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Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

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

KISEREM TECH THRIVES

We are so proud of Fred Kiserem, our partner in Nairobi, Kenya. Their computer lab has grown by leaps and bounds over the past two years. Fred is a true beacon of hope for his community of Ruiru, a suburb of Nairobi. He mentors children who are less fortunate, teaches woodworking, baking and also teaches awareness for epilepsy, a disease Fred has suffered with since his early adult years.

This year Fred started teaching Scratch coding (children ages 5-12), and Robotics and Web Development (youth ages 12+), every Saturday. The kids joined his “Coding Club” and now two of the local schools are also teaching these classes.

Fred’s mission is this: To give every young person in Nairobi the chance to build with technology. Not to consume it but to create with it. They provide free Saturday coding classes, run by people from the community, for the community. Tech education should never depend on what a family can afford. Their classes are free because opportunity shouldn't have a price tag. They are simply teaching future-proof skills to the next generation. Fred says, “There is no denying that tech will play an increasingly large part in all of our lives. However, to many young Africans, it's not accessible. We are working to break down the stigma for those less fortunate by equipping a new generation with the skills to solve tomorrow's problems.”

What Fred is doing is such a blessing to the youth and we, at Connection Ubuntu, can’t wait to see them thriving as their futures develop into technical growth and self-sufficiency. If you would like to find out more and maybe even support some of their efforts, please visit their wonderful website [here](#).



Kiserem Tech



JOB RESULTS FROM OUR LABS

Reports are in from our partners for the months of January through April and we are excited to share how many educated students have gotten jobs. As the labs continue to offer more courses, especially coding, graphic and web design and robotics, more and more students will join the workforce in technology. Of course, all jobs now require some level of digital literacy and we're thrilled that the students are so successful! Congrats to all of them!

See their successes below:

The CoTech—8 students (5 women and 3 men) have secured jobs—60% of their class! They share this: We are happy! Because of demonstrated Information Computer Technology skills required by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, 8 of our beneficiaries were recruited to work with IEBC for Electronic Voters Registration. They will continue to be engaged from time to time until next year's scheduled general elections. Others are working as cashiers and cyber café clerks.

G-BiACK (Grow BioIntensive Agriculture Center Kenya) - 90% of their students get jobs. They work with companies in their community that offer internships. This has been a tremendous bonus for their students. They're working as front desk office personnel, garden managers, sole proprietors and field officers.

Ready Aiders Foundation—4 students have gotten jobs, which represents about 30% of their class. They are working in graphic design, data entry and digital marketing, customer service, and online freelance work.

Siyafunda Computer Training Center - 7 students have graduated and acquired jobs. This is 30% of their students. The jobs they've secured are Retail, Receptionist, Office Administration & Clerical, Technical Support and Information Technology Support Assistant roles!

Ubuntu CBO—9 students have secured either jobs or internships. Their Director, Lillian, shares that, among the hairdressing students, a few have secured apprenticeship placements in local salons, while others are engaging in self-employment, offering services such as braiding and basic hair care within their communities. The integration of digital skills is beginning to support them in showcasing their work and attracting clients.

Wounded Healers Foundation - they have 8 students that have graduated, approximately 70% of their students, and the jobs they have gotten are cyber attendants and data entry clerks.



My name is Whitney, and I started my journey by learning basic computer skills. With time, I built my confidence and improved my knowledge. Today, I work in customer service, where I use my computer skills to help clients and solve problems "I never imagined computers would be my path. Now I feel like I belong in this space."

Here are some testimonials from students at Ready Aiders Foundation/Code Her Future, who have gotten jobs:



I am Shamsia Hassan, and I use technology to run my plumbing business. Through learning digital skills, I've been able to manage clients, communicate better, and grow my work. "I use tech to run my plumbing business. I owe that confidence to Ready Aiders."



UPGRADES TO A LAB AND MORE!

Baraco Foundation has had a facelift at their facility! Their upgraded 2026 computer lab has become quite the community space for students. Here are words from Michael, their Director, “Our upgraded computer lab has become very appealing for students’ discussions. We have increased our lab space to serve at least 25-30 students at once. We have upgraded furniture and added a whiteboard to support better learning. All of this is to ensure that our students get a conducive and youth-friendly learning environment. We are excited to see students motivated and inspired towards the digital future of opportunities at Baraco Foundation.” Aside from teaching basic computer classes and Microsoft Office, they are also running an e-learning program for students from nearby schools to access e-books and learning materials in their lab. An average of 10 students access the lab daily to learn through computers. They teach students how to use AI, YouTube and Google, by asking questions and getting answers for their studies.



Some Baraco Foundation students in their new space!

IRENE SCHOOL GIRLS EXCELLING

Irene School, in Maralal, Kenya, has more than 200 students... all girls! This area of Kenya is especially tough for these young girls. They have high hopes for good jobs after graduating, but they will have to work extra hard because the Samburu area supports the boys more. But the Irene School girls persevere.

During this past quarter, their lab was used by the county government to train their data collection Agents. After the training, they actually hired 7 of the Irene School students for these jobs. Their Director, Felix, says this, “This has enabled the school to start collaborative activities with the county government, hoping to bring more fruit in our endeavor to increase the capacity for our girls in Samburu.”

I express my deepest gratitude to Ubuntu Connection for gifting Irene School with a computer lab. Coming from the Samburu community, where girls have long been marginalized and denied opportunities, this lab has opened a new world for me. For the first time, I could sit at a computer, learn its language, and discover my own potential. These skills have guided me to choose Computer Science as my KCSE specialty, a decision that has strengthened my self-image as a girl who can stand tall against the odds. The lab has not only given me knowledge but also courage—the courage to believe that Samburu girls can be technosavvy leaders. I now dream of using what I have learned to mentor other girls in my community, showing them that technology is not beyond their reach. Thank you, Ubuntu Connection, for planting this seed of hope-Felister Lempiris (Form 4 Lab Beneficiary)

One of the students shares their personal story at Irene School... we know they will go far!



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.**

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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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