

ZAWADI*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

SLUMCODE’S COMPUTERS ARRIVED!

We are excited for the Slumcode Sliclab students to put these ten iMacs to work. Connection Ubuntu received these computers as a donation from F & M College in Lancaster, PA, and we are happy they have made the journey (three months safely to Nairobi, thanks to Kevin and his team at Homeland 254 Logistics). The Slumcode Group is a youth-serving Social Enterprise organization with programs focusing on education, entrepreneurship and leadership. Their success is based on partnerships they acquire to leverage opportunities, programs and projects that increase the capacity of children, youth and women in their target communities towards sustainability. The students at Slumcode are grateful and thankful for these new tools of technology. Mr. Albert Nashon is their Director and he is very proud of these talented youth.

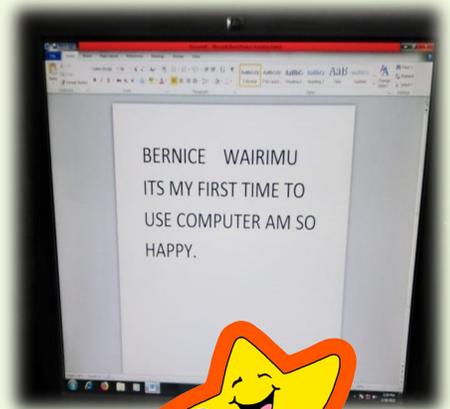




CONNECTION UBUNTU IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE "BARIKI COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER"

Our computer lab partner!

Bariki Community Learning Center is located in Kinanpop, Kenya, between Lake Naivasha and the Aberdare Mountains. The center is a project of Gazelle Impact on Women and Children, founded in the USA by Dr. Mary Gitau, who grew up in this community. Their mission is to develop community infrastructures that will facilitate community development and empower rural women and youth through skill training workshops and other short-term educational opportunities with an end goal of improving their socio-economic livelihood. Learning computer skills will improve self-confidence and creativity, giving students more opportunities to grow. Their goal is to empower women and youth in rural Kenyan communities to develop social endeavors that transform their communities from poverty-stricken to self-sustaining. Connection Ubuntu is thrilled to have Bariki as a partner... their mission aligns with ours and we support them proudly!



"The majority of students here have never used a computer before. This was a great experience for them as they tried writing their names on the screen. Each student typed her name and I believe with proper training and practice, the students will be able to achieve the best of the skills in technology. The women really appreciate these gifts." Jacinta Ngumba Gitau, Program Director

JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

Isaac's Downtown now has a brewhouse! Connection Ubuntu will earn 15% from your purchase of any beverages and food. For more information please click on the flamingo!



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OUR ORGANIZATION EARNS 15% ON ALL TAKEOUT, ONLINE, CATERING OR GIFT CARD ORDERS*

Thursday, April 22, 2021

TO BENEFIT
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Isaac's Brewhouse - Downtown Lancaster

ONLINE ORDERS - Enter "Fund" in the box on the payment page

TAKEOUT ORDERS - Let Isaac's team member know you're part of our fundraiser when placing your order.

*Sorry, we cannot accept coupons, discounts or Loyalty perks on Fundraising orders.

How does annual income in Africa compare to the USA? See the cart below for the countries where we have computer labs. Like parents in the USA, parents in Africa have the same dreams for their children. But sadly, they just don't have the same opportunities as our children. Please help us get technology equipment to more computer labs in Africa so that students have a better chance for their dreams! Donate [here...](#)

Average Annual Income in 2020



DO YOU HAVE UNUSED EQUIPMENT?

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 an email at ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com... we'll let you know if we can use it!



“UBUNTU”—I AM BECAUSE YOU ARE... and in Swahili, it is: Ubuntu - mimi ni kwa sababu wewe ni. If you would like to learn some basic Swahili, especially if you're planning to travel with us in April 2023... check out the lesson here...

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.”

