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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

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

SAVE THE DATE!!



GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE

Gifts that Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair

Skip big-box stores and shop for a cause with local nonprofits, an ethical marketplace, and a fair trade tour!

Saturday October 10, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster, PA

Just a few days to go! The 19th Annual Gifts That Give Hope Lancaster Alternative Gift Fair is returning on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Join our community for a day of purposeful shopping and giving back!

What to Expect:

Nonprofit Participants: Discover dozens of local, national, and global charities where your direct donations serve as meaningful gifts.

Ethical Marketplace: Browse a curated selection of fair-trade items, eco-friendly goods, and social enterprise products.

It is the perfect opportunity to skip the standard material gifts and put your money where your heart is. You can shop to support Connection Ubuntu using the qr code here.

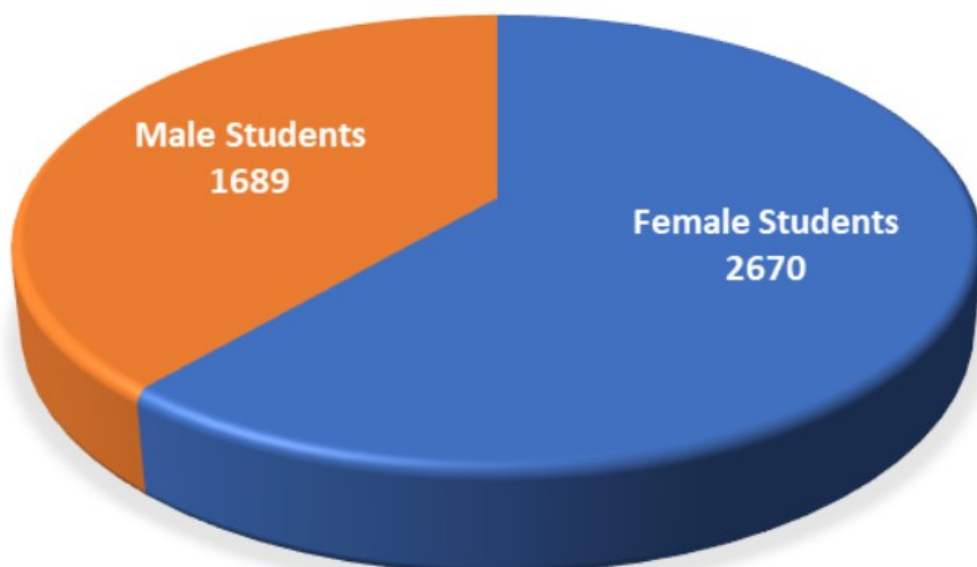


BEST PARTNERS EVER!



About four years ago, Vicki, our Founder, began volunteering at Computer Ministry in Mechanicsburg PA, to assist them with rehabbing computers for others, along with learning more about the “tricks of the trade.” While doing this she also shared about Connection Ubuntu and the work we do. After learning this information, the volunteers at Computer Ministry now donate equipment to Connection Ubuntu. There are some days where they have gathered so much equipment that it takes an hour or so to load the car. We can’t thank these wonderful volunteers and Computer Ministry enough as they keep our shelves full of computers and peripherals, just like you see in the photo above. If it weren’t for their generosity, we would not be able to provide nearly as much equipment to our computer lab partners in Africa. I know they are thankful as well, for Computer Ministry and the volunteers who run the organization. We are blessed and we are so appreciative of their kindness. Together we change lives!

APRIL THROUGH JULY 2026 QUARTERLY NUMBERS TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED 4359



OUTSTANDING AFRICAN ASSOCIATES

Connection Ubuntu has two computer lab partners that assist us in major ways. Jack Owuor is our African Ambassador and Josphat Munyasia is our Curriculum Development & Implementation Support person. These two men have blessed us by being our “boots on the ground” in Africa. We will share a bit more in depth about each. They have both been very motivated to take on the extra work and we couldn’t be happier to have them.



