

# ZAWADI\*

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CONNECTION UBUNTU

NOVEMBER 2024 – VOLUME 61

Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

## MORE COMPUTERS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO AFRICA!

We told you about some new computer labs we approved in our last newsletter... and now their computers are on the way! Our shipper, Kevin, from Homeland 254 Logistics, picked up the boxes on October 10th and took them right to the NJ/NY port to be loaded into their container. Kevin hopes the shipment arrives by the holidays. The school year in Africa begins mid to late January so hopefully these computers will be set up in their new lab and ready for students! If you want to play our Scratch Coding game to see how the ship travels, click [here](#).



# COMPUTER LAB GRADUATIONS

Several computer labs have had graduations in October. We congratulate all of them and are proud of the work the labs are doing to make sure more than half of their students are female. Knowledge of technology will undoubtedly facilitate their success with new employers and we're excited to see what their futures hold.



**FRED KISEREM COMPUTER LAB GRADUATES, RUIRU, KENYA AND THEIR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED**



**RAYS OF HOPE COMPUTER LAB REPAIR CLASS, MOMBASA, KENYA**

These students have completed the computer and mobile phone repair class.

**RESCUE WING KENYA COMPUTER LAB GRADUATES AND THEIR CERTIFICATE**



# CONNECTION UBUNTU'S "ABOUT US" VIDEO

In August, Bonventure Mwayuli, our Board member and videographer from Moving Pictures Kenya, created a video for Connection Ubuntu, sharing detailed information about what we do, along with our hopes for the future of our work. He did a wonderful job and we are happy to share it with you. Some of our African partners and students were able to give their testimonials for our work and how it's changing lives there. In ten years, we have had more than 16,000 students learn Information Communication Technology (ICT). Of those students, more than 11,000 have been female, fulfilling our requirement of 50% female students in the classroom. We are so proud of our work and are also so thankful for your support. Click on the photo below to watch the video!



MAP OF OUR  
COMPUTER  
LABS

(CLICK ON MAP  
FOR  
MORE DETAILS)

## SAVE THE DATES!

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!

Giving the gift of a donation to a friend/co-worker/family member/mailperson, etc., from a nonprofit that matches the social and ethical values 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 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!



**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**



**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!**



## THE OFFICIAL CONNECTION UBUNTU MERCH STORE

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

AND CHANGE A LIFE

**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!

## CONNECTION UBUNTU'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES:

**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.

