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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

LOCAL BUSINESS DONATES COMPUTERS FOR OUR MISSION

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microtechnologies

12:34 Microtechnologies, a local business in Lancaster PA, is donating ten Dell Optiplex computers to Connection Ubuntu and we’re so excited. Due to Covid 19, we have not been able to acquire computers easily so this is huge for us and our partners in Africa. We have eight computer labs functioning with only five computers instead of the ten we have pledged to donate.

If you have a used working laptop, small form factor desktop or smartphone that you would like to donate, we would be grateful. The following computer operating systems are accepted: Windows 7 or newer, Apple OS 2015 or newer, or Linux. We factory wipe any data you may leave on the devices, reload the operating system and then ship them to our African partners. Your equipment are blessings to these very deserving people. Please [contact us](#) for details. We’re happy to pickup your equipment if local.

CONNECTION UBUNTU WELCOMES TWO NEW COMPUTER LAB RECIPIENTS... THE IRENE SCHOOL MARALAL AND GARDEN OF HOPE FOUNDATION



Maralal, Rift Valley, Kenya

Connection Ubuntu approved two new computer labs in June and we’re looking forward to getting the equipment to these two very worthy recipients. We love making students happy and are so excited for their new technological

journey.



Olympic Estates Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya

G-BIACK LAB SPOTLIGHT



G-BIACK was our very first computer lab, founded in 2014. Mr. Samuel Nderitu is their Director and we have had a wonderful relationship for seven years now. G-BIACK continues to support young women by teaching them numerous skills for self-sufficiency through their Girls Empowerment Program (GEP). Both supporting young women and giving them hope for their future are also Connection Ubuntu's mission. We are so proud of the work Samuel and his wife, Peris, are doing. If you would like to support our mission to assist the many deserving communities in Africa, you can do so via [this link](http://www.ConnectionUbuntu.org) on our website. There are many ways to assist!

Computer Literacy classes for young women



Computer lab supported by Connection Ubuntu

The youth are an integral part in the development of our country. The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) aims to train as many youths as possible so as to reduce unemployment and idleness and increase productivity among our youths and especially young women. The G-BIACK's Girls Empowerment programme GEP targets and empowers young women from impoverished families and trains them in many areas that will help them to improve their livelihoods as they grow up to become adults.

G-BIACK has been teaching girls in computer literacy and information technology for the past 5 years. More than 300 students have graduated from this class. Students learn skills such as type setting, sending emails, conducting Internet research, creating word processing documents and creating presentations. These basic computer skills help students achieve success while they are learning other courses. The skills will also help them to become good entrepreneurs, improve their communication, enhance their employment opportunities, and also address the gap in their knowledge.

Appreciation goes to all our partners and friends for supporting this programme.

TECHNOLOGY MATTERS TO WOMEN IN AFRICA. HEAR WHAT THE FOUNDER AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF "WOMEN IN TECH AFRICA" HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BRIDGING THE DIGITAL GAP BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN IN AFRICA...

About : Women in Tech Africa

VISION
Enable Africa's women to drive Africa's growth story and create impact on peoples life

MISSION
Creating today's female leaders and role models for tomorrow's women. Showing the world what a strong African woman is capable of achieving. Support African growth through technology.

Women in Tech Africa is the # 1 organization for women in technology from and in Africa.

Women in Tech Africa / SAP Executive Social Sabbatical / April 2016



Ethel Cofie, founder of Women In Tech Africa, an NGO that started in 2015, said addressing this gap is crucial. Her network of 5,000 women across 30 African countries is pushing the conversation about women in technology and leadership. "There is a huge gender gap, and that is part of the conversation," Cofie said. "When we are out here showing the world we actually exist, it provides avenues for us to support other women." Cofie says the digital gap between men and women in Africa is a consequence of poverty and economic disparities. Men usually have higher incomes, and better access to mobile phones and internet data.

Faiza Adam, a network engineer, started Girly Tech to inspire underprivileged Ghanaian girls into STEM careers. She's training young girls in web development, programming and robotics in Accra. "Imagine where girls don't embrace tech, then in five years to come, we have only males who are in the tech space — there is no diversity," Adam said. "When we have inclusion, or there is diversity, we come together and solve societal problems. More women in tech will mean more problems solved in their own communities."



The Jiunge Lab is located in the Ekwanda Market in Luanda Kenya. We are so proud of how far they have come!

Testimonial from Jiunge Lab Student, LUCY OPISA

It is with great joy and love for me to enjoy being empowered at Jiunge Computer Lab and Cyber Cafe. I thank God for the great honor he has granted me. I appreciate Mum Phoebe Aholi for the love she has shown to me by identifying me to be one of the computer students at Jiunge Lab, also the love of Mr.Chapuka Willis for giving me the chance to upgrade my career at Jiunge lab. I sincerely give thanks to the committee members too. My dream is that, through our able instructors, we shall do our best according to what we have been taught for a better future. My prayer is that may God Lord of Mercy protect us and bless the committee members of Emuhaya Group of The Disabled and their partner- Connection Ubuntu.



Give Your Spare Change

Supporters round up their purchases and donate their spare change.

Ever have the cash register attendant at a local merchant ask if you would like to round up your purchase total to the nearest dollar to benefit a nonprofit? Now, you can actually sign up using your credit or debit card and have your spare change go to Connection Ubuntu. It's simple to set up and we would be ever so grateful for your support. Goodworld will automatically round up the spare change on your everyday purchases to the nearest dollar. You can set a weekly cap to automatically turn off roundups after a specific amount if you like. Bank authentication, roundup monitoring, and donation processing are handled by Goodworld's trusted payment partners, all of which are subject to stringent federal regulations. Donations are 100% tax-deductible to donors, and fees are collected before being sent to recipient nonprofits, eliminating the administrative burden. Get started rounding up [here](#) for Connection Ubuntu!

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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!



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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."



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