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Bradford named UCHRA County Coordinator of the Year

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Cookeville- Many people have a job, that to them, is a calling rather than a paycheck. From the obvious clergyman to nurses to public servants, their service does not require individual accolades to satisfy a job well done. The knowledge of assisting those in need is reward enough. Recognition, however, comes when warranted. Every December, staff members and employees eagerly await the announcement of the award given to one of the fourteen County Coordinators of the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA). This year's recipient was Mitzi Bradford, the County Coordinator of Dekalb County.

"Mitzi has an excellent knowledge of the job," stated Phyllis Bennett, Executive Director of the UCHRA, "She is an inspiration to her staff and willing to do whatever it takes to see that her client's needs are met."

Bradford has been with the UCHRA for nearly twenty-five years and has served in numerous positions during her tenure prior to becoming the Dekalb County Coordinator, where she has continued to use her dedication, dependability and outstanding leadership skills to promote the programs that help improve the quality of life for the residents of Dekalb County.

To guide the HRA management team in a most difficult task of choosing the Coordinator of the Year, criteria used included: leadership abilities, supervisory skills, attitude, and public relations. Other factors taken into consideration were working relationships with elected officials, coordinating with other public and private agencies, efficiency and implementation of programs in partnership with UCHRA department directors. The UCHRA knows that each county has an excellent coordinator and to choose one recipient is extremely difficult.

"I am extremely proud of Mitzi and her accomplishment," stated Dekalb County Executive, Mike Foster, "She means so much to Dekalb County for all she does with UCHRA."

To find out who the County Coordinator in your county is, visit www.uchra.com and follow the local county office link. For more information you can call the Central Office at 931-528-1127.



Celebrating DeKalb County Coordinator Mitzi Bradford's UCHRA Coordinator of Year award is from left: Mike Foster, DeKalb County Mayor; Bradford; Phyllis Bennett, UCHRA Executive Director; Taft Henderson, Smithville Mayor and Edward Hale, Liberty Mayor.