



UCOM  
**COMMUNICATOR**

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**How Your Support Helps Rachel**

**How You Helped Cal Find a Career**





## Working for Change

How Your Giving Makes Life Better for Rachel

**“They helped me learn about working and being professional in how I met the public and got the job done.”**

*I had almost stopped believing I could get a job. I hoped and hoped that someone would see how bad I wanted to work and have income. For six years I came to UCOM to help out, to make friends and to get to where I was ready for a paying job. They helped me learn about working and being professional in how I met the public and got the job done. This summer I finally got my*

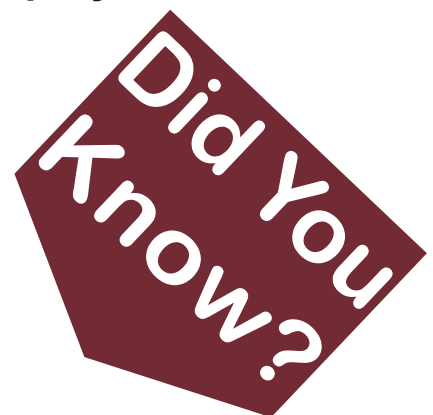
*chance to work at a discount store near my home. I learned a lot there and I am about to move to a different job at the business where I really want to work.*

*Working makes me happy. I can afford to buy some of the things I need to get by. I am thankful for all the people at UCOM who work with me and laugh at my jokes even when they are not funny. I tell everybody about my friends here and how they can get help if they will work at it.*

*This summer I helped with the carnival at UCOM. Helping the children play games and win prizes was fun. I even had my face painted. I'm glad UCOM is here for me. – Rachel D.*

UCOM's skilled staff is dedicated to empowering people like Rachel but none of us would be here if it weren't for your partnership. **THANK YOU** for being the answer to many people's prayers.

**Your gifts to UCOM help hundreds of people each year to gain valuable job skills**





## When a Job Seeker Gets Stuck Your Gifts Help Them to Get Moving Again

**“He was on his way to orientation at a direct-hire full time position.”**

Cal called in looking for employment services because he stated that he was tired of working for temp agencies and was looking for a full time permanent career job.

At his initial appointment, Cal presented as being well ‘rehearsed’ when responding to screening questions about his goals. Cal’s job coach recognized that perhaps Cal was really just needing an update to his resume for an upcoming interview.

When Cal’s coach asked about crafting a resume and cover letter for a particular job, he was delighted to learn that ‘short term’ services could be provided without a lengthy agenda of classes and ‘hoops’ to jump through.

He called his coach a few days later, to thank her for the help and to let her know that he was on his way to orientation at a direct-hire full time position.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Thursday Evening Pantry Helpers - Help neighbors shop, stock shelves

Weekday Drivers - Make pickups and deliveries

Gardening Volunteers - Share gardening knowledge with UCOM gardener classes

If you have a passion you’d like to share as a volunteer, let us know!

## Current Needs:

Lawn Mower

Weed Whacker

Pointed Shovel

Small Trowels

Work/Garden Gloves

Personal Care Items







# YOU CAN HELP!

1. Become a sustaining member of UCOM's programs with monthly donations.
2. Volunteer as a driver and help with pick ups and deliveries
3. Help register clients during pantry hours
4. Collect personal care products for our support pantries
5. Give fliers to SpartanNash store customers during County Wide Food
6. Share this newsletter with a friend!

## Green is Good

Your gifts for UCOM's Farm Stand provide fresh, local, and healthful produce to our neighbors at affordable prices.

Qualifying households can shop at the Farm Stand using cash, Senior Project Fresh Coupons, or EBT.

Give us a call today and learn how you can help!



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