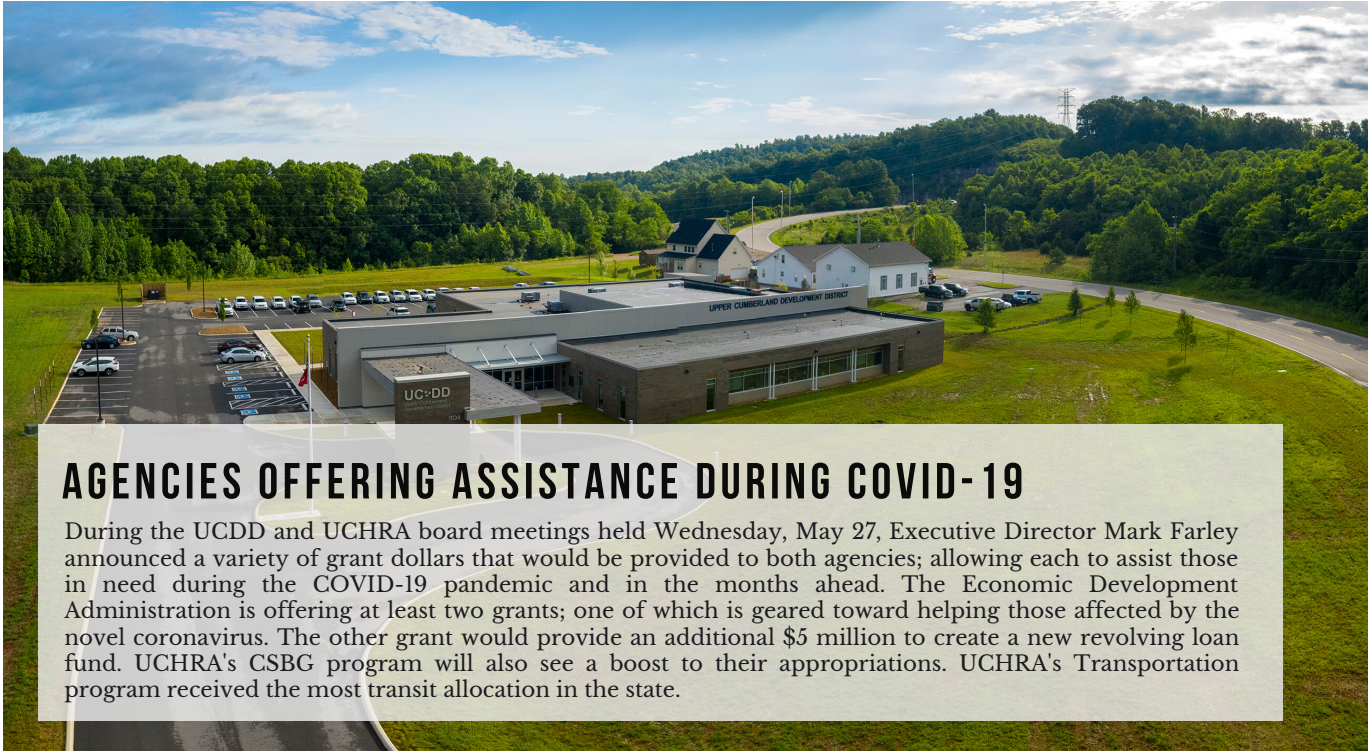




*A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day*



## AGENCIES OFFERING ASSISTANCE DURING COVID-19

During the UCDD and UCHRA board meetings held Wednesday, May 27, Executive Director Mark Farley announced a variety of grant dollars that would be provided to both agencies; allowing each to assist those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the months ahead. The Economic Development Administration is offering at least two grants; one of which is geared toward helping those affected by the novel coronavirus. The other grant would provide an additional \$5 million to create a new revolving loan fund. UCHRA's CSBG program will also see a boost to their appropriations. UCHRA's Transportation program received the most transit allocation in the state.

## *Out in the Field*

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM PICKING UP STEAM



One of UCHRA's newest programs, designed to assist those seeking assistance with addiction recovery resources, is picking up steam. Program director Glen Sayes announced this week that there are three people coming on board with the program and that another grant application is underway.

A series of infographics are rotating on both UCDD and UCHRA Facebook pages. We encourage everyone to take a moment to read the statistics and the quotes as we make an effort to end the stigma surrounding substance abuse and addiction.

For more information about the program, please contact Glen Sayes at [gsayes@uchra.com](mailto:gsayes@uchra.com) or visit the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency Facebook page.

### ABOVE AND BEYOND IN JACKSON COUNTY

Adjusting to what many have taken to calling "the new normal", life during the ongoing pandemic has created additional barriers to those we serve and who struggle to overcome existing obstacles in order to obtain basic necessities.

When the call came in that a client, who was forced to self-quarantine in order protect their health, Jackson County Coordinator Brandi Adcock and her team worked to not only pick up groceries for the client but to deliver them to the client's home.

Thank you, Brandi and the Jackson County team, for going above and beyond for this client; and to all of our staff who go above and beyond for our clients and communities each and every day.







## HEAD START ENGAGING STUDENTS, PARENTS DURING PANDEMIC CLOSURE

*Submitted by the staff at Van Buren County Head Start*

Once again our families partnered with us here at UCHRA Van Buren County Head Start during the COV-19 shutdown and engaged their talents as their child's first and lifelong teachers by completing and sending back to us their educational and health activities distributed to them by our staff weekly during our nutrition and educational distribution.

Each week our families received a food distribution consisting of a six-day protein, fruit, and drink pack. Our staff made the weekly distributions directly to our family's homes, following social distancing rules, leaving supplies for families to retrieve at their convenience. Our families supported our endeavors with a 90 percent return ratio of distributed health/educational materials. The Tree Study proved to be a favorite of our children with returned stories, pictures, and puppets.

Also, the "My Coronavirus Capsule," which was a suggestion of one of our parents, was met with enthusiasm. Along with weekly family contacts via phone by our staff, inquiries were made and additional assistance supplied as needed. Weekly access availability of storytime and nutritional/educational videos via our website as well as additional educational opportunities for families were offered through our curriculum-based online resource, ensuring our children received support during the entire shutdown.

We are also offering a Summer Enrichment Program in June where children will attend school at the facility and receive one-on-one intensified teaching/individualization providing them additional opportunities for academic success. Please visit, like, and follow us on Facebook for pictures, videos, and information about our program. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff, children, and families for proving that our value statement works,



## OUT IN THE FIELD

### *Special Delivery*

UCDD staff members Clare Farless and Tyler McCullar prepare to deliver groceries to clients.



### *Parades Aplenty*

UCDD and UCHRA were well represented at a parade for the residents of Heritage Pointe Senior Living in Cookeville held earlier this week. We are looking forward to participating in a similar parade at NHC of Sparta Friday, June 5.

