

CONNECTION UBUNTU HISTORY

Connection Ubuntu is a 501c3 charitable, non-profit organization founded in 2014 by Vicki Poole. It was during her first mission trip to Kenya in 2009 that she fell in love with the Kenyan people and saw that the students there were in desperate need of computer skills. Each college and/or university required that students know how to operate a computer. Costs for college itself was such a challenge for the students and their families. It did not take her long to figure out how she could have an impact on their lives.

As soon as she returned from her first trip, she began to ask friends and family for donations of laptops, both working or in need of repair, when they upgraded to a new laptop. Having some knowledge about laptops she made the necessary repairs to the laptops, and then hand-carried them, with the help of many others, to students in Kenya. She travelled to Kenya with laptops two more times before she founded Connection Ubuntu.

Today Connection Ubuntu is an all-volunteer organization with a Board of Directors who share the passion that the founder, Vicki Poole, has to empower people in Kenya and South Africa, especially females.

MISSION STATEMENT

Connection Ubuntu provides computer labs to students and entrepreneurs in Africa. These tools allow recipients to achieve their dreams of success and self-sufficiency.

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."

SECTION A: PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR REQUEST.

1. Organization Name:
2. Physical Address (please include city/town):
3. Postal address if applicable:
4. Primary Contact name _____
 - a. Email address:
 - b. Phone number:
5. Secondary Contact name _____
 - a. Email address:
 - b. Phone number:
6. Organization background, include the date it was established:
7. Organization vision and mission statement:
8. Please tell us how your organization's mission fits with the mission of Connection Ubuntu:
9. Please explain how your request will fulfill a need in your area. What is unique about what you want the lab to provide in your area?
10. Please state whether your organization has CBO/NGO status:

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11. Is your organization affiliated with the government in any way? If yes, please explain in detail:

12. Do you have a website or use social media? If yes, please share your links below:

13. Do you use Whatsapp to communicate?

14. Connection Ubuntu donates 10 computers, a printer, router, and APCs for backup power (if needed) as a Starter Lab. After fulfilling our requirements for a period of six months, we may approve more computers. Please tell us how you plan on using the ten computers:

15. Please provide the names and contact information of any organizations you have partnered with currently, or in the past:

Organization name:

Website address:

Contact name:

Email address:

16. For each name provided in #15, please describe **in detail** the type of partnership:

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SECTION B: BELOW ARE CONNECTION UBUNTU'S REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING COMPUTERS, PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU WILL FULFILL EACH REQUIREMENT.

1. Must have secure, lockable area for computers. Please describe how you will provide this and include photos of facility, classroom, doors, locks, electric, etc.):
2. Must have adequate power for computers. Please describe what you have available:
3. Must have internet available onsite (Wi-Fi/Ethernet, Cybercafé partnership or USB sticks for individual computers). Please describe what you have available or possible options and how you cover the costs:
4. Please describe how you will have access to computer repairs and installation:
5. Please describe how you will provide an instructor with knowledge of Apple, Windows and Linux operating systems to teach Office/Excel/PowerPoint or equivalent and basic skills for computer usage:
6. Please provide a written plan for meeting the costs (future) to maintain the lab in a self-sustaining manner (i.e. costs per student to help maintain electric/internet/maintenance of no less than 10 computers):

SECTION C: POST SETUP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPUTER LAB.

1. Programs supported by Connection Ubuntu must serve 50% or more females.

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2. Provide quarterly reports by end of January/April/July/October for two years to Connection Ubuntu; see attached report format. If further equipment is received, reports would be provided for two years afterwards.
3. Any change in location of the computer lab must be discussed and approved by CU prior to relocation.
4. CU must be informed of any change in the contact persons for your organization, including mobile numbers and emails.

Please initial here, indicating your agreement to section C: 1 through 4 _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of the information provided in this application.

Signature

Print Your Name

Date

Your relationship to the organization applying for support from Connection Ubuntu.