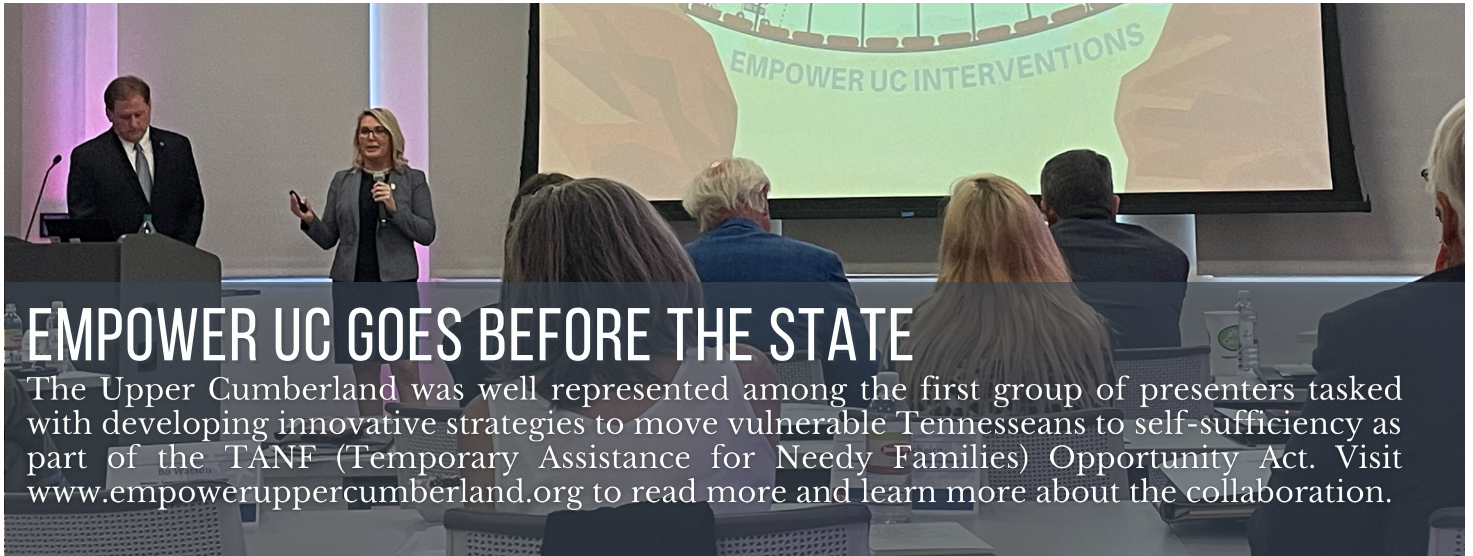




A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day



EMPOWER UC GOES BEFORE THE STATE

The Upper Cumberland was well represented among the first group of presenters tasked with developing innovative strategies to move vulnerable Tennesseans to self-sufficiency as part of the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Opportunity Act. Visit www.empoweruppercumberland.org to read more and learn more about the collaboration.

Out in the Communities

RELATIVE CAREGIVER PROGRAM ADOPTION

Shannon Banks has taken care of Lauryn and Lettie since March 2020 because both biological parents are justice-involved. Shannon petitioned the court for temporary custody so that she could enroll her nieces into school and to be able to take them to the doctor. DCS referred Shannon to RCP and was enrolled in February 2021. While in the program, RCP has assisted with rent so Shannon could get proper clothes and furniture for the girls, household basics, and electric bill assistance. They have also been able to enjoy the enrichments that RCP offers including Dollywood, Thrive in Cookeville, and Chuckles in Crossville. RCP has also helped with tee ball registration fees. Shannon married William Austin last May and expressed a desire to adopt the girls. RCP helped her find an attorney and, in October, RCP paid a large portion of the attorney fees. The adoption was finalized on March 25, 2022. *Congratulations, Shannon, William, Lauryn, and Lettie!*



