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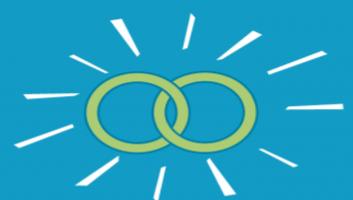
GIFTS THAT
GIVE HOPE

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!
Sunday, December 12, 2021
10am to 3pm

FARM AND HOME CENTER, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601

Connection Ubuntu is one of the 17 nonprofits at the Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair this year and we are hoping for your support. Join us in PERSON at the Farm & Home Center on SUNDAY December 12, 2021 for the 14th annual alternative gift fair where you can purchase meaning-filled gifts for everyone on your shopping list!! Alternative gifts, social enterprise, fair trade, business for good, environmentally & ethically sourced gifts available.

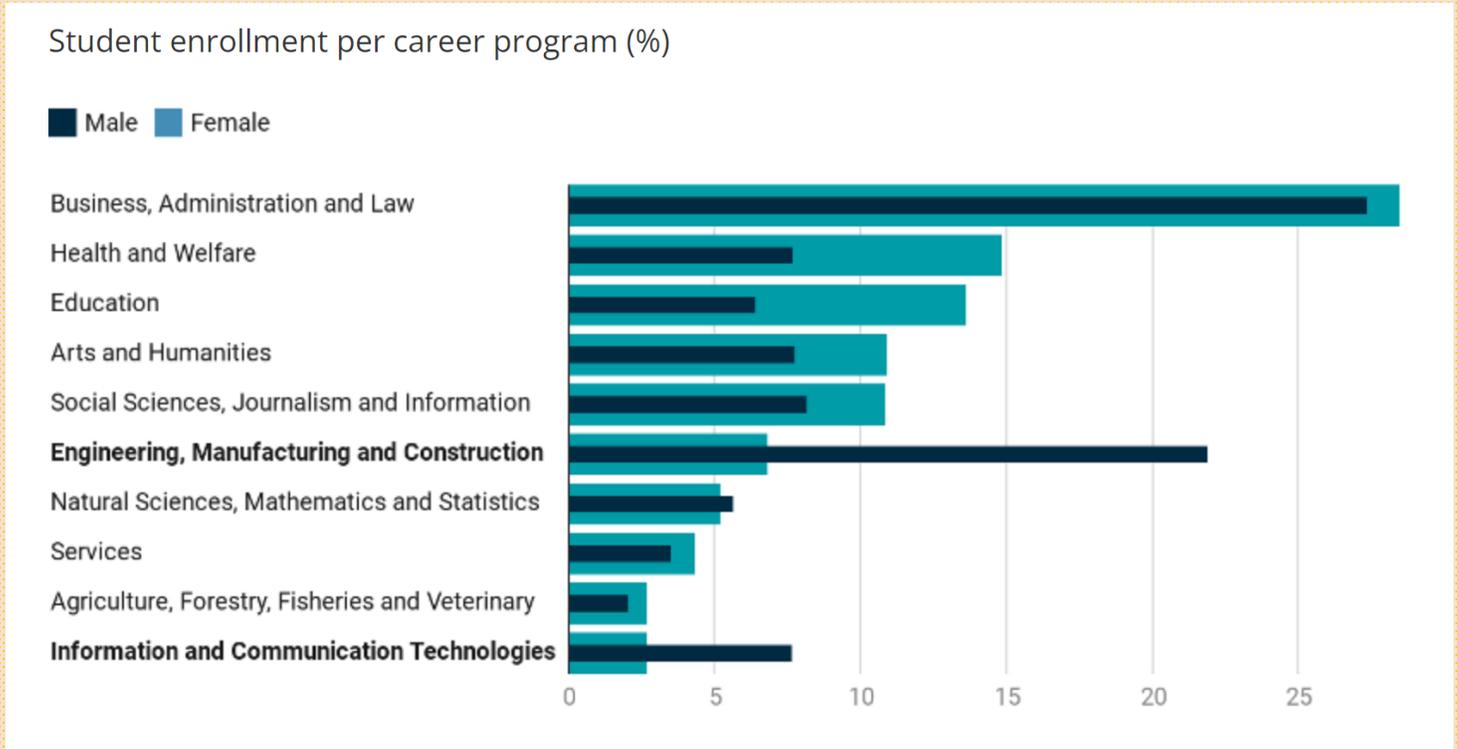
Join us from 10am-3pm and bring a friend for lunch... stop by our booth and check out what's new!



