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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

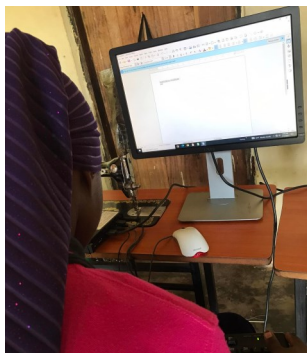
EXCITING INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

Connection Ubuntu loves when our labs start programs or have fresh ideas for their communities and students. YEDA and Rescue Wing DRC have done just that for their current and upcoming classes. These initiatives clearly show the dedication of these labs. The one thing that they both have in common is that they are desperately seeking more equipment for these purposes. Their requests will certainly be considered by our team!

YEDA— In May, when YEDA received their computers from Connection Ubuntu, they chose fourteen girls and one boy from their community, thirteen to seventeen years old, to start an ICT (Information and Communication Technology) program to advance a new generation and to see how quickly they might learn Microsoft Word and Excel. They can see this group of teenagers growing in knowledge since they started learning. They now know how to operate both Word and Excel well. They plan to continue this program till the end of August. They are glad this initiative is showing great results!



YIEN — Also just started in May, the YIEN Computer Lab is finding a way to make a difference in their community. In August, during the Uganda Holy Days, they will launch a “Holiday Computer Training Program.” Students will train in computer introduction, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and internet usage. This is a three week training program under the theme, “Improving Access to Technology,” which targets the vulnerable young people in rural areas.



RESCUE WING DRC— They are also hoping to do a similar training as YIEN, under the title, “ICT Boot Camp” during the holy days in Kenya in order to prepare the girls who want to join the universities with ICT training.



WE HAVE A NEW BOARD MEMBER!

We've been searching for new board members (as seen in previous newsletters) and we would love for you to meet our newest member, Bonventure Mwayuli! Born and raised in Kakamega, Kenya, he and his wife, Jackline and their four children moved to the United States eleven months ago and now live in the York area. We are so very excited to have someone from Africa on our Board and we know his knowledge and skills will be invaluable to the team. Bonventure is the creator of the video shared from Madaraka Day in our last newsletter... you can view it [here](#). And we can't wait to share his next creation!

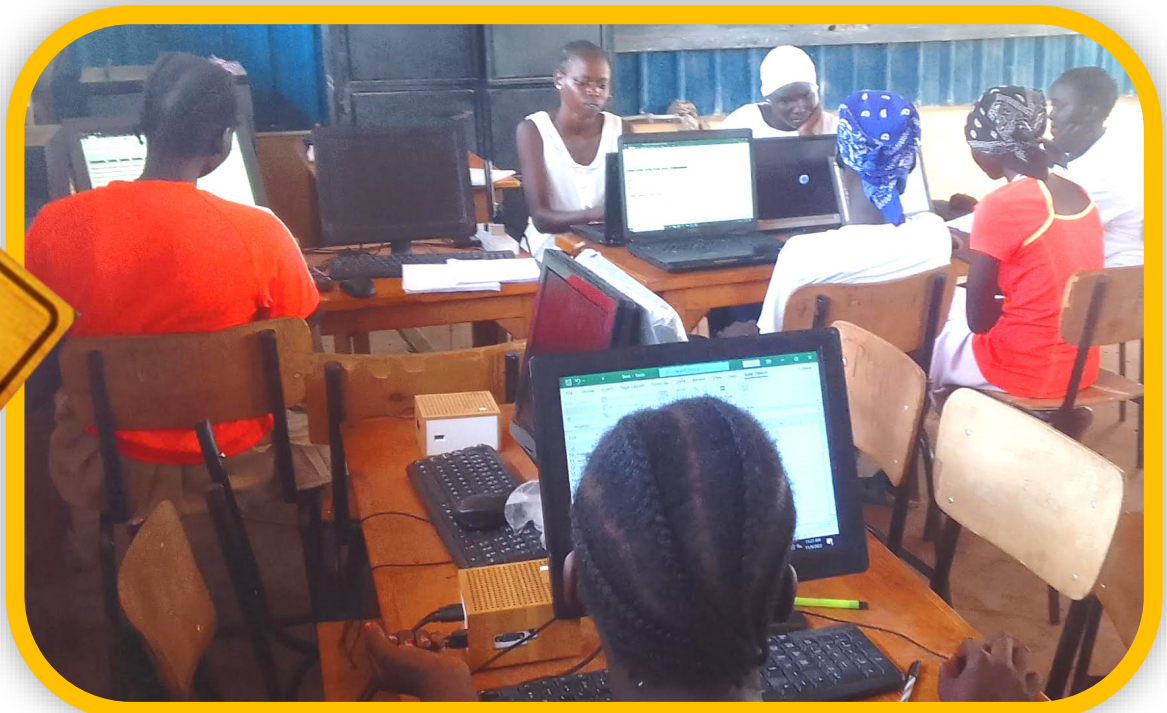


**THIS IS WHAT AN
AWESOME
BOARD MEMBER
LOOKS LIKE**

Please welcome Bonventure!

RESCUE WING KENYA EXAM TEMPLATE

Have you ever wondered what a final exam looks like for some of our students? Rescue Wing Kenya is happy to share the tests for their last cohort of 69 girls. You will find both a written and practical test below... click the yellow "Final Exam" button. I think you'll find it very detailed and I'm guessing some of us who use computers daily will struggle with some of the answers to these questions. It's pretty impressive and I hope you get a better sense of just how much your donations mean to these students.



NEW COMMITTEES AT CONNECTION UBUNTU

Connection Ubuntu has grown so much in it's ten years of work that we decided we needed committees to get things done in a more orderly and creative manner. While we are still a small nonprofit with only seven Board members, we more effectively work when we're focused on pieces of what we do. We're so thankful for everyone's' commitment to the work we do.

LAB APPLICATION COMMITTEE



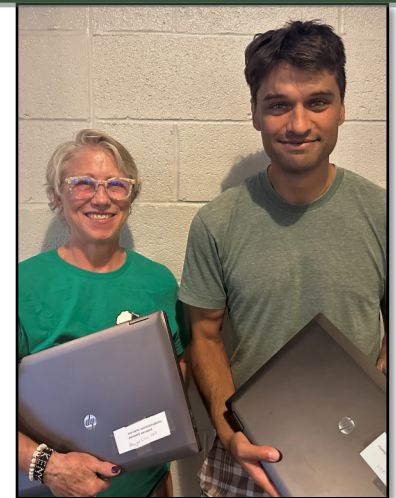
Deb Hempfing and Carla Horn receive and review the incoming applications sent by our possible partners. Upon choosing those who fit our mission, they reach out for more information and photos to verify they meet our requirements. The Connection Ubuntu Board reviews these applicants, as a whole, in October and April each year.

PARTNER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Vicki Poole and Annette Masenheimer handle all quarterly report submissions, questions and computer-related requests from our current lab partners.

ICT COMMITTEE



Vicki Poole and Raj Iyengar receive all computer and peripheral donations and test donated equipment. They properly wipe any personal information remaining on donated computers and re-install an operating system.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Deb Hempfing, Deb Becker, Carla Horn and Annette Masenheimer

INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?



JOIN OUR BOARD!

Are you passionate about our work? Are you curious, a big-picture thinker, creative and innovative? Connection Ubuntu is recruiting new 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! Bonventure just joined us and we'd love to have more members like him who want to help us help others! Drop us a note... We would love to talk with you. Here is our Board Member Recruiting Document... check it out!

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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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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VISION STATEMENT

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

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.

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