smartphones, etc.) the demand for technical skills personnel for repair and maintenance will increase. Hence, Rays of Hope becomes a hub of training such a work force into the market in partnership with ThE Cotech.”

Josphat, the Founder of ThE Cotech, offered his staff to journey from Kitale, where his lab is located, to Mombasa (a two-day journey), to teach the Rays of Hope students. For the benefit of the large number of beneficiaries, ThE Cotech lab technical team will be sending at least one staff personnel to implement the mandate. The duration of the deployment shall depend on the syllabus created, three months, 6 months or 12 months.

Connection Ubuntu is thrilled to have labs working together for the betterment of their communities. We also would like to thank Computer Ministry, in Mechanicsburg PA, for the donation of funds for these repair tools.



NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR PARTNERS

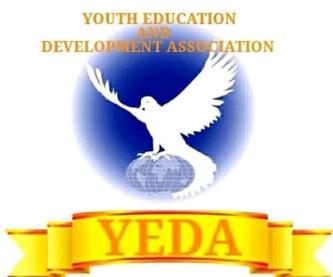
Tunapanda has received their shipment of tablets and smartphones and they're so very excited for your donations. They are a non-profit social enterprise that runs intensive 3-month technology, design, and business training courses in extreme low-income environments of East Africa such as Kibera (**Nairobi informal settlement**). Their program, TechDada, which is the program Connection Ubuntu sponsors, is a Tunapanda Institute program that aims to promote digital inclusion for young women in Kenya. Its vision is a world where women confidently pursue careers in technology, design, and business with a focus on solving global problems. Through the TechDada initiative, they hold workshops with local primary and secondary schools to leverage the interest of young girls and women in IT.

Give a big WELCOME to Tunapanda! Their TechDada program is supported by Connection Ubuntu through donated tablets and smartphones. If you have a device that you would like to donate, please contact us.



Congratulations to the **YOUTH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (YEDA)**! They have just received their computers and are looking forward to hosting their first cohort of students. Located in the Kakuma Refugee Camp, their mission is to ensure that those living in the camps are empowered through education to achieve their dreams of success and self-sufficiency, especially females.

These goals align with Connection Ubuntu's mission and we wish them so much success!



Thank You

HAPPENINGS



Cathy, Director of WVCCC

Connection Ubuntu would like to say Thank You to the Willow Valley Community Computer Club for their very generous donation of laptop and desktop computers in May. We look forward to distributing them to labs in Africa in the near future. We surely couldn't do

what we do without the treasured support of our donors. Willow Valley Computer Club has about 800 members, working together for technology for local nonprofits. We are so grateful to benefit from their work.

Please spread the word to your friends, family and businesses. Let us know if you want to donate!



WE'VE GOT SOME SEATS TO FILL

Do you love our work? Would you like to be more involved? Do you have skills to share? Have you ever worked in Africa? Do you live close to the Lancaster/York PA area? Connection Ubuntu is looking for a few more Board members. We are all volunteers, dedicating our time and efforts to support the work, which means that every monetary donation is used fully to provide computers to Africans. If you think you would be interested in helping, have some perspective you'd like to share or if you would like to learn more about becoming a Board member or work on one of our committees, please contact us and put BOARD MEMBER/Committee member in the subject line! We'd love to talk with you.

So many of you helped us raise funds for several years by shopping at Amazon Smile. Sadly, Amazon decided to discontinue their journey with nonprofits. HOWEVER, the iGive.com team hopes that you'll join their efforts (and so do we) to help nonprofits by shopping from their website or by adding the iGive button to your browser. There's no charge to you and if you make us your charity, we get a portion of the sales.

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BREAKING NEWS

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Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your laptop/desktop/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!*



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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."

