

# Positively UC

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



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## DUDNEY HELPS LAND AMERICA 250 GRANT



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With the assistance of UCDD's own Public Historian, Mark Dudney, Putnam County has been awarded a \$25,000 Tennessee America 250 grant from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial.

include the creation of a self-guided historic driving tour, the dissemination of printed educational materials, a scholarly speaker series, and field trips for Putnam County students.

The grant will fund Celebrate America 250 in Putnam County, with planned activities to

*Great work, Mark, and all involved with securing this grant for Putnam County!*



## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK IN CLAY COUNTY

Recently, dedicated volunteers came together at the Maple Grove Community Center to support a Food Distribution event, made possible by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Nashville. Thanks to their teamwork, residents in Clay County were able to receive fresh produce and non-perishable items efficiently and with care. Special thanks to Sheriff Brandon Boone; Mayor Dale Reagan; Kathy Pealer, Clay County UCHRA; and Commissioner Winton Young

*We truly appreciate all the volunteers who helped make this event a success and support the community in such a meaningful way.*

# Events & Happenings

*As we gear up for the weeks ahead, here's a quick look at upcoming events and key dates for staff awareness and participation.*

## UCDD-UCHRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The UCDD Executive Board will meet Wednesday, April 15, at 10 a.m. This will be immediately followed by the UCHRA Executive Board meeting. Both meetings will be held at the UCDD office. Recordings of both meetings will be accessible on YouTube within 24 hours of their conclusion.

## UCDD & UCHRA MANDATORY SPRING TRAINING

UCDD and UCHRA Spring Training will take place on Friday, April 24, at the Putnam County Convention Center in Cookeville. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and the day's events will kick off at 8:30 a.m. Remember, attendance is mandatory and we must have record (via sign-in sheet) of an employee's participation in the current Title VI training. Please coordinate with your supervisor regarding carpooling/travel arrangements or any other questions prior to the event.



## CONGRATULATIONS, FAYTHE

Please join us in congratulating Faythe Reid on passing her exit exam as part of her Master's degree in Social Work at the University of Pikeville.

Faythe's dedication has been truly inspiring, balancing her responsibilities at CHANCE, commuting daily from just outside Knoxville, and continuing her graduate studies.

*We are incredibly proud of Faythe and grateful for all she brings to our team. Congratulations on this well-deserved accomplishment!*



## 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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# RECOGNIZING UCHRA DRIVER RANDALL PLEASANT

We would like to recognize and thank Randall Pleasant, who serves Warren County as a driver for our Public Transportation program.

Recently, we received heartfelt feedback from an employee with the Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association praising Randall's kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others.

They shared that Randall consistently treats people with patience, respect, and understanding, and that his positive attitude and integrity make a lasting difference.

*We are grateful to have Randall on our team. He is a tremendous asset to our organization and a wonderful example of the care and commitment we strive to provide throughout the region.*



## AAAD TEAM WELCOMES EARTH MONTH



The Upper Cumberland Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) celebrated Earth Month during a staff meeting by using Google Earth to showcase personal favorite destinations.

Each staff member marked their chosen spot, and colleagues guessed who picked each location before sharing its significance. This activity also allowed for important program updates.

April is recognized as Earth Month, culminating in Earth Day on April 22.

## WAY TO GO, CHOICES TEAM

We are proud of the dedicated staff at the Upper Cumberland Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD), whose hard work has led to our CHOICES program achieving a zero-findings audit for at least 10 years.

This program supports eligible older adults and those with physical disabilities in staying safely at home or in their communities. For more information, visit our website, [www.ucdd.org](http://www.ucdd.org).

