



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



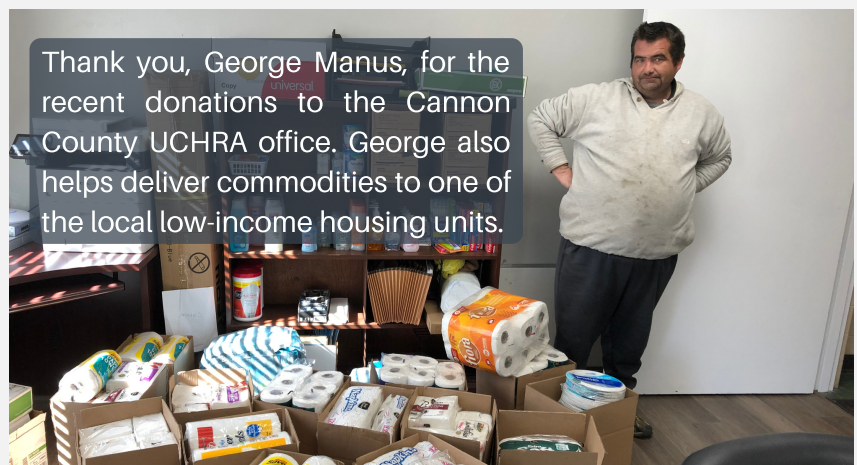
UCDD WELL REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL TDDA CONFERENCE

Another great TDDA conference is in the books. We always enjoy getting together with our friends and colleagues at the annual Tennessee Development District Association conference!

Out in the Communities



Jackson Co. Commodities



Thank you, George Manus, for the recent donations to the Cannon County UCHRA office. George also helps deliver commodities to one of the local low-income housing units.

JACKSON CO. UCHRA, SAS WORK TOGETHER TO HELP CLIENT IN NEED

In the past, the execution of getting the homeless to emergency shelter in a motel was daunting, says UCHRA Jackson County Coordinator Brandi Adcock, which involved waiting on hold for further information and applications.

Brandi spoke with UCHRA's Substance Abuse Solutions (SAS) program contact Mikel Miller about the barriers clients faced, saying "We need an immediate response for emergency housing in Jackson County for citizens."

A few months after her conversation with Mikel, a homeless client came into the Jackson County office seeking assistance.

She had fallen on hard times after loaning some money to a friend that was supposed to pay her back by a certain time frame but failed to do so.

Already low on funds and living paycheck to paycheck, the client's situation quickly deteriorated. She ended up with no vehicle, losing her job, and living in an old abandoned garage with no heat or electricity.

Brandi immediately reached out to Mikel and Luke Eldridge who put her in touch with their crisis contact for Jackson County, Ken Lewis.
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Brandi says she was able to see the weight lifting from the client's shoulders. As for next steps, Luke will be meeting with the client to create and review a plan to resolve their homelessness.

"I just want to thank the program for the strides that they have set in place of getting that contact, Ken for our county," Brandi said.



CLIENT PLANS TO GIVE BACK AFTER RECEIVING HELP IN CANNON COUNTY

Recently, Amber Milligan, UCHRA Cannon County Coordinator was able to help a client that normally works and makes a decent weekly wage.

The client had been out of work in February due to a sudden illness. Amber was able to use Project Hometown Help funds to pay their past-due gas bill, LIHEAP to pay their past-due electric bill, and CSP funds to pay their past-due rent.

"This took a huge weight off of him because he works for a company that pays him in cash and he has no benefits so he had zero sick leave or medical benefits to utilize," Amber said.

The client wasn't sure how he would remain in his home and have utilities just from being out those four weeks of work. He can now return to work and not struggle to catch up or face eviction or go without utilities.

He asked if there was a way to send praises and wanted a commodity distribution calendar because he wants to volunteer at the next distribution to help give some back.

"He was so appreciative and shocked at the help we could offer him since he had never received any assistance as an adult," Amber said. "It was definitely one of the cases that make you proud to do the work that we do daily."



UPPER CUMBERLAND SUMMIT

Friday, March 25

9 AM - 2 PM
Cookeville Higher Education Campus
1000 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN

Please join us as we gather with core partners and community leadership to present and launch the TANF Opportunity Grant: Empower Upper Cumberland.



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