

# Positively UC

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



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## EMPOWER UC HOLDS FIRST CIRCLES MEETING

The Empower Upper Cumberland team has achieved a significant milestone - holding their first Circles meeting. Circles USA chapters gather people who are motivated to move out of poverty and matches them with middle-income and high-income volunteers who can support and encourage them on their journey.

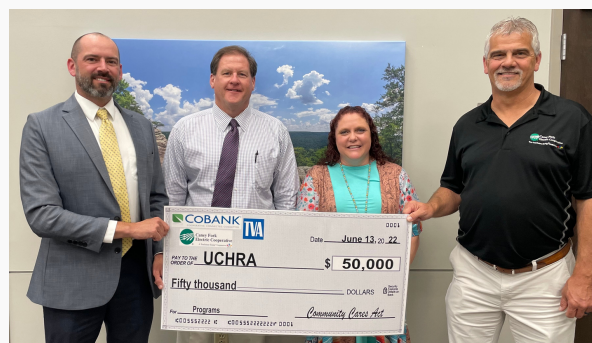
This meeting also marks the very first Circles meeting in the state! See page 2 for additional photos from last night's meeting. Visit [www.empoweruppercumberland.org](http://www.empoweruppercumberland.org) to learn more. Read about the Empower UC structure, core partners, and ways to get involved! *Special thanks to all who donated fresh vegetables to be used in the salad prepared for the inaugural meeting!*

## UCHRA RECEIVES FUNDS TO HELP INELIGIBLE CLIENTS WITH UTILITY BILLS

Last month, UCHRA received a generous donation totaling \$50,000 from the Caney Fork Electric Cooperative, Tennessee Valley Authority, and Co-Bank. These funds will help eligible CFEC members, who are above the income guidelines for LIHEAP, with one month's electric bill. LIHEAP eligibility is based on established federal poverty guidelines.

Of the funds donated, \$20,000 was provided by CFEC; \$20,000 from TVA; and, \$10,000 from Co-Bank. These funds will assist CFEC customers in DeKalb, Van Buren, Warren, and White counties.

THANK YOU CFEC, TVA, and Co-Bank!



## JACKSON COUNTY HELD SUMMER STRATEGY SESSION THIS WEEK



**THURSDAYS**

Bring your fresh veggie donations to the office each Thursday.

These will be used in the salads and other items prepared for our Empower UC families!

SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

**FRESH FOOD** *drive*

**EMPOWER** UPPER CUMBERLAND

*Wish you were Here!*

ADVENTURES  
IN TENNESSEE'S UPPER CUMBERLAND

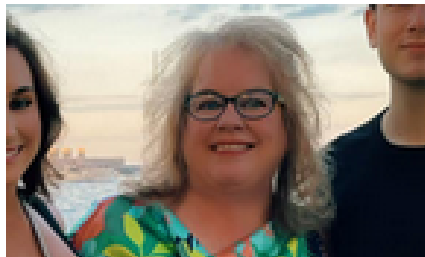
**NOW STREAMING**

The latest episode of *Wish You Were Here* is now available!

Get behind-the-scenes looks at each episode and more at [WhatDoUC.org](http://WhatDoUC.org)!

## EMPOWER UC ADDS 2 TO SKILLED LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hiring ramping up for Empower UC; latest hires to officially begin Aug. 1



Empower Upper Cumberland has recently announced two new hires. Jeff Dyer will serve as Empower Upper Cumberland's Operations Development Manager. This role will assist in the development of processes and training for the entire collaboration. Jeff's first order of business will be developing the collaboration's 6-8 week bootcamp-style training for all staff within the network.



Vickie Smith joins the Empower Upper Cumberland team as the Quality Assurance Manager. In this role, she will monitor and oversee participant files and partner contracts. Vickie will work alongside Dyer to aid in establishing processes and developing training for the collaboration.

### WHO WE ARE

#### OUR MISSION

*To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.*

#### OUR VISION

*A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.*

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# PHOTOS FROM INAUGURAL EMPOWER UC CIRCLES MEETING

