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



## MACON CO. UCHRA, COMMUNITY PARTNERS RALLY TO ASSIST VETERAN IN NEED





When the Macon County UCHRA office received word that a veteran had been discharged from a nursing home and transported to a local apartment complex with absolutely nothing, they leaped into action.

Calling on community partners, the staff was able to collect some furniture, household items, and food. Staff delivered the items and even assisted in setting up the apartment for this veteran in need.

Great work, Macon County team!

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATTENDS DDAA CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PRESENTATION



UCDD-UCHRA executive director, Mark Farley, was on hand to present U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann with the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Congressional Award for his leadership and support of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Congratulations, Rep. Fleischmann!



# PARTNERS FOR HEALTH OPEN ENROLLMENT COMING SOON, WEBINARS ANNOUNCED

Annual Enrollment for 2023 benefits starts soon! Beginning in September, Benefits Administration will email information to eligible employees.

Annual Enrollment information will be posted on the ParTNers for Health website by Sept. 1, 2022, under the Annual Enrollment tab. Watch for updates and information via email as well!

## FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW ROLES AT UCDD-UCHRA

NESTOR CHAVEZ NAMED HR GENERALIST; HEATHER THOMAS TO SERVE AS UCHRA PUTNAM COUNTY COORDINATOR





Starting Sept. 1, Nestor Chavez will begin his new role in Administration as the HR Generalist. Chavez is transferring from UCHRA's Community Services department and will return to the UCDD office. Chavez previously worked in UCDD's Aging department.

As HR Generalist, Chavez will administer and execute human resource protocol, facilitate leave-of-absence pertaining to FMLA, short- and long-term disability, and workers' compensation, compose and distribute various reports, attend safety committee meetings, coordinate benefits and open enrollment meetings for staff at both UCDD and UCHRA.

At UCHRA's Putnam County office, Heather Thomas will step into the role of Putnam County Coordinator. County Coordinators supervise personnel in implementing UCHRA programs, serve as liaisons to public and private organizations in the community, and manage office operations in a fast-paced environment.

Most recently, Thomas served as a member of UCHRA's Public Transportation Department and has assisted with the efforts of Empower Upper Cumberland.

Congratulations Nestor and Heather!

#### **EMPOWER UC ADDS NAVIGATOR MANAGER TO STAFF ROSTER**

As the Navigator Manager for Empower Upper Cumberland, Casey Eschette will work on behalf of UCHRA to provide supervision to Empower Navigators. Additionally, she will serve on the Collaboration Team to make system adjustments for Prosperity Teams. Casey says she uses her passion for serving others and skills acquired during her college years to build a career centered around being a service in the community. Eschette previously worked in labor and workforce development administering and supervising WIOA Title I services through the American Job Centers in Tennessee. Welcome to the team, Casey!



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