

# Zawadi\*

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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

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

## CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!

SARDI, located in Kabati, Kenya, held another graduation ceremony this June. We are so very proud of them and their Director, Francis Wairegi. He began his assistance in his community by starting a driving school. Once that was established he dreamed of getting the local young people skills with computers. That dream came true in January 2024 and SARDI has had several graduations now.

This is what one student, Jacinta Mwangi, had to say, “Dear Francis Wairegi, I am very grateful for the opportunity that you gave me as a computer illiterate to become a computer literate at SARDI DRIVING AND COMPUTER CENTER. I have really acquired a lot of computer skills from the topics such as excel, internet and email, access etc. I have also acquired skills to learn from the topics such as publisher which entails making of eulogy, wedding, invitation cards, etc. I am really proud of attaining a computer certificate from this institution because it truly means a lot to me. I will now be able to use the computer skills I have acquired for the benefit of the society. Thank you so much.”



Francis, in khaki, with the SARDI graduates!

# WE GRIEVE A HUGE LOSS



Computer Ministry volunteers and staff suffered a huge loss this past week by the passing of a dear friend and fellow volunteer, Tom Marshall. He was not just a volunteer... he was a dedicated volunteer at Computer Ministry.

When Connection Ubuntu began getting computers from Computer Ministry many years ago, Tom was the man behind the scenes, preparing our order and getting all the necessary equipment together. After Vicki began volunteering for Computer Ministry, she saw just how much Tom did to make all of these orders come together, flawlessly. He was easy-going, gave so much of his time as a volunteer and would help anyone. He was a very methodical man, and had a strategic plan of keeping all the donated and completed computers in order for those of us who were the lucky recipients. May he rest in peace. We'll miss you Tom... until we meet again.

## DONATIONS FROM COMPUTER MINISTRY

Connection Ubuntu has been the constant recipient of donated computers from Computer Ministry. We have been so blessed with these computers and now that security updates will end for Windows 10 in October, Computer Ministry very generously gave us more than 70 computers of the Windows 10 computers they had already completed. All we have to do is add our programs! We cannot thank the volunteers enough for all of their hard work and generosity. We know our African partners are looking forward to receiving their computers and are thankful for Computer Ministry as well.



*Left: Computers waiting to be finished by Connection Ubuntu*

*Center: RAM and drives also donated by Computer Ministry*

*Right: Computers ready to be shipped to Africa!*

*98 % of these computers were donated to Connection Ubuntu by Computer Ministry!*



# PARTNERSHIPS ABOUND

Naphtaly Johnson, Director of Empowerment and Health Promotion Organization (EHPO), Mwanza, Tanzania, shares this, "Digital Literacy is a prerequisite for making sure our young generation, especially the most vulnerable population, girls, young mothers, women and boys, are kept relevant to the fast-growing Digital Market. While addressing Digital Literacy, climate resilience is also at the forefront, accompanied by inclusivity. To make this a reality, EHPO is delighted to extend it's Digital Literacy Program to ANGELINA MABULA SECONDARY SCHOOL, with girls given first priority, beginning this June, 2025. EHPO will run a sister computer lab here. We shall award learners with certificates in Introduction to Computers at the graduation ceremony. We congratulate the headmaster and Information Technology (IT) Department and we look forward to working together."

EHPO has requested more computers for this partnership and Connection Ubuntu looks forward to watching these new partners give the gift of computer literacy to their students. Join us in wishing them all the best!



*Naphtaly (on right), with the Headmaster of the school, Malima Maugo, (center), and the IT Director, Ezra Daniel (left). Click on their logo for more information on EHPO.*



Civicom Aid, a computer lab in Mombasa, Kenya, has just partnered with Brigham Young University. Jonathan Munyany, Director, shared these words, "Every student interested in doing a degree course with Brigham Young University will get a scholarship and will complete their courses through long distance learning online. Civicom Aid will support students throughout their learning process by giving them access to the computers that were donated by Connection Ubuntu. Thank you so much for your computer support!"



