



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



CORRECTIONS + COMMODITIES PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES

The internal partnership between UCHRA's Community Corrections and Community Services continues. This partnership allows Community Corrections clients to complete required community service hours by volunteering with UCHRA's Community Services department during commodities distribution events. Visit uchra.org to learn more.

Out in the Field



DUDNEY INDUCTED INTO BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTRY

Congratulations to UCDD's own Mark Dudney who has been inducted into Marquis Who's Who!

For nearly ten years, Mr. Dudney has represented the Upper Cumberland Development District as a Public Historian/Historic Preservation Planner and Dale Hollow Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Coordinator. Dudney accepted a position with the UCDD in 2012, where his mission is to preserve the Upper Cumberland region's unique cultural resources.

Working with the Tennessee Historical Commission, he has developed a niche in restoring National Register of Historic Places properties for heritage tourism purposes.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3nPCZSh>

CASA CHILDREN RECEIVE GENEROUS BOOK DONATION

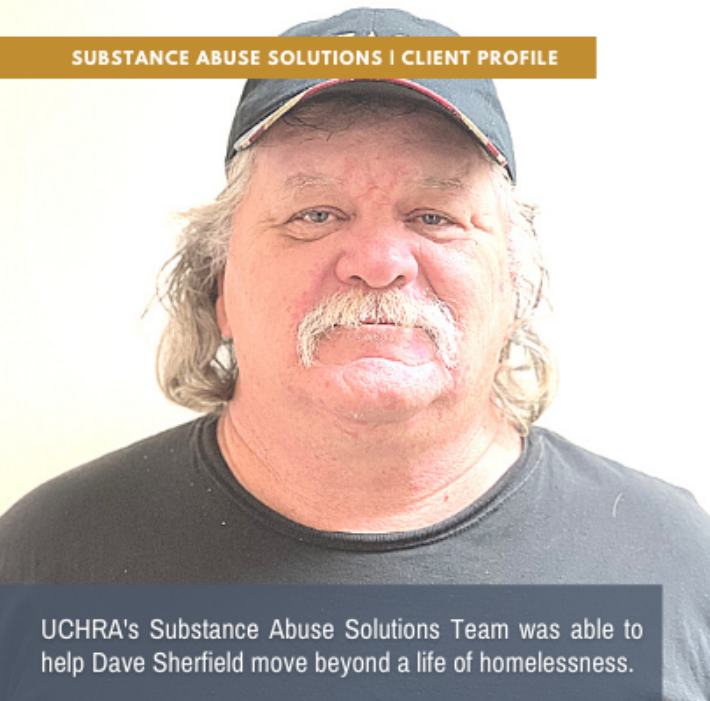


UCHRA's CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program recently received a book donation from the GFWC Cookeville Junior Woman's Club. Volunteer, Judy Greenwood, and intern, Katherine Russo are pictured sorting the books.

Thank you, GFWC Cookeville Junior Woman's Club for your support of UCHRA's CASA program!

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: DAVE SHERFIELD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOLUTIONS | CLIENT PROFILE



UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions Team was able to help Dave Sherfield move beyond a life of homelessness.

Dave Sherfield is a client of UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions (SAS) program and Inspire/Recovery2Work. The following information was provided by the client and has been edited for clarity.

Before reaching out for help, Dave Sherfield had been homeless for around three months.

"In my life, I have made some bad decisions," he recalled.

It was cold living down by the river and Dave decided to reach out to Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency's Substance Abuse Solutions (SAS) team for assistance.

There Luke Eldridge, Recovery Services Manager, and the SAS team helped Dave get into temporary, emergency shelter.

Mikel Miller, UCDD's Inspire/Recovery2Work Program Manager was then able to help Dave find a job; allowing Dave save enough money to make a down payment on a camper and move out of the shelter after just 38 days.

The seller of the camper is currently allowing Dave to live on their property, in the camper, which will help Dave achieve his next goal: saving enough money to buy his own land.

"My goal is to live off the land and enjoy my life," Dave said. "I can't thank SAS, Luke Eldridge, and Mikel Miller enough for giving me a chance and giving me a roof over my head to get things stable in my life for these last few days."

By taking that first step to reach out for assistance, Dave was able to move from being homeless to having a home and, soon, property of his own.

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- DAVE SHERFIELD, UCHRA CLIENT



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!

Thanks to Megan Spurgeon for helping me get lodging for two of my clients while I was away from the office and thanks to Luke Elderidge for arranging additional lodging nights (at no cost to them) for those clients until we can get them safely back into their home.

- Jen Knepp