

**OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORY.**

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** — Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

**SEE BLUE (jeans) – SEE SERVICE**

This Friday (June 19), Mary Vosevich again invites and encourages everyone in **Facilities Management** to wear blue jeans and to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the **Big Blue Pantry**, a student-led campus resource dedicated to fighting hunger on campus. Rice, Ramen, peanut butter, canned goods (beans, soups, veggies, etc.), dry pasta, and dried fruit are all excellent options. Later this week, supervisors will communicate with their teams on where to bring the items on Friday. There will also be drop points in the front lobbies of the Kelly Building and Peterson Service Building. There will also be a curb-side drop off option for our team members who are working remotely. This will be located on Limestone by the first service dock for Peterson Service Building and will be in place from 8am-1pm. In May, our denim drive yielded more than 500 lbs. of food for our students in need. Let’s break that record this week.



Our **Facilities Management teams** are hard at work preparing to implement the new plans and practices for a reinvented fall semester. Public water fountains have been turned off to help prevent the spread of this virus, but our community will be able to stay hydrated without resorting to single use plastic bottles. **Utilities and Energy Management** is working closely with our **building operators** to ensure that the campus water bottle filling stations are still functional. UK has more than 125 of these bottle fillers located in more than 50 campus buildings. You can use this map to find the location closest to your office: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9a5f73f58fb742d9a4967d5651ba1cae>



Self-care, maintaining and improving our mental and physical health, should always be a priority but it is especially important in these trying times. UK Human Resources, through their **Work-Life Connections Program**, provides a wide array of resources available to all UK Employees. We encourage you to take time this week to do two things. First, learn about the warning signs that commonly indicate that stress and circumstances are negatively impacting your mental health. Second, familiarize yourself with the resources that UK provides to help you regain balance and focus. More info:

<https://www.uky.edu/hr/work-life/counseling/worklife-connections-counseling>

**PHOTO FRIDAY: Show off your shades**

June is National Migraine and Headache Awareness month and June 21 is Migraine World Solidarity Day – the catalyst for the “Shades for Migraine” campaign (<https://www.shadesformigraine.org/>). In support of all our colleagues and family members who suffer from migraines and chronic headaches, let’s show off our shades in this week’s Photo Friday collage. Submit pictures to [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu) by 5pm on Thursday, June 18.

