

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Amy Anderson



Citizens,

It has truly been a fantastic year! As you read through the Energizer this month you will see that our chapters have finished the year strong with some wonderful projects. Congratulations to each of our chapters for great years. You all took the challenge of Discovering the Possibilities and really made your chapters shine this year.

This year would not have been successful without the efforts of many people. Citizens would not operate without the hardest working department in Georgia Power – our volunteer services staff. Thank you to Chris, Sherri, Jennifer, Krista and Charlie for all the effort you put into making our organization run so smoothly. Very few people realize how much time and effort you all put into this organization and our chapters benefit daily from your dedication.

To our members, thank you for walking down this trail with me this year. In a world where it is too easy to get wrapped up in negativity, thank you for continuing to be shining examples of all that is good in this world. I believe some of the best people in this state work for Georgia Power but the best of the best I believe belong to our Citizens chapters. Remember that sometimes in life you must take the road that seems less traveled. That other people choose to pass by because it is more difficult or less popular or because no one has dared to do it that way before. It may take more effort or time to walk down, but in the end the reward usually outweighs the difficulties of the journey. I think living a life filled with service is the same way. It can be difficult and there are many hours you give up in order to serve – but the rewards are great. Keep traveling down those less traveled paths and Continue to Discover the Possibilities with Citizens.

To All of You, thank you for a truly amazing year. It will be one that I remember and allow to inspire me for many years to come. I have been extremely humbled to serve as your state president this year. It has been such a blessing. It has been, and will continue to be, an honor to serve alongside each of you.

*Amy Anderson*





### Plant Bowen Chapter

Big thanks to Susie McFarland and friends for hosting a Christmas party for the Hickory Log guys. Hickory Log is a private non-profit personal care home that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bowen's awesome employees support this effort with their donations and participation in the bag raffle and parking raffle. Each special guest received a gift bag stuffed with goodies including a comfy sweatshirt with their name on it, lounging pants, and even a Chick-fil-A gift card! The smiles on these faces tell it all. Great job Bowen Citizens!



Bowen Citizens members really stepped up with their shoe drive for Murphy-Harpst! Their generosity provided 20 pairs of shoes on their wish list, as well as a check for more than \$1,127 to further fund shoes for new kids coming in.



Murphy-Harpst is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential treatment, placements in specialized foster

care, and community programs that serve at-risk young people and their families.



Euharlee Elementary has a program where the students receive "cats cash" during the year for those who display excellent behavior and who do good deeds. The kids can save up their cash and win prizes at the end of the semester. Earlier in the month, they reached out to Plant Bowen Citizens and said they didn't have enough prizes for all the recipients. As normal, Plant Bowen stepped up and was able to donate a bike, scooter, skateboards, games, Legos and much more! Thank you to everyone who helped out with this!

### Carrollton Chapter

Citizens members from the Carrollton chapter had a great time visiting Whitesburg Elementary School. The chapter gifted the third-grade students their own Student Dictionary. The dictionary project helps students improve their reading and writing skills. They put them to good use by looking up the word "improve" and discussing what a great tool the dictionary can be.



Carrollton Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power had a Toy drive for Haralson County Toys for Tots. Looks like there will be some happy kids on Christmas morning!!



### Plant Bowen Chapter

In the spirit of the season, Bowen Citizens members came to the rescue of the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. The shelter had nine kids, several who were living at the shelter, who didn't have anyone signed up to bring them anything. Their wish lists were NEEDED items, not wanted items, necessities, that we take for granted. Bowen members giving spirit provided warm winter coats, winter clothes, tennis shoes, socks, a car seat, diapers and wipes. All nine kids' lists were filled! Thank you to everyone that participated, it made a huge difference in these kids' lives this year.



### Savannah Chapter

The Savannah Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power capped off their year with a donation to Savannah Feed the Hungry, a local non-profit. They have a Christmas dinner for the hungry and the chapter donated 16 turkeys and cases of other food stuffs to help this great cause! Funds were also used to buy some toys and sports equipment.



### Gainesville Chapter

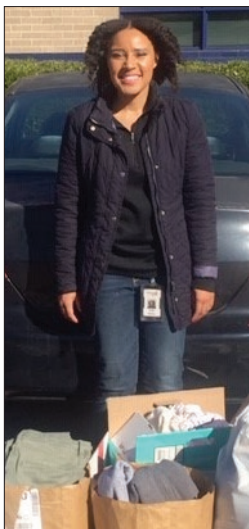
Gainesville Chapter of Citizens purchased gifts for four children at risk of not receiving presents for Christmas in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Chapter members delivered the gifts but admitted it was a struggle keeping Lance off the bike and Allison under budget!



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### Metro West Chapter

The Metro West Citizens chapter had a coat drive to benefit MUST Ministries, a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to helping homeless and struggling individuals and families with food, clothing, housing, employment, and other services in the Cobb and Cherokee Counties. The chapter was able to collect 159 articles of clothing that included coats, jackets,



sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, pants, and baby clothes. The items were donated to the Volunteer Engagement and Donation Center for MUST Ministries. The coat drive was facilitated by the chapter's secretary Jade Walker in the Environmental Lab.



