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



## STAFF SHARE WHAT THEY LOVE MOST ABOUT THE UC



Recently, UCDD and UCHRA staff were asked to share what they love most about Tennessee's Upper Cumberland. The photos and stories shared were packaged as a series of postcards and shared on social media on Valentine's Day. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to read through this series of snapshots of this breathtaking region we call home. We hope that this series encourages you to explore the Upper Cumberland. With spring just around the corner and warmer days ahead, we invite you to continue to share what you love most about the region we call home. Share your media and stories via connect@ucdd.org and stay tuned as we continue to showcase the beauty of the UC!

### **CELEBRATING SOBRIETY**

Brandi Neely, a client of the Smith County Day Reporting Center (DRC) program, celebrated one year of sobriety earlier this month.

In addition to this significant milestone, Brandi also recently completed the Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) curriculum. MRT addresses moral reasoning and how people make choices about what they should or should not do in a given situation.

Congratulations, Brandi!



#### UC STEERING COMMITTEE AIMS TO ADDRESS GAPS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



UCDD and Bright Start TN Powered by Tennessee Quality Early Education (TQEE) are working together to ensure that a continuum of high-quality early care and education from birth through third grade is the norm for all Tennessee children.

The Upper Cumberland has established a Steering Committee that will drive decision-making in the process of addressing gaps in early childhood education to increase quality childcare in our region.

This collaboration also aims to positively impact future generations to prevent them from entering poverty by building a strong foundation through quality early education.

#### EMPLOYEE SHOUT-OUT: THANKS, DONNY!

[My] mom and I had the most wonderful driver this morning. Donny Miller out of Crossville drove us to her appointment from Cookeville to Crossville.

He was very professional, friendly and made sure she was comfortable and taken well care of. What a wonderful employee!

- Pam Sanford





Our offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 and UCHRA Public Transportation's Go Routes will not run. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 20.

## **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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#### SECOND ANNUAL UCHRA SOUPER BOWL

For the second year in a row, Lehra Trobaugh has been named the UCHRA SOUPer Bowl champion. Jen Knepp was named runner-up. The second annual event saw several entries and plenty of taste testers.

Congratulations, Lehra and Jen!



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