

Positively UC

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



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UCHRA POP-TOP FOOD DRIVE NETS 5,000 ITEMS



More than 5,000 items were collected by Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for UCHRA's Pop-Top Food Drive.

Sue Pecora and Mary Porter of The Real Estate Collective team gathered the most items and were awarded the Ambassador Team Community Service Award by UCHRA and Chamber.

Nikki Gray with Gray's Pest Service received an Honorable Mention Community Service Award for being the individual who collected the most items.

Items will be collected until Friday, Aug. 18 at UCHRA, UCDD, Mayor Porter's Office, CRMC Charitable Foundation, and the Chamber. Donations will be distributed by UCHRA and Butterfly Blessings to anyone with food insecurities in Putnam County.

Thank you Chamber Ambassadors for collecting donations and to Mayor Porter's office for sending helpers to load and transport the donations.

UCDD'S HOUSING MAKES A DAY OF TEAM BUILDING



Recently, UCDD's Housing and Family Services team spent the day participating in a series of team-building activities.

The first exercise consisted of team members gathering inside of a circle. As the circle grew smaller, staff had to work together to fit inside. The purpose of this exercise was to show that they all depend on one another and, in order to keep fitting inside the circle as it gets smaller, someone will have to (literally) carry another teammate as they do (figuratively) each day.

Next, staff were divided

into groups before heading off to Pickett County for a history-focused scavenger hunt.

Teams worked together to find the answers to four historical facts about Pickett County. Each fact found had to be accompanied by a picture of themselves and the answer. Then, team members were given an address of an Emergency Home Repair House and they had to have their picture taken with it.

They finished off the activity with lunch at Sunset Marina eating at The Steel Coop on the water.



LETTER OF KINDNESS FROM A CLIENT

Ms. Donna,

Thank you for helping me and my family in such a time of need. Without you and your program and also quick action we wouldn't have made it through this last month. I also got a call from a lady in Cookeville that told me you had given my information to her and their goal is to get families out of poverty. I was so shocked and thrilled because I have just got a new

job and was worried things were not going to work out. You are the blessing my family needed and again, thank you.



- Casity Wirgall
- Allie Wirgall
- Waylon Shorter
- Skyler Jr.

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OUTREACH ACROSS THE UC

BACK TO SCHOOL



Jackson County UCHRA Coordinator Brandi Adcock, UCHRA's Jackson County Coordinator, recently attended the 2023 Back to School Bash where she was able to hand out school supplies and meet local families

Special thanks to Ginger Stout and Sherry Bilbrey that helped get the supplies together!

The Overton County UCHRA office took second place in the Overton County Fair's scarecrow contest. A humanitarian project, driven by the Fairest of the Fair pageant and contestants, resulted in more than 7,700 items that were then donated to UCHRA!

Special thanks to Jen Knepp who helped with senior outreach!



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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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Mark your calendars for these events coming soon!



UCHRA Public Transportation is looking for approximately 25 volunteers from UCDD to help with the Roadeo events Aug. 18. Check your email for additional information and a sign-up sheet.

UCHRA EMPLOYEES SHARE RECOVERY RESOURCES AT SMITH COUNTY HOPE FEST



UCHRA Public Transportation's Whitney Nielsen, Ride-to-Recovery CPRS, along with staff from Empower Upper Cumberland, recently attended the Smith County Hope Fest; raising awareness while sharing hope and resources for people in recovery.



Soup-er news!

The UCDD soup contest will return this fall. The winning recipe will be prepared for the 2023 UC Habitat for Humanity Cooking on the Square.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

SECOND-ANNUAL UC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT IN THE BOOKS