CHANCE GROUP HOME RECEIVES DONATION

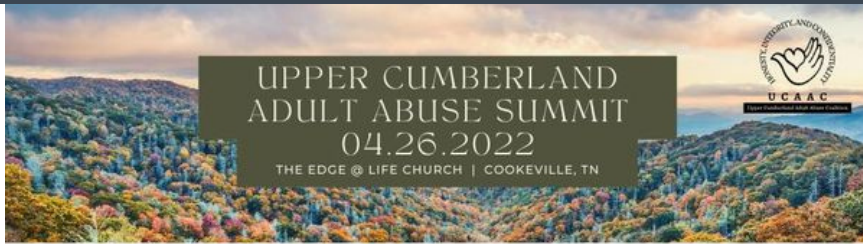
Dizirey Simono, Miss Davidson County Volunteer and Fire and Ice Staff Member, organized a fundraising event for UCHRA's CHANCE group home.

The Fire and Ice Cryo Med Spa in Cookeville donated 10 percent of their profits earned from one day to CHANCE. CHANCE Staff members met with Dizirey and spa owner Shawn Simono for a tour of their facility where they presented a \$600 check to Brenda Miller, CHANCE Facility Coordinator. Dizirey plans to continue her relationship with CHANCE through volunteer work at the school.



Pictured, from left: Tara Shepard, CHANCE Case Manager; Shawn Simono, Owner of Fire and Ice Spa; Dizirey Simono, Miss Davidson County Volunteer/Fire and Ice Staff Member; Brenda Miller, CHANCE Facility Coordinator; Rita Baker, CHANCE Case Manager; and Chassidy Lancaster, CHANCE Staff Member.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Vulnerable Adult Abuse Summit Conference offers Social Work CEUs, General CEUs, and Legal CLEs.

\$30 Registration Fee

\$20 CEU/CLE Fee

Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks Provided

SPEAKERS FOR THE 2022 SUMMIT:

Hannah Altobelli - *Intelligence Analyst, Criminal Intelligence Unit | TBI*
Monica Meeks, Steven Tyler, Thomas Smith - *Financial Services Investigative Unit of the TN Dept. of Commerce & Ins.*
Renee Bouchillon - *Director of Tennessee Adult Protective Services*
Lisa Smartt - *Author & Public Speaker*
Loni Hitchcock, Tyler McCullar, Amanda Smith - *TN SMP & TN SHIP*
Anne Stamps - *Center Director | Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System*
Mike Anderson - *Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network*

Register online by April 12, 2022 at: <https://forms.gle/5jXhfSbwFrS9MkE19>

SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS (LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE)

UPPER CUMBERLAND ADULT ABUSE SUMMIT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN, CLOSING APRIL 12

The 12th annual Upper Cumberland Vulnerable Adult Summit will be held at The Edge Building of Life Church in Cookeville, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Discussion topics include abuse, financial exploitation, Tennessee's new Silver Alert, Medicare, and other issues often concerning vulnerable adults in the Upper Cumberland region. For more information about the event, contact Sara Martin at (931) 476-4135 or smartin@ucdd.org

HENRY COMPLETES TAADAS CPRS SUPERVISION TRAINING

Congratulations to UCHRA employee Ryan Henry on the successful completion of Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Supervisor training.



This training is offered by the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and

other Addiction Services and the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. A Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) is someone who has self-identified as being in recovery from mental illness, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders of both mental illness and substance use disorder. To become certified, a CPRS has completed specialized training recognized by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on how to provide peer recovery services based on the principles of recovery and resiliency.

Certified Peer Recovery Specialists can provide support to others with mental illness, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorder and help them achieve their personal recovery goals by promoting self-determination, personal responsibility, and the empowerment inherent in self-directed recovery.

UPPER CUMBERLAND AAAD LOOKS TO ADD TO STAFF

The Area Agency on Aging and Disability is hiring temporary part-time staff to conduct surveys on individuals receiving various services through state funding.

The work will begin very soon and last through June 30, 2022; unless all surveys are completed before then.

For more information, please contact Jeff Hodges at jhodges@ucdd.org or (931) 476-4158.

