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OUR 2024 KENYA TRIP JOURNAL IS HERE!

In January, seventeen travelers journeyed to Kenya to visit new computer labs, prospective computer labs, to attend our first-ever Kenya Partner Summit Meeting and to network with our African partners. We had an amazing trip and for the first time ever, our traveler and now Board member, Susan Raver, journaled our entire trip.

Susan did an amazing job and we are thrilled to be able to relive these moments and to also share them with you. We hope you enjoy and maybe even feel like you were with us after reading this wonderful piece of journalism… Susan truly outdid herself with this and we are so very thankful! Thank you Susan!
Please click on the photo below for the journal link.

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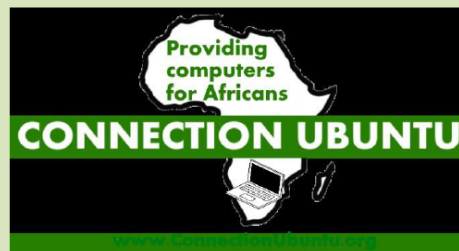
January 2 – 17, 2024

Connection Ubuntu Kenya Adventure
"I am what I am because of who we all are."

AWESOME PROGRAMS CREATED BY THE COTECH LAB

"Techknow Kids, our vibrant program at Cotech, is a thrilling avenue designed for the youngest minds to delve into the wonders of technology. It's an engaging journey where kids not only explore the world of computers for fun but also cultivate invaluable skills for their future. Through interactive sessions and playful learning, Techknow sparks curiosity, fosters creativity, and equips these young tech enthusiasts with foundational knowledge. The CoTech has safeguard policies in effect, focusing on the children's rights. It's an exhilarating and enlightening experience, igniting a passion for technology that will guide them toward a brighter, tech-savvy tomorrow. Thank you, Connection Ubuntu, for providing us with the tools! "

Josphat Munyasia, Founder and Director of The CoTech, shares these thoughts, "The Cotech fraternity believes that all is not over until it is over. There always is a plan B. We believe with a turn of events, these youths and women can be made to smile and be of significance to the community. Identifying and equipping these women and youths with relevant skills will open their mindset and have a different perspective of sustainability. Because a candle loses nothing by lighting other candles, we are leveraging on technological advancement to engage the youths and the women in developing skills relevant on ICT, hence lighting them up. In so doing, we are confident that a considerate number of youths and women will be recognized as part of the skilled workforce into the world of digital consumption and needs." For more information on all of the wonderful programs that The CoTech are teaching, click here.

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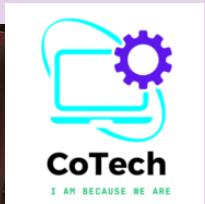
Students in the Techknow program

TRANSFORMERS MATHARE TEACHING CODING

Jack Owuor, Founder of Transformers Mathare, guides the students in a journey through the world of coding and software development with their dynamic programs. Transformers hopes to unlock the potential in tech and turn students passion into promising careers. From the vibrant community of Mathare, they are building a future where technology and innovation know no limits. Their curriculum takes students from the basics of programming languages to the intricate art of software development, empowering them to master each aspect of the coding world.

Connection Ubuntu is happy to call them partners in this digital world. With the skills taught by Transformers, students will have the best opportunity for job security and we couldn't be happier about this. Out of the last cohort of 15 student learning for 6 months, they have six students who now have jobs!
To learn more about their IT programs, check out their website!

Students learning coding at Transformers Mathare

WE HAVE SOME NEW COMPUTER LABS!

In mid-August, we approved three new computer labs and we're happy to share them with you...
We are excited to call them partners and hope to get their computers shipped in the next week. Feel free to click on their logo for more information about their organization!

GIZZIM ORGANIZATION—They are located in Ruiru, Kenya. Gizzim is a network of photographers working with under-resourced young people to offer photography skills. Their photography curriculum combines the visual storytelling with digital application to equip students. They are sponsored by the Canon Camera Company. They plan to download photography editing software on the laptops to teach students editing as well as computer skills. They look forward to empowering their beneficiaries with relevant computer skills.

