

Zawadi*

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR COMPUTER DONORS!

This past month we have received numerous personal computer donations and we’d like to thank these folks:

Annette Masenheimer, Joe Rowan, Sarah Billings, Sallie Shepherd, Hannah Tietje and Donna and Don Dreyer! Thanks to your generous donations, we will be able to complete two of our current labs. Your contributions of computers truly change the lives of students attending the classes at the computer labs. You are all so passionate about our mission and we are blessed to have your continuous support.



If you would like to help us change lives by donating a smartphone, working laptop, or small form factor or full size desktop, we would be grateful. The following computer operating systems are accepted: Windows 7 or newer, Apple OS 2015 or newer, or Linux. We factory wipe any data you may leave on the devices, reload the operating system and then ship them to our African partners. Your equipment are blessings to these very deserving people. Please [contact us](#) for details. We’re happy to pickup your equipment if local.

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 AFRICAN VOYAGE

Our trip is just around the corner! We are in the planning stages and would love you to come! If you think you would be interested in journeying to Kenya with us, please let us know so that we can add you to our list of travelers. Simply click [here](#) and fill in the form, along with this message, “Voyage to Kenya 2023.” We have about twelve seats available so the earlier you respond the better! If you have questions please let us know using the same form as above. During the coming year we will be monitoring the Covid virus in Africa for the safety of all our guests.



EVER HEARD OF CODING?

"Coding is essential for making technology move forward." says Trina Coleman, the second of five African American women in U.S. history to obtain a Ph.D. in theoretical high energy/nuclear physics. "Code powers our digital world. Every website, smartphone app, computer program, calculator and even microwave relies on code in order to operate. It is a basic literacy in the digital age, and kids need to understand and work with and understand the technology around them. Having children learn coding at a young age prepares them for the future. Coding helps children with communication, creativity, math, writing, and confidence."

Connection Ubuntu is part of this equation by providing computer labs to Africans so that they can learn technology and be self-sustaining. By learning code, students can achieve their dreams! One of the labs we support, Slumcode, already teaches classes for coding.

Here are a few of the many ways Africans can learn coding and participate in challenges:

The AfriCAN Code Challenge— last year participation reached across 40 countries and featured 100 project video clips. The top three of the AfriCAN Code Challenge winners were all girls: 1st place went to Ethiopia's 10-yr-old Soliyana, 2nd place went to South Africa's 15-yr-old Kayla, and 3rd place went to Algeria's 16-yr-old Sarah. They also focus on women and girls, like Connection Ubuntu.



SuaCode— SuaCode is a smartphone-based online coding course that aims to teach millions across the African continent how to code! The only requirements for joining SuaCode are an Android device and a commitment to learning. **If you have an Android device and would like to donate it or if you would like to donate funds for the purchase of an Android for coding, please send us a note via email—connectionubuntu@gmail.com.**

Codecademy— Codecademy is an online interactive platform that offers FREE coding classes in six different programming languages.

Connection Ubuntu focuses on the many ways technology can help our partners, especially women and girls. With your help, donated computers and smartphones change lives!



**BREAKING
NEWS**

WE'RE GETTING READY TO SHIP COMPUTERS!

We have twenty computers ready to ship and look forward to getting them loaded into a container with a final destination of Kenya! A big shout out to Kevin Mirara and Homeland 254 Logistics for always getting our boxes safely to our partners!



GIFTS THAT
GIVE HOPE

GIVE GIFTS. GIVE HOPE. CHANGE LIVES.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 12, 2021

10:00am to 3:00pm

FARM AND HOME CENTER

1383 Arcadia Road

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 back 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!!


RETHINK GIFT GIVING



Give Your Spare Change

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? Now, you can actually sign up using your credit or debit card and have your spare change go to Connection Ubuntu. It's simple to set up and we would be ever so grateful for your support. Goodworld will automatically round up the spare change on your everyday purchases to the nearest dollar. You can set a weekly cap to automatically turn off roundups after a specific amount if you like. Bank authentication, roundup monitoring, and donation processing are handled by Goodworld's trusted payment partners, all of which are subject to stringent federal regulations. Donations are 100% tax-deductible to donors, and fees are collected before being sent to recipient nonprofits, eliminating the administrative burden. Get started rounding up [here](#) for Connection Ubuntu!

SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING AND CHANGE A LIFE

We would love to have your support on a monthly basis... whether it's five dollars (or more)... Your support means not only the world to us but to our partners in Africa.

And our online system, Goodworld, makes it so easy to set up your donation. Click the button on the right... there are several donation options to choose from... Thank you!



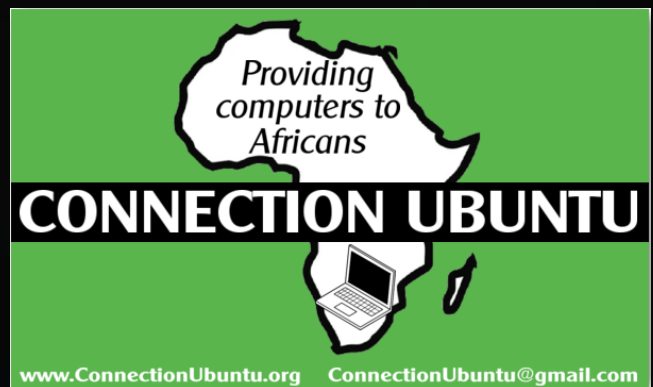
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VISION STATEMENT

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."



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