

Ubuntu Tech Cafe

Hi from Ubuntu Tech Cafe.

We are a **Digital Cafe**, and our goal is to increase the use and adoption of the **Ubuntu desktop operating system as part of the tools to address the digital divide. The Ubuntu cafe** is a partnership started by Martin Owens and Dolume founder, Olumide Adebode, two engineers who believe in the power of **Open Source technology and the community it develops.**

The word “Ubuntu” is a Zulu word **from South Africa** and means “humanity towards others”. It is the very essence of community. Ubuntu is also the name of the Open Source computer Operating System that we help to champion and support along with thousands of other developers in the technology community. <https://ubuntu.com/download/desktop>

In this time of **Covid-19**, there is an awareness that a **technology gap** exists in Boston and other urban households along social-economic lines and this is **amplified** as most work, school, and engagement activities have moved online.

To help address this gap we are reaching out to community groups and nonprofits to partner with us to provide what we are calling **Ubuntu community laptops. Laptops will be provided either for free or at a low-cost** along with ongoing support and training.

Laptops that are donated or acquired through purchase from partners will receive the following performance upgrades by the team at Ubuntu Cafe. This enhancement will ensure the computers run fast and provide an enhanced experience.

- The **first** upgrade will be adding a *Solid State Hard Drive* which will **ensure** speed.
- The **second upgrade** will be to install *Ubuntu*, a **lightweight** Open Source Desktop Operating System that provides speed, security, and flexibility.
- To support productivity needs, each laptop will come preinstalled with Google Chrome, Zoom, and an Office-based application.

Our Community laptops will be made available to families and individuals identified in need of a laptop at designated locations within the community by appointment.

The team at Ubuntu Cafe are believers in Open Source Technologies and the community **it seeks to create, foster, and supports.**

Here at the Ubuntu Cafe, we want to extend **that community** to Grove Hall and surrounding neighborhoods and **communities.**