PCEA AHADI ZETU KIANGAI CENTER—This computer lab is a collaboration between a local church, PCEA Kiangai, and Ahadi Zetu, a USA-based nonprofit whose founder, Wanja Ogongi (and now a Board member of Connection Ubuntu), grew up in this community. They are located in Kiangai, Kenya. Their goal with the computer center is to empower both youth and adult learners with essential computer skills. They understand that in this increasingly connected world, digital literacy is a necessity. They will provide a safe space for students to learn skills and connect with the world and hope to open doors to further/higher education, employment and personal growth. Additionally, Ahadi Zetu would like to use the center to provide a variety of life skills and mental health workshops virtually to young adults and community members, if possible, by partnering with schools of social work and clinicians in the USA.

ROY NDUNG'U FOUNDATION—Located in Kikuyu Town, Kenya, this organization works mostly with young women and mothers who form a majority of the caregivers of people with disabilities and progressive conditions. These mothers and women often can't go to a working job because of the costs of hiring a full-time caregiver. The digital skills gained through training using the computers from the lab will allow these women to learn skills they can use to generate income even without being employed.

OUR GHANA LAB LEARNS MICROSOFT PAINT

"The students of Kukurantumi RC JHS in Ghana have greatly benefited from the ICT Laboratory established by Connection Ubuntu through <u>Rescue Wing International.</u> As part of our national curriculum in Ghana, learners are required to learn Microsoft Office Word and Paint. The girls were guided through a practical session on how to design the Ghana flag using the drawing tools in MS Word. They were delighted to select shapes to create the outline of the flag and later used the shape fill tab to add vibrant colors, making the flag colorful.

They were also introduced to MS Paint, where they practiced drawing and coloring various shapes. With the help of the MS Paint app, the girls designed and colored the Ghana flag, further enhancing their creative and technical skills. The students were thrilled to engage in these hands-on activities, gaining valuable experience in digital design. We're so grateful to the Connection Ubuntu for the very relevant support they brought to our school towards making learning ICT easier and with fun. Ye damoase, (We thank you)! " -Evans Marion Dorm
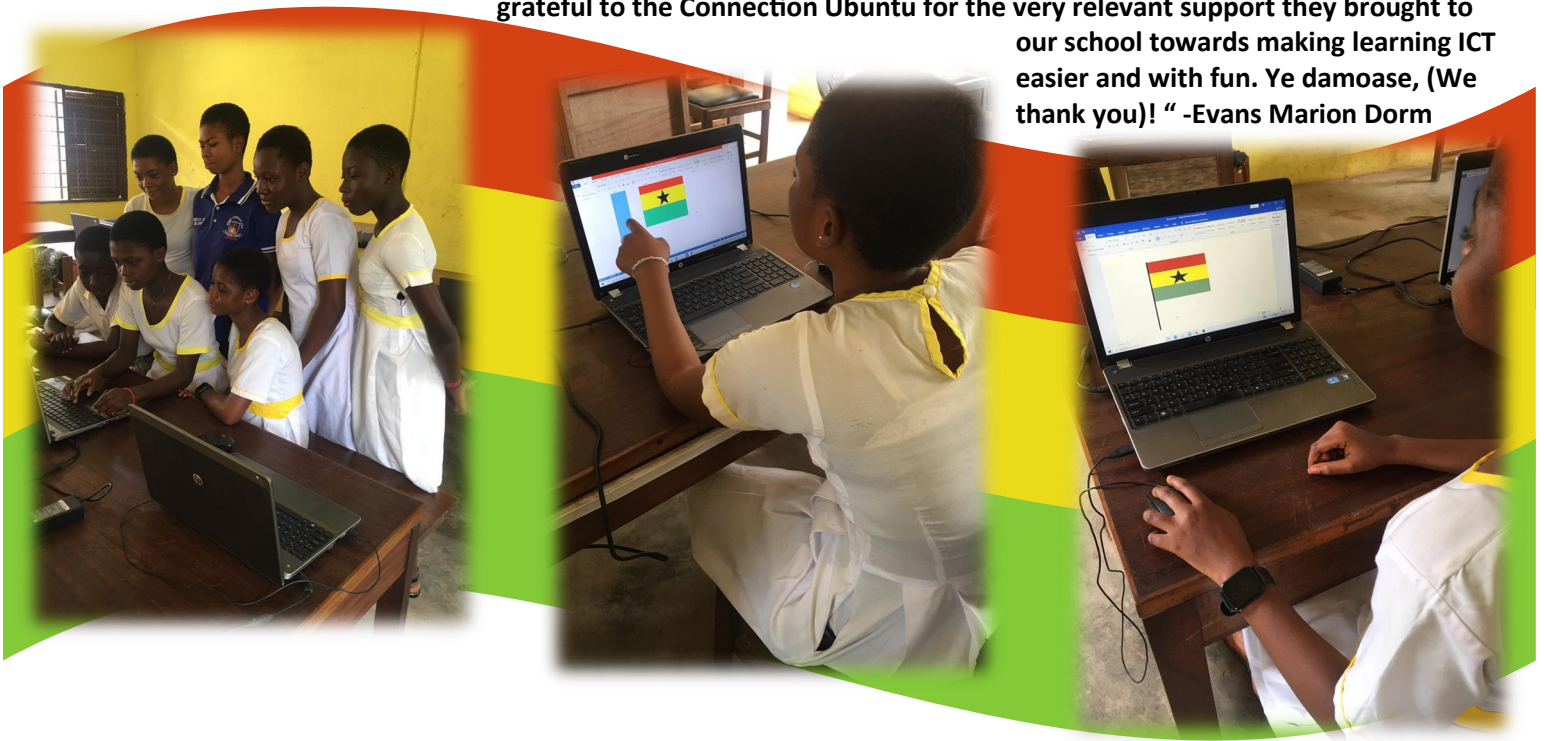
MAP OF OUR COMPUTER LABS