JOSPHAT MUNYASIA,
Connection Ubuntu
Curriculum Development
and Implementation Support

Josphat is the Founder of The CoTech computer lab, in Kitale, Kenya. Their lab teaches more than 600 students every quarter, learning coding, MS Office, computer repair and basic computer skills. Josphat excels in computer repair and has even traveled to other computer labs to teach them these skills as well. When Connection Ubuntu needed someone to assist other labs with some equipment that was not working, Josphat answered our call and we are thrilled that he will now handle the troubleshooting for our lab partners. He, along with the assistance of Jack, of Transformers lab and Kennedy, of G-BLACK, joined forces to create a Connection Ubuntu Curriculum for three levels of education. Josphat has been the main creator and when we needed someone to implement the curriculum plan with the other labs, he took the helm. He deserves the titles of Curriculum Development and Implementation Support due to his willingness to assist. We are so thankful for this fine man and his great work ethics.

Jack is the Founder of the Transformers Mathare computer lab in Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya. They have a big range of ages of students at the lab but their majority are young kids. Jack teaches block coding, text coding and Introduction to robotics and animations. When Connection Ubuntu needed someone to visit our prospective computer labs and also give extra support to some of our existing computer labs Jack gladly accepted to assist us. He is such an essential part of Connection Ubuntu, which is why he holds the title, African Ambassador, for us. When we need Jack’s help he happily commits to supporting us. He is priceless and we are so blessed to have him!

JACK OWUOR,
Connection Ubuntu
African Ambassador



COMPUTER SHIPMENT

OUR SHIPPING WISHLIST

So now that we've packed up computers, we are really in need of some shipping materials. They can be things you would like to donate that you've saved from boxes you've received or from other sources. If you have any shredded paper, packing peanuts or bubble wrap, we can surely use it! If you want to just purchase some of the things we need and have them shipped to us, we would be so grateful. Here are our biggest needs:

1. Packing peanuts (earth-friendly ones would be awesome)
2. 18 x 18 x 24 double-walled boxes (Heavy duty Large at Lowes)
3. 24" small size bubble wrap
4. Large bubble wrap
5. Shredded paper or paper bubble cushion
6. A six-pack of packing tape



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!

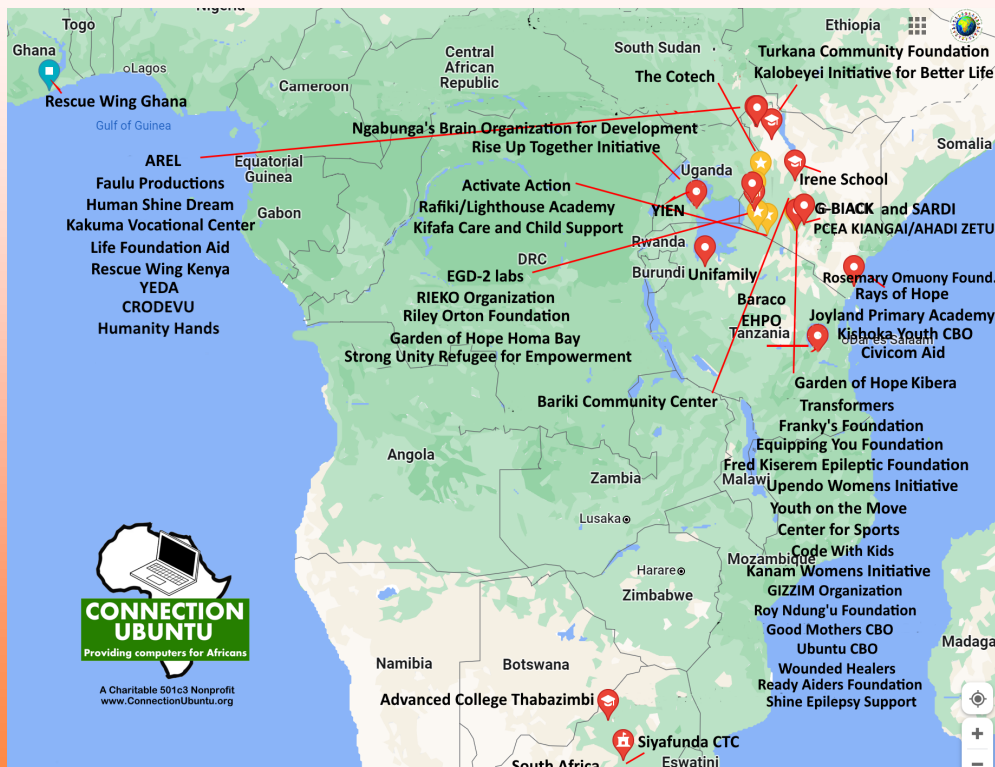
GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR

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 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)

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