

*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*

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.

Here is a great story! Recently an individual reached out to UK HealthCare expressing their desire to donate meals to the people working so hard to keep our community safe. In turn, UK HealthCare administrators decided that these meals should go to the **Facilities Management Medical Center (FMMC)** staff for their tireless work and dedication. In a letter to the donor, UK HealthCare leadership wrote, *“Thank you for the generous food donation and for collaborating with DV8* to provide the 130 meals. These meals will be distributed to our Medical Center Physical Plant team! This team works extremely hard to ensure our hospital is up and running and we are able to provide great patient care! We are so thankful for all they do!”* FMMC’s **Preston Thomas, Caroline Ellis, and Jeff Kunsman** served as event organizers for the meal which took place last Friday, and these three have been tireless champions for staff morale for many months. Photos from the event below.



**The community member making the donation coordinated with DV8 Kitchen to provide the 130 meals. DV8 Kitchen was developed and operates as a second chance employment opportunity for people who are trying to redirect their lives. They believe providing employment at DV8 Kitchen can lead to a lifetime ability to gain and maintain employment and deviate from their past lifestyle.*



PHOTO FRIDAY – PANDEMIC PETS

Adopting a new pet has been a popular activity for many households during the past year. This week’s Photo Friday is dedicated to the furry, feathered, and “whatever else” friends that Facilities Management’s folks have brought into their homes since March of last year. At left is Willie, Angela Walton’s corgi pup adopted on March 27 AND celebrated his first birthday on Monday. Submit your photos to Shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight on Thursday, January 14.