**General Office Chapter**

Again this year, Chapter members volunteered at Santa's Village where struggling families can "shop" for Christmas gifts for their children. Volunteers directed the parents through the gift showroom, located chosen items in the warehouse, and distributed bags full of gifts to the parents. Thanks to Angela Gillis and Leslie Lawrence for coordinating.

**Customer Care Center Chapter**

Citizens of Georgia Power Customer Care Center Chapter hosted a toy drive for kids in the community. All donations went to Connecting Henry, who will be hosting the "Community Cares Toy Shop." This event will provide qualified residents of Henry County a chance to experience shopping as a family.



**Brunswick Chapter**

Brunswick chapter presented the Glynn County Sheriff's office CHAMPS program with a check for \$3,725. CHAMPS provides violence resistance education to elementary age children in Glynn County. The chapter sold and cooked 140 Boston Butts to raise the funds.



Congratulations to the Summit Spotlight winner this month – Jefferson Street Chapter.



Jefferson Street chapter has been busy wrapping up a great year! They hosted another great Cornhole Tournament with proceeds benefitted Hooves Marching for Mercy and Electric Kids. This annual event raised over \$11,350. Thanks to everyone who supported this event, including the leadership team!



The Chapter held a bake sale which raised over \$600 for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Chapter members proudly participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.



Jefferson Street Citizens jumped in to make some children's Christmas a little bit brighter by partnering with Salvation Army's Angel Tree.



Residents of Lutheran Towers enjoyed a great Christmas program and a wonderful lunch courtesy of Jefferson Street Chapter and General Office Chapter with their annual holiday partnership.



### Heart of Georgia Chapter

Heart of Georgia's pecan sales allowed the chapter to support all the Christmas wishes for 20 kids through Family Advancement Ministries Gifts of Love program. From the looks of it some of the "elves" had more fun than the kids will! Great job Heart of Georgia!



### Metro East Chapter

Chapter members from Metro East Citizens proudly presented checks to re:loom and Hope Lodge. Both charities were extremely happy to receive these donations. Incoming chapter President Andre Person said the smiles and joy from these organization remind me how much our sacrifices mean to so many other people. Great job Metro East!





### Brunswick Chapter

Every year the Brunswick Citizens chapter donates snacks and bingo prizes to four different nursing homes. What a great way to brighten the holidays for our senior citizens!!

## Legacy Project

Brunswick's third Legacy project this year was for Camden House, a family violence shelter, down in St. Mary's. The Legacy check from the Georgia Power Foundation covered materials to provide a covered area for parents to sit while their children play on the playground. The chapter also changed out some light bulbs to LED bulbs and helped purchase a commercial freezer for their kitchen. Brunswick Citizens are truly impacting their communities!







## Plant Scherer Chapter

Plant Scherer Citizens Chapter collected items from Christmas wish lists for 125 kids from the surrounding counties with help of the generous donations from their employee's.



## North Fulton Chapter

North Fulton Citizens members brightened the day of some preschoolers at Los Niños Primero in Sandy Springs. The volunteers read to the preschoolers, helped with cookie decorating, and prepared goody bags. Not sure who had more fun the kids or the Citizens members!



## Tifton Chapter

The Tifton chapter of Citizens held a paint party to raise funds for Suitcases for Kids. Members painted different types of cutouts and decorations for the holidays. This event raised over \$320!





**Tifton Chapter**

Tifton Chapter CGP continued to support the Suitcase for Kids Christmas project. The chapter raised over \$1,000 through employee contributions and proceeds from the paint party to purchase the bicycles.



**General Office Chapter**

The General Office Chapter held its inaugural – and 1st annual – Ping Pong Tournament in November. Organized by Stephen Kerkhof, the day's top four players were Erika Yaeger, Evan Wakeley, Nainar Deivasundaram and Alex Fawal. As grand prize winner, Alex selected the American Heart Association to receive all tournament proceeds.



Mary Norris hosted another wonderful holiday party at the Lutheran Towers senior facility on Saturday, December 7. General Office and Jefferson Street Chapter members served lunch, played games, sang holiday songs, and provided much-needed companionship to the residents.



### Metro South Chapter

Jonathan Flannigan, Roderick Sanders, and Delacio Spencer of the Georgia Control Center presented a check for \$2112.54 to Nancy Koenig of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the Marcus Autism Center. This donation came from proceeds from the first annual Power Delivery Operations Golf Classic. This great event was a partnership between Georgia Control Center staff and Metro South Citizens.



Thanks to a successful golf tournament, Metro South chapter members presented a check to Will Garner, Executive Director of the Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City. Midwest Food Bank serves food pantries and assistance kitchens in 56 counties in 6 states in the Southeast. According to Mr. Garner, for every dollar donated, the food bank can provide \$33 worth of food to people in need making the value impact of this donation over \$69,713.



Bill Maddox, Chapter Treasurer for the Metro South Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power presented 100 pairs of safety glasses and 25 pairs of safety goggles to teachers Tish Householder and Nicholas Bethea of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Morrow. These are for use in their 4th and 5th grade science labs which had previously been sharing 15 pairs of safety glasses between the four classes.