

FACES BEHIND THE PLACES



MIKE BURWELL

Welcome Home

Mike Burwell, Director of Sales with U.S. Cellular, is a do-whatever-is-needed kind of guy. Willing to jump in and help, Burwell has done everything at Welcome Home from landscaping to KP duty. He's helped Veterans move into their apartments and has watched Welcome Home grow and evolve over the last few years, now serving more Veterans than ever before. He'll tell you that, for him, the most meaningful interactions come from time spent sitting in the dining area chatting with the Veterans. Their stories inspire him and he gets a lot out of those conversations. Most of all, he's realized the connection we all share as individuals trying to figure out life and making commitments to better ourselves, our families and especially our children. Though he isn't a Veteran himself, he understands that we're all united by a mutual desire to get into society and make a difference.

Burwell started volunteering on his own, but being a natural connector, he soon brought other businesses into the fold. Companies like U.S. Cellular, Sunrise Southwest Rotary Club and even CoMo Smoke & Fire who share a passion for Veterans and a commitment for giving back. In fact, U.S. Cellular has a national company-wide goal of logging 35,000 volunteer hours in 2018, and Burwell is definitely pulling his weight.

Somewhat of a grill master, Burwell enjoys cooking in his spare time. Some of his specialties include smoking meats and making desserts, which he finds relaxing. With five grandkids, Burwell and his wife of 36 years, Christi, spend any spare time enjoying friends and family at Mark Twain lake.

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