

Positively UC

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



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CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: EDDIE KEY



In 2021, Eddie Key was placed on Community Corrections probation for possession of a controlled substance. Since being sentenced to community corrections supervision, Key has reported to required meetings, maintained gainful employment, passed all drug screens, and always had a good attitude.

However, despite passing all of his drug screens, Key recognized that he had a drinking problem and needed help.

Immediately, the Community Corrections and recovery teams went to work. On his path to sobriety, Key continued to positively progress through the program; eventually, entering the Trainee Counselor phase of the program and maintaining his position as Senior Trustee.

Eddie successfully completed the VMBTC program in February and says he has no plans for his story to end there. He has family members involved with jail ministry and plans to work with them to share his testimony and serve his community by volunteering at a local food pantry and by continuing to cut firewood for those unable to do it themselves.

We wish Mr. Key continued success on his journey and are thankful for the internal partnerships and those external partnerships with Judge Gary McKenzie and others who play a vital role in these positive outcomes.

EMPOWER UC, PARTNERS PROVIDE FOOD BOXES TO WHITE COUNTY FAMILIES

Last month, Empower Upper Cumberland team members assisted with a food drive in White County.

This event provided one box of food per car and was made possible through a grant awarded to our local YMCA by Save the Children.

Volunteers boxed and distributed 200 food boxes for White County families with children in the local school system. Each recipient received a generous food box with meat (a large bag of frozen chicken), snacks, canned vegetables, potatoes, and fruit.

In addition, Empower UC marketing materials were distributed to each family along with books and other resources provided by the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency, YMCA (free one-week pass to the Y), and the White County Public Library.



Be sure to follow Empower Upper Cumberland on social media and visit www.empoweruppercumberland.org to learn more about future events!

UCHRA TO PARTNER WITH BOARD OF REGENTS FOR IN-HOME SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

This article appears courtesy of Newstalk 94.1.

UCHRA working to get more people into the in-home healthcare service field through a new partnership.

Community Services Director LaNelle Godsey said there has been a widespread trend of finding individuals to go provide in-home services to clients. She said partnering with the Tennessee Board of Regents to provide training and education opportunities will aid in getting individuals interested in the field and more employees to provide the service.

The goal of this is to not only help UCHRA effectively recruit and retain healthcare and in-home workers but for the whole region, and maybe even statewide,” Godsey “If this seems to be a good curriculum and they’re getting that certification then we would want this to be a best practice model and share that with everyone.”

Visit www.newstalk941.com to read the full article.

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DUDNEY TALKS IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY PRESERVATION

Mark Dudney, Dale Hollow RPO Coordinator/Historic Preservation Planner at UCDD, recently sat down with the folks at Newstalk 94.1 to talk about his role and the importance of preserving history for future generations.

Visit www.newstalk941.com to listen to the full interview



SBDC TEAM HOLDS SEVERAL WORKSHOPS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS



Have you attended one of the SBDC team’s workshops? Recently, the SBDC at UCDD team presented yet another amazing workshop at the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. Give them a LIKE and FOLLOW on Facebook to stay up-to-date on future workshops designed to help area small business owners!

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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