

# Zawadi\*

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\* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

## NETWORKING MEANS EVERYTHING TO US

Learning Lions is a company in Lodwar, Turkana County, Kenya, that shares the same values as Connection Ubuntu... we both understand the importance of educating women in Africa, especially in the area of technology. They have a Girls Empowerment Program at their Wakanda Girls School and actively encourage girls to enroll in their coding, website and graphic design, and animation programs. They are building a new facility that will have dormitories and a nursery so that students and young mothers can focus on their studies.

Connection Ubuntu saw a huge opportunity to connect two of our partners, Rescue Wing and Turkana Community Center with Learning Lions and were thrilled to join a meeting to discuss how all could work together. As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that Rescue Wing and Turkana Community Center will refer interested and eligible students to Learning Lions to further their Information Communication Technology (ICT) education. Learning Lions will then test and interview the students to verify their interest and qualifications.

This is such an opportunity for both Connection Ubuntu and Learning Lions and we are grateful for networking to help these women and girls gain the knowledge they need to succeed in life to become self-sufficient. We look forward to further collaboration for the success of women and girls in Africa!



**LEARNING  
LIONS** IT EDUCATION  
FOR REMOTE AFRICA



**CONNECTION UBUNTU**

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# WE SHIPPED 50 COMPUTERS THIS WEEK!



Deb working on checklists...



Carla, Sallie and Deb finish packing the first box...



Sallie is our head "taper!"



Boxes are all packed!

## The Connection Ubuntu Team boxed up 50 computers this week... the largest shipment in our history!

Raj, our IT man, has been working tirelessly over the past several months to prepare computers for our computer lab partners and this shipment represents the fruits of his labor. Next, the computers are handed off to other CU teammates, Deb, Carla, Sallie and Vicki, to safely package them and



Carla and Vicki finish the last box...

prepare boxes for shipping. There's a lot that goes into packaging these units... computers are staged into groups for each lab (monitors, towers, laptops, cords, power strips, keyboards, mice, CU banner). Once each computer and monitor serial numbers are documented, each staged group is packed into their boxes. After each box is packed a copy of the checklist is inserted into the finished box before closing. Boxes are then labeled and counted for our shipper.

Our shipper, Kevin, from Homeland 254 Logistics (best shipper to Kenya ever!) then coordinates the pickup date and time (Thank you, David Tietje, for greeting Kevin and assisting with our boxes). Kevin and his team pick up the boxes, transport them to the container port in New Jersey and prepare them to travel via container ship to the port of Mombasa, Kenya. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for a safe journey of this shipment to our lab partners... Thank you so much for your support!

The Homeland Team, Kevin and Philip...



Beautiful sight... all of these boxes!



David, Kevin and Philip after loading the boxes...



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!**

**SAVE THE DATE! 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!

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**GIFTS THAT  
GIVE HOPE**

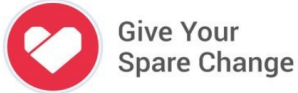
# DO YOU HAVE A USED COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE?

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!*



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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."*

