

Snapshots of CAC AmeriCorps Members

From the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's CAC AmeriCorps Program

Cele Weakfall is excited to share the magic that happens at Ijams Nature Center, where she is preparing 12 acres to create an outdoor classroom for pre-kindergarten children. Her enthusiasm, optimism and resilience shine through whether she is removing bags of trash from this site which was formerly a dump or eradicating invasive species so that the soil can be suitable for sustaining natural plants and animals. Currently a first year AmeriCorps member, Cele has embraced her position with vigor and determination.



Chris Gontarski is enthused to devote his second year with AmeriCorps to GPS all the trails in the Ocoee Region to improve the quality of the maps for the public, as well as assist in the maintenance of the trails. Chris loves the challenges inherent in daily life and enjoys assisting random people he encounters. He is appreciative of the sense of responsibility and the great resources he's been given. Chris says he is proud of his persistence to keep pushing, and he's only become increasingly prouder to be an AmeriCorps member as time continues.



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