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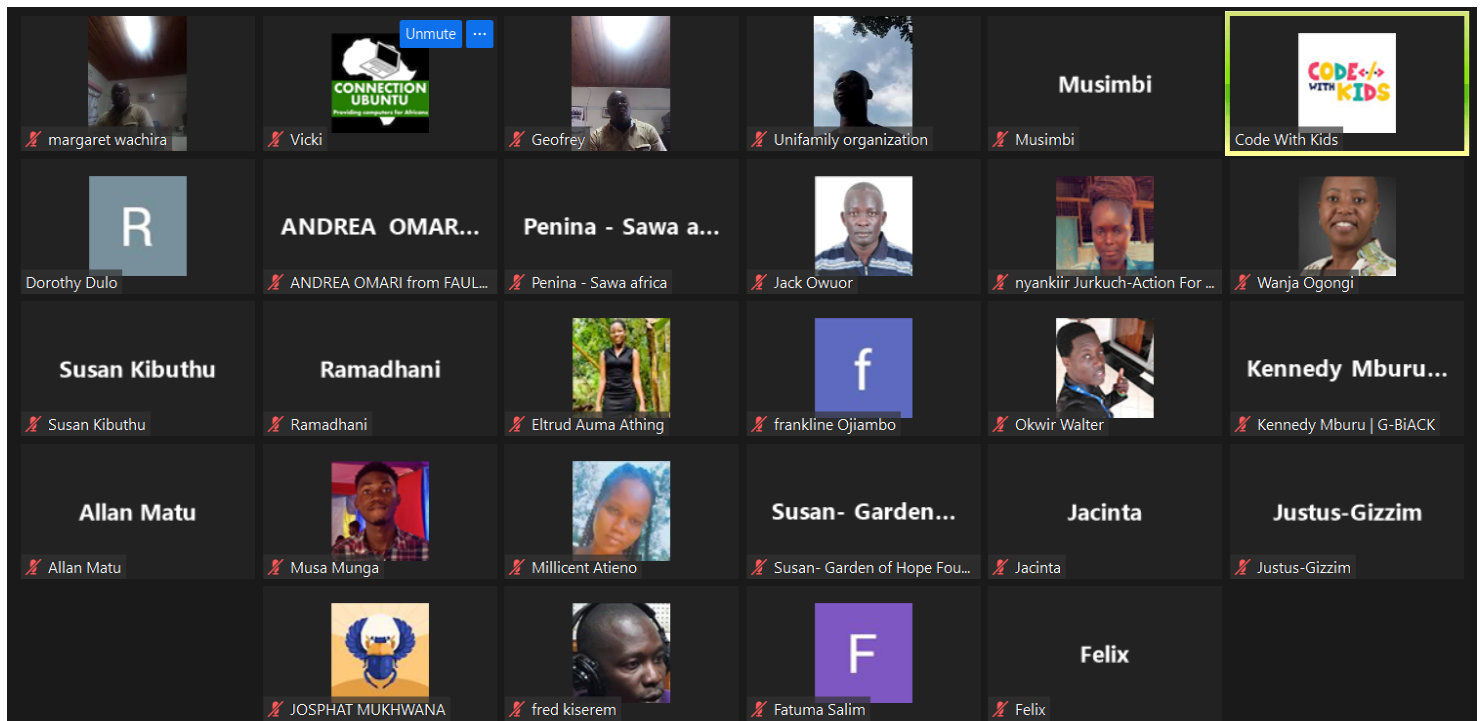### APRIL 2025 – VOLUME 66

Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"

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

Our Community of Practice

Last year, after our Summit meeting in January with our computer lab directors, we decided to have a monthly zoom meeting so that our computer labs could network and also invite speakers for learning purposes. It has been a huge success and is now a requirement of Connection Ubuntu that a representative from each computer lab attend at least nine out of our twelve meetings per year. We generally have a speaker that will teach a skill and the time is also used to collaborate ideas for fundraising, self-sustainability, etc. We now have approximately 55 computer labs in Africa and our last meeting in March was well attended with 36 labs represented. There have been some hurdles with time zones and network issues in Africa, but all of our attendees are thrilled with the information they've learned. Being part of this group also gives the attendees commendation when applying for grants. We're hoping that, in the future, all of the labs have at least one attendee and that the numbers continue to grow.

OUR TWO YEAR COMPUTER LAB ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our newest group of computer labs who have earned their certificates in completing Connection Ubuntu's two year computer lab requirements. Our prospective partners sign contracts prior to receiving their computers agreeing to the following: they must have at least 50% of their students be female, and send us reports three times per year in April, July and November for two years. If they request more computers then the requirements must again be fulfilled for two more years. Feel free to click on their certificates for more information about their organization. We are thankful for the wonderful work of these labs and the hard work of their directors:

Obed Anguche, Director

Ismail Abdalla, Director

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CERTIFICATE
OF ACHIEVEMENT

This certificate is proudly presented to

EGD POOLE LAB

for successfully completing their two year commitment requirements with Connection Ubuntu

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Vicki Poole
Founder, Connection Ubuntu

Erick Josue Alouise, Director

CONGRATS TO SARDI!

The SARDI Computer Lab had eleven students graduate their program in March 2025 and we are so proud of their accomplishment. SARDI, located in Kabati, Kenya, is directed by Mr. Francis Wairegi. The school first started as a driving school when he had the idea that if he could train people to drive, it would give them an advantage in becoming self-sufficient. He bought two cars and started the SARDI Driving School. It was such a huge success that, when Francis heard about Connection Ubuntu's work, he thought computer technology would also give his community another opportunity for better jobs and success. This group of graduates is proving he was right! We are also sharing some of the testimonials from current students. Congrats to the SARDI grads… may your education in computer technology boost your future!

