

Positively UC

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



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2022 EMPOWER/CIRCLES MEETING



Check out **Pages 2 & 3** for more information on the 2022 Empower UC/Circles match ceremony meeting, and more photos of the event

RIDE TO RECOVERY HELPS TWO MEN BACK ON TRACK



Eric H. (L) and Dustin B. (R) are both Ride-to-Recovery Participants. Eric was able to graduate from his Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP) classes thanks in part to the Ride-to-Recovery Program. Eric says, "Without the Ride-to-Recovery Program I may not have gotten to my IOP classes. Thank you!"

Thank you to Overton County Recovery Court, UCHRA Overton County, and Pickett County Offices for your tremendous help in making Ride-to-Recovery happen for Eric and Dustin.



UCHRA's Commodities Manager Adam Knepp would like to say a big thank you to the following departments for helping bag commodities last week: Administration, IT, Community Services (and kids), and the Chance Girls Home.

Volunteers, along with Phillip, were able to bag approximately 650 bags in one day. Anyone who has time and would like to help bag one, please let Adam know.

WHITE COUNTY SIBLINGS DONATE TOYS TO CHILDREN IN NEED

From time to time Carson Davenport cleans out his toy box and donates them to children who don't have much.

Carson has previously done this before, but this time his sister McKinleigh decided to join him for her first toy donation. Carson was all smiles.

We are proud that mom Brianna and grandmother Laura are raising their kids to give back at such a young age!



EMPOWER UC DIRECTOR MEGAN SPURGEON TAKES A MOMENT WOULD LIKE TO SAY *THANK YOU*

"I wanted to take a moment to express my sincerest appreciation for all of the hard work that has been put into the Putnam County Chapter these past few months. The team that has pulled these meetings together each week has consisted of more than just Empower staff. We've had overwhelming support from both agencies as we started this new endeavor and it would not have been possible without all of the support from UCHRA and UCDD staff and leadership.

Thursday evening, was a special milestone in the first Circles chapter in Tennessee's journey; our 10 Circle Leaders completed their 12-week curriculum and were paired with their volunteer Allies who will help them through their remaining journey towards meeting their goals. It is worth noting that 8 of the 10 Allies are UCHRA or UCDD employees, and we are so thankful for each of you that has volunteered your personal time to answer the call of wrapping an extra layer of support to our families.

Lastly, I want to express a special thank you to the Empower Team who has put in a lot of time, a little sweat, and even a few tears attending these meetings each week since July. Your hard work and dedication to getting this chapter open will have a lasting impact on these families and community."



EMPOWER FAMILIES MATCHED WITH VOLUNTEER ALLIES OCT. 27, PROGRAM LAUNCHES NOV. 1

The evening of Oct. 27 marked another significant milestone for our initiative with each Empower/Circles Leader being matched with their Ally. Allies volunteer to assist Leaders in achieving his or her goals to leave poverty behind. We are so excited to see these connections and friendships forming between our Leaders and Allies and can't wait to see what the future holds!



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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