# AWARD POSSIBILITY FOR RENICE!

The Kayana Female Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Awards is an initiative by Kayana Create to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women entrepreneurs in the MSME sector. The focus of these awards highlight women-led businesses making a positive impact in their communities. They recognize achievements across various categories, including those related to mentorship, community impact, environmental sustainability, and technology adaptation.

One of our outstanding young women, Renice Owino, Founder of the Code with Kids computer lab, has been nominated for the Kayana's Choice Award, which recognizes business excellence based on reputation, professionalism, customer satisfaction, and the quality of service or product in the market within the Kayana Community, and she needs your vote! Renice is truly an amazing entrepreneur and is constantly challenging her students to learn as much about digital literacy and robotics as they can. She is a beacon in her community of Kibera, in Nairobi, Kenya. You can help get her this award by clicking on this link: <https://tally.so/r/mKZjag> When asked which award you are voting for, choose KAYANA'S CHOICE AWARD, and then simply cast your vote for Renice. You can vote more than once until July 15, 2025. The gala event is scheduled for July 25th, 2025 and we hope to see her collect that award!



In the photo above, Renice is instructing her students on how to navigate and create coding using Scratch, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) program. This coding program is the entry level for the coding world and taught worldwide. Code With Kids incorporates this global project into their curriculum, along with robotics and other more extensive coding programs. With guidance from their passionate educators, Code With Kids is working on solutions that will create a better world for all. This is why Renice was nominated for the award... and we sure hope she wins!

## 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!**  
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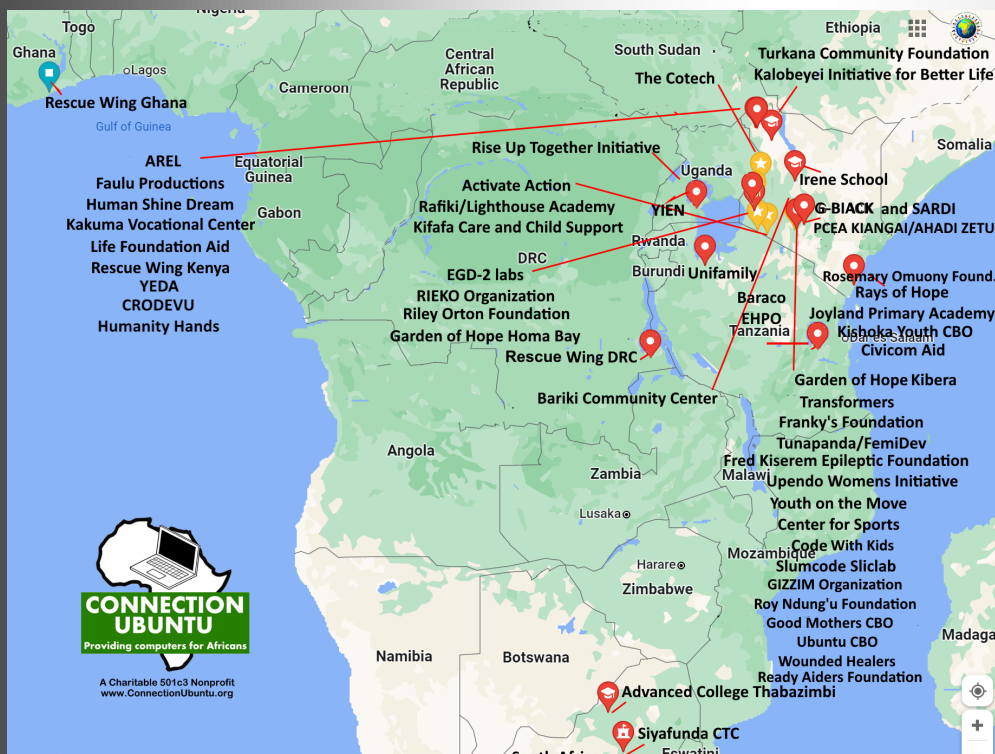
## GET YOUR GIFTS ALL YEAR

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)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO FOLLOW US

