



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



CLAY COUNTY AWARDED TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION GRANT

The Tennessee Arts Commission and the Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) are pleased to announce that Clay County has been awarded the Targeted Arts Grant for arts enhancement of the county's historic courthouse. *See more on Page 2.*

Out in the Field



CONGRATULATIONS, PRESLEY, ON YOUR GRADUATION!

Way to go, Presley! Presley Powers, Adult Case Officer with the UCHRA Community Corrections team, has earned her Master's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

Presley now plans to go for her Doctorate. We are so proud of you, Presley!

LIHEAP AUDIT REVEALS NO FINDINGS



Recently, UCHRA's LIHEAP program underwent an audit. Forty-two files were audited in the following counties: Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Warren, and White.

The timeframe audited ranged from October 2020 through April 2021. During that time, our county offices served 5,543 households and distributed more than \$2.48M in LIHEAP and Crisis LIHEAP services.

Congratulations, county office staff, on ZERO programmatic findings during this most recent audit -- this is a significant accomplishment considering the volume of LIHEAP!

MYRIDE VOLUNTEERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND



Our My Ride UC volunteers go above and beyond to ensure clients receive the very best care. MyRide Cumberland County volunteer, Cindy Byars, goes above and beyond taking care of the clients she transports; personally delivering handmade gift bags full of goodies throughout the year. She makes

each client feel special and lets them know that she truly cares about them.

During the past two months, one of her clients had to go to the hospital on three different occasions in the span of a few days. Cindy sat with the client in the emergency room until she got into a regular room several hours later. Cindy later visited and called her client during her hospital stay. After the client was released from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility, Cindy picked her up from the hospital and got her settled into the facility.

Throughout the client's stay in the hospital and therapy, Cindy checked on her home and took care of checking the mail and doing the client's laundry. Cindy also arranged for the client's beloved dog, Sophie, to be cared for while her owner is on the mend. Cindy has a true servant's heart and we are thankful to have her as a volunteer!

CLAY COUNTY AWARD, CONTINUED

Clay County, with assistance from UCDD, applied for and was awarded the amount of \$3,500 with no matching funds required. This is the second investment by the Tennessee Arts Commission for this project.

The Clay County government will continue the restoration of their historic courthouse, Tennessee's second-oldest operating courthouse in Tennessee. developing the upstairs courtroom as a theater. The courtroom has served as the venue for multiple plays and musical performances.

These grant funds have allowed for the purchase of additional sound and lighting equipment. Partners include the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Upper Cumberland Development District, the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Center for Historic Preservation, and local arts teachers.

The Tennessee Arts Commission invests in more than 700 nonprofit organizations across the state benefiting communities through quality of life, economic development, tourism and providing a more balanced education for our children.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTIONS; CONTACT LOCAL UCHRA OFFICE