SARDI graduates receive advise from Pastor Kamande

Varity receives her certificate

TESTIMONIALS FROM SARDI STUDENTS

Hello Francis,

I as a student I take this opportunity to recognized you as a perfect teacher I have never met before. You have taught me complicated skills in computer class and I have became a brilliant student. In SARDI driving and computer school I have met intelligence student and I have been able to acquire more skills and share ideas. Also I have access more skills in word, power point, excel , access and publisher. Meanwhile I can confidently teach more student without any assistance. Access to free Wi-Fi made me able to browse more things through internet. I can encourage people to train with SARDI DRIVING AND COMPUTER SCHOOL because they are excellent and efficient. Am sincerely grateful for your training and encouragement.

Your sincerely
Ruth Wanjiru

Dear Mr. Francis,

I am at most grateful for since I joined SARDI Driving and Computer Training school you have been kind and patient with me to make sure I understand all you taught and I have been at my best comfort in learning computer studies. Through you I have learnt multiple things such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Access and even learnt how to open my own email account. Among the privileges I have received is being able to access unlimited WIFI which has enabled me to explore more. There are many computers and laptops hence each student can use personally.
I have to admit that since I joined SARDI Driving and Computer Training school I have not been the same. I have not only gained skills in computer but also made new friends. I am eager to seat for my exams at the end of the course and pass my exams hence gain a certificate so that I can go back to the community and improve their way of life using the skills I have gained.

Yours sincerely,
Charity Kibe

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!
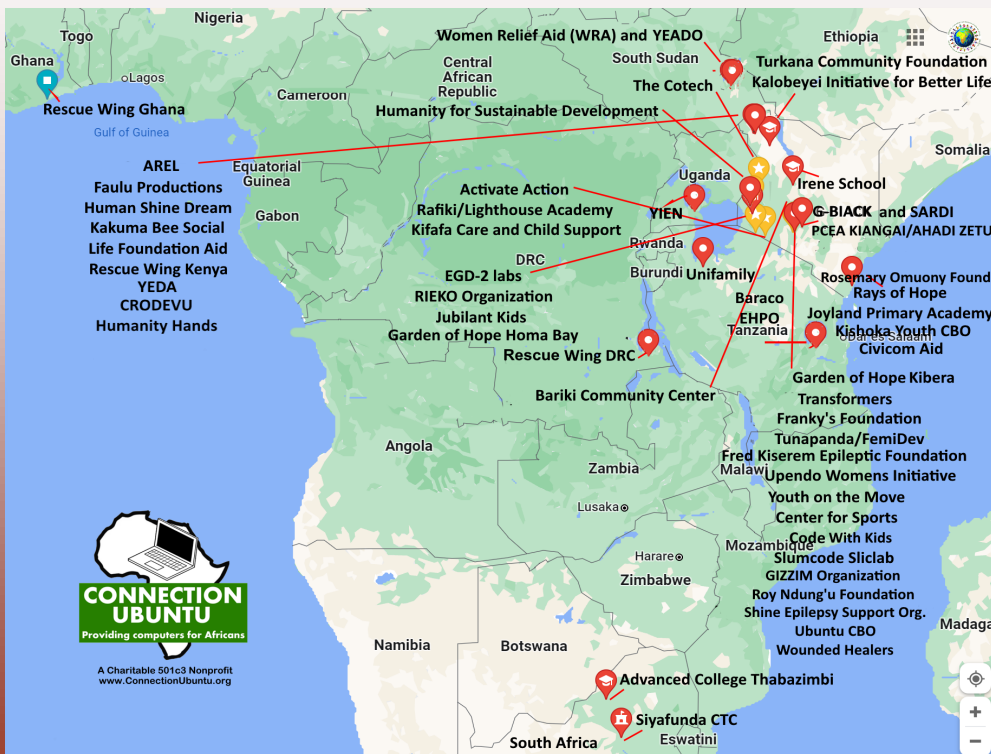
GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR

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

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)

Women Relief Aid (WRA) and YEADO
Turkana Community Foundation
Kalobeyei Initiative for Better Life
The Cotech
Humanity for Sustainable Development
Irene School
Rescue Wing Ghana
AREL
Faulu Productions
Human Shine Dream
Kakuma Bee Social
Life Foundation Aid
Rescue Wing Kenya
YEDA
CRODEVU
Humanity Hands
Activate Action
Rafiki/Lighthouse Academy
Kifafa Care and Child Support
YIEN
G-BIACK and SARDI
PCEA KIANGAI/AHADI ZETU
EGD-2 labs
RIEKO Organization
Jubilant Kids
Garden of Hope Homa Bay
Rescue Wing DRC
Unifamily
Baraco
EHPO
Tanzania
Rosemary Omuony Found.
Rays of Hope
Joyland Primary Academy
Kishoka Youth CBO
Civicom Aid
Bariki Community Center
Garden of Hope Kibera
Transformers
Franky's Foundation
Tunapanda/FemiDev
Fred Kiserem Epileptic Foundation
Upendo Womens Initiative
Youth on the Move
Center for Sports
Code With Kids
Slumcode Sliclab
GIZZIM Organization
Roy Ndung'u Foundation
Shine Epilepsy Support Org.
Ubuntu CBO
Wounded Healers
Advanced College Thabazimbi
Siyafunda CTC

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