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



## EMPLOYEE SHOUT-OUT: CONNOR BLOUNT



Connor Blount, UCHRA Public Transportation Driver, takes pride in keeping his bus spotless, inside and out, upholding the organization's reputation for excellence. His attention to detail ensures clients can always expect a safe, clean, and comfortable ride. This commitment reflects the high standard of service our drivers provide and highlights the vital role they play in making every trip a success. *Thank you for all that you do, Connor!* 



## WELCOME, HOMESTYLE DIRECT

The AAAD is proud to partner with Homestyle Direct, which provides frozen, medically-tailored meals for clients with chronic conditions or special diets. Founded in Idaho, the company recently opened a new facility in Lewisburg, TN, and AAAD staff joined community partners and local officials at the ribbon-cutting to celebrate their expansion.

## UCDD, UCHRA STAFF ATTEND TN ELDER JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Representatives of UCDD and UCHRA recently attended the Tennessee Elder Justice Conference in Knoxville, held Aug. 17-19. The event brought together professionals focused on safeguarding the rights and wellbeing of older adults across the state.

As part of the conference, a special dinner celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Tennessee Area Agencies on Aging and Disability (AAADs), marking five decades of service and advocacy for seniors.

During the awards luncheon, Representative Kelly Keisling was honored for his outstanding service and support of older Tennesseans.





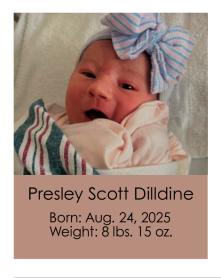






## OH, BABY: WELCOMING OUR NEWEST (AND CUTEST) TEAM MEMBERS

UCDD team members Katlvn Rav. Empower Coordinator. and Megan Resource Reagan, Community Development Planner, both recently welcomed new additions to their families. We couldn't be more excited to share in their joy and celebrate these milestones alongside Congratulations to Katlyn and Megan on their beautiful new arrivals!





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Jacklyn Medley, UCHRA Public Transportation Mobility Manager, and Carrie Baker, Warren County Coordinator, recently represented UCHRA at Motlow's Resource Day. They shared information about transportation services and the LIHEAP program, helping clients and community members learn more about available resources.

Last fiscal year, LIHEAP provided more than \$3.4 million in assistance to Upper Cumberland households, while UCHRA's Public Transportation team averaged 1,257 trips each day.

### UCHRA TEAMS ATTEND RECENT MACON COUNTY RECOVERY EVENT

Members of UCHRA's Empower Upper Cumberland and Community Intervention teams recently joined the Macon Recovery Possible Fest, hosted by the Macon County Prevention Coalition. Alongside other agencies, they provided information and showed support for those impacted by addiction.

The event brought together organizations, individuals in recovery, families, and community members to celebrate progress and highlight the resources that help individuals overcome substance use challenges. It also underscored Macon County's shared commitment to strengthening recovery efforts across the community.







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#### **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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