RETHINK GIFT GIVING

HOPE FOR IMPROVING “STEM” CAREERS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is critical not only for fulfilling the needs of the future workforce, but also for producing researchers and innovators who can help to solve intractable challenges. Sub-Saharan Africa has the lowest rate of completion at the high school level with 43 percent while at least two-thirds of children complete this level in other regions. Sub-Saharan Africa also has the largest gender gap with 46 percent of boys completing high school education compared to 41 percent of girls. Post-secondary school is where a stark gender gap emerges for STEM education. Globally there are more women enrolled than men in universities (112 women enrolled for every 100 men) and graduation rates for women are higher. However, Sub-Saharan Africa is an exception: As well as having very low high school rates, women are less likely to be enrolled, 8 percent versus 11 percent for men. (see source):

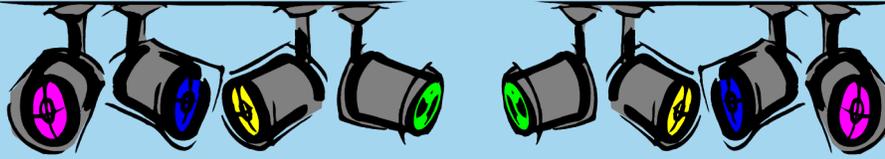


Clearly, there is much to be done to improve women’s representation in STEM fields that have been traditionally considered male domains. Two ‘early’ interventions that can have real impact on women’s STEM participation include boosting confidence by providing girls and women with real-world experience during their studies as well as relevant role models.

Connection Ubuntu is working to improve STEM careers for the female students in Africa by partnering with companies like LakeHub (FemiDev program), Learning Lions, Wakanda Girls School, and SheCode, who also have the same aspirations... bridging the gender gap by teaching, mentoring and finding internships for female students.

Your donations of computers and funds provides the needed tools for our students, giving them an opportunity to further education which leads to self-sufficiency. See Page 4 for information about how to donate. Together we change lives!





BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT... MEET SALLIE SHEPHERD!



Greetings to our friends and supporters of Connection Ubuntu. My name is Sallie and I have been on the CU board for a little over a year now. I have to say it's been an amazing and highly rewarding learning experience for me. Most recently I helped pack boxes with computers to be shipped to established labs in Kenya and beyond knowing how the contents of these boxes will impact the lives of the staff and students receiving them. I always look forward to reading the quarterly reports that the labs send to us, especially the enthusiastic testimonials written by the students. It is obvious from their words that we are making a difference in their lives just as they are making a difference in ours.



Packing 50 computers depleted our packing supplies... We would love if you could help us out by saving and donating any of your packing materials you may receive in delivered boxes. We're looking for peanuts, pillow puffs, bubble wrap, heavy duty paper, etc. If it's biodegradable that's even better! We have more computer labs waiting for approval and to make their dreams come true, we need your help with this hurdle. Please [contact us](#) for local pickups... we're happy to recycle your supplies!



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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS ALMOST HERE... WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CONNECTION UBUNTU...

**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIGN UP AND SHOP!
[CLICK THIS LINK](#) AND CHOOSE US AS YOUR CHARITY!**

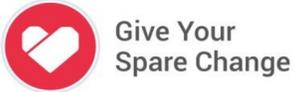
DO YOU HAVE A USED COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE?

Want to give people in Africa a great opportunity and also keep our landfills happy? Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. We'll take your laptop/desktop/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. as long it is working and uses Window 7 OS OR Apple 2013 or newer OS. We'll wipe all data, if needed. We'll add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it.

If you have a computer, smartphone or other technological equipment and would like to help us out by donating it, send us a [message](#)... *we are in dire need of equipment and your donation is tax deductible!*



 **Goodworld**



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Supporters round up their purchases and donate their spare change.

Ever have the cash register attendant at a local merchant ask if you would like to round up your purchase total to the nearest dollar to benefit a nonprofit? You can set a weekly cap to automatically turn off roundups after a specific amount if you like. Donations are 100% tax-deductible to donors. Get started rounding up [here](#) for Connection Ubuntu!

SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING
AND CHANGE A LIFE

DONATE NOW!
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We would love to have your support on a monthly basis... Click the button on the right... there are several donation options to choose from...
Thank you!

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."