(CLICK ON MAP FOR MORE DETAILS)

Connection Ubuntu participates in an alternative gift fair every year close to the Christmas holiday called "Gifts That Give Hope (GTGH)." This year it is on December 1st… we would love to see you there. There are generally about twenty five to thirty nonprofits sharing their stories and hoping for your support. That includes us! There are also tangible gifts at the fair as well, all fair trade or handmade items.

Giving the gift of a donation to a friend/co-worker/family member/mailperson, etc., from a nonprofit that matches the likes of the person you're gifting to can mean so much, especially if that person is someone who doesn't need or want a tangible gift. One of the nonprofit founders told us that she likes to purchase random gifts from the nonprofits at GTGH and then when she needs a gift for someone throughout the year, she chooses one of the gifts purchased at the fair and then gives them the donation gift. She said this is a great way to give alternative gifts. We think it's brilliant!

There are also food vendors at the event… some serve food from their home country and others are local. You won't leave hungry and may find you enjoy food from another country around the globe!

GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE

17th Annual Gift Fair
December 1, 2024
11am to 4pm
Farm & Home Center, Lancaster

If you're not able to make the fair in December OR if you want to purchase an alternative gift from Connection Ubuntu for someone during the regular calendar year, you can find our gifts using this link. We are ever so grateful.

December 3rd, 2024

GIVING TUESDAY

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What if we told you, you are changing the world right now? Would you believe it?

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

Join the movement! We'd love to have your support.

#GivingTuesday   **#Giving Every Tuesday**

DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your Laptop/Chromebook/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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Visit our Online Store... we'd love to see you wearing our goods and Bonfire will donate a percentage of your purchase to us!
Check out our new tie dye and earth-friendly wearables!

SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING
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DONATE NOW! CLICK HERE

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... and Goodworld makes it easy to navigate our page. Thank you!

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WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO "FOLLOW" US. PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

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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