

Positively UC

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



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ACRE RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD

UCHRA employee, Rebekah Acre, has been awarded the Silver 2024 President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of logging nearly 350 hours of service. Rebekah is the County Office Specialist for the Warren County UCHRA office.

From www.presidentialserviceawards.gov: In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity.

This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

Congratulations, Rebekah, and thank you for your selfless contributions to your community and the Upper Cumberland!



THE PRESIDENT'S
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented to:

REBEKAH ACRE

SILVER

By AmeriCorps in recognition and appreciation for their commitment to strengthen our nation and communities through volunteer service.

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POINTS OF LIGHT

Mark your calendars!

APRIL 8

UCDD & UCHRA SPRING TRAINING

AT THE EDGE @ LIFE CHURCH COOKEVILLE
2223 N. WASHINGTON AVE., COOKEVILLE, TN



Doors open at 8 a.m.
Training begins at 8:30 a.m.



RPO DUO ATTENDS TDOT CONFERENCE

UCDD's dynamic RPO (rural planning organization) duo, Mark Dudney and Sean Patten, recently participated in the TDOT RPO Conference at Paris Landing State Park.

The gathering brought together RPO coordinators from across the state to discuss safety, planning, and resources for rural communities in Tennessee.

During the conference, Mark delivered a presentation titled "The Power of Partnerships: The Cumberland National Scenic Byway PBS Project."



RPOs involve local officials in multimodal transportation planning, through a structured process, to ensure quality, competence, and fairness in the transportation decision-making process. RPOs consider multimodal transportation needs on a local and regional basis, review long-term needs as well as short-term funding priorities, and make recommendations to TDOT.

RELATIVE CAREGIVER STAFF ATTEND TCCY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

Earlier this month, members of UCDD's Relative Caregiver Program attended Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth's, Children's Advocacy Days.

The 2025 Children's Advocacy Days theme, Navigating the Digital Frontier: Empowering Children & Youth for a Bright Future, explored innovative ways to positively impact the lives of children and youth in our ever-evolving digital era.

Children's Advocacy Days serves as a network of ideas, bringing together children's advocates who recognize the immense opportunities and unprecedented challenges that children and youth face today.

For more information, visit tn.gov/tccy.



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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FAMILY READING NIGHT A SUCCESS

Last Friday, the Teen Outreach Program at CHANCE Girls Home organized a Family Reading Night.

The residents of CHANCE took the lead in the activities, sharing several children's books with the group, including Eric Carle's *The Hungry Caterpillar* and Anna Dewdney's *Llama Llama Red Pajama*.

Some of the young guests in attendance were so enthusiastic that they joined in to help with the reading!

The TOP group was delighted to give each attendee two books of their choice to take home.

Thank you to the residents and staff at CHANCE for making this event possible!



Children in attendance were able to choose two books to take home.

UC WELL REPRESENTED DURING CHILDCARE DAY ON THE HILL EVENTS

