Positively UC A moment to focus on the good our team is





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300-PLUS SERVED DURING EMPOWER UC, SALVATION ARMY CLOTHING DONATION EVENT

Empower Upper Cumberland, in collaboration with Cookeville Salvation Army, hosted its first Bring a Bag, Fill a Bag event on Saturday, Jan. 14. More than 300 community members attended to browse and collect clothing, shoes, and undergarments.

Special thanks to the 50 awesome volunteers who helped set up and facilitate the event! Visit www.empoweruppercumberland.org to learn more about the collaboration and ways to get involved in future events.

TRANSIT EMPLOYEE RECONNECTS SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WITH MISSING ITEM OVER HOLIDAYS



Shoutout to UCHRA Public Transportation driver Jonny Maynard for recently helping reconnect a local business owner with a missing item.

During the holidays, Dylon Neumann, the owner of The Pizza Machine, posted to the Hip Cookeville Facebook page looking for help locating his missing one-wheel after having forgotten it outside Vertical Coffee Co. next door. Jonny happened to be driving by the coffee shop shortly thereafter, noticed the one-wheel, and loaded it up in the back of his van.

Through the power of social media, the missing one-wheel was returned to its rightful owner. Thank you, Jonny, for being a stand up guy!

IT ROLLS OUT CYBER SECURITY TRAINING MODULES

In the next couple of days, IT will be rolling out training material focused on security, specifically cyber security.

The first two will consist of:

- Security Awareness Proficiency Assessment: a random 21-question survey on security awareness that will help the IT team identify areas to target future training materials on. Staff will have two weeks to complete this item.
- A video series called *The Inside Man*. There are several very entertaining seasons that also provide a very brief security lesson at the end. We will be releasing a new episode every week. Staff will have a month to watch a particular episode.

Please check your inbox for an email from Lewis Betterton, IT Director, who will be sending out another email that contains instructions on how to access training material.





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Tell us about your dream of opening vour own small business. In 2,000 words or less tell us your story, your idea, and how you opening small business will impact not only vou but vour and community vou could win \$15,000 to make dream vour reality!

\$15,000 grant to be administered by The Biz Foundry



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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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