

EMPOWER UPPER CUMBERLAND OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES, STAFF TRAINING BEGINS



Tuesday, Nov. 1, marked the official launch of Empower Upper Cumberland, the innovative approach to alleviating poverty in the Upper Cumberland. In the coming days and weeks, Empower UC team members will be immersed in intensive and thorough training to prepare for their respective roles within the Empower UC efforts. Visit empoweruppercumberland.org to learn more about Empower UC, the team, and opportunities to get involved with the initiative. See additional photos on page 2.



UCDD staff planning to attend the annual Thanksgiving dinner must sign up by close of business Friday, Nov. 4. Payment (\$14) is due to Susie Allen next week. For questions, please contact Meghian Moore.





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HEATHER THOMAS: WHY I AM AN EMPOWER UC ALLY

UCHRA'S PUTNAM COUNTY COORDINATOR SHARES HER MOTIVATION BEHIND BECOMING AN EMPOWER UC/CIRCLES' ALLY

What does being an Ally mean to me? Sharing wisdom, new experiences, and encouragement with these young families is rewarding. Mark Wilson, the TTU Athletic Director, provided tickets to the TTU vs. TSU ballgame, and It was such a joy to watch these bright children and their mothers attend a college football game for the very first time. The inaugural class of Empower UC/Circles has remarkable women working hard for their families.

My favorite part about this opportunity is engaging with the communities in the Upper Cumberland and building relationships. Spending time as an Ally is such a blessing. It is such a privilege to be part of these young people's dreams that will shape their life's journey. The families are amazing and have added great joy to my life. I would encourage everyone to find a way to be a part of this inspiring movement the in Upper Cumberland.

Visit www.empoweruppercumberland.org to learn more about becoming an Empower Ally or the Empower Upper Cumberland initiative.



PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM **PARTICIPATES IN 2022 COOKING ON THE SQUARE**

UCDD was well represented at the 2022 Cooking on the Square by the Planning and Development Community team.

Great food, great friends, and a great cause. We're honored to be a part of this wonderful help Upper event to Cumberland Habitat for Humanity build the next Habitat home!

An estimated 3,000 people attended the event raising more than \$125,000.



SPOOKY FUN HAD DURING UCDD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES





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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