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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Hello Citizens,

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to start by thanking you for your continued efforts to get projects submitted to the Legacy Project Committee. We continue to see activity and are very excited about your commitment to finishing the year strong! We held our last board meeting of the year virtually on November 12 and I wanted to brag on your state board. They truly lived by our commitment to make this year **A Legacy of Service** by voting to approve the recommendation from the finance committee to hire a firm to help us manage our organizations' financials. This decision will ensure that the financial integrity of Citizens continues to be strong for years to come. The Chapter Relations Chairs represented you well by bragging on all the awesome projects you have done this year. You have found many different ways to ensure you continue to make a difference in your communities at a time when they need us most and under some unprecedented circumstances.



We also held our first ever business meeting virtually on November 13. Your chapter presidents represented you well and ensured that our organization is in compliance. I want to thank the chapter presidents for their leadership and flexibility as we have thrown a lot of information at them during the year and they have been very engaged and led their chapters well!

Finally, I want to formally invite you to the first ever Citizens Celebratory Livestream Meeting to be held on December 9 at 10AM. The winner of the 2020 A Citizen Wherever We Serve Community Impact Award will be presented along with a celebration of all the great work you have done. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I can't wait to highlight all of the great work you have done this year!

Juan Madrigal



Savannah

The Savannah Citizens Chapter had another great service event Monday night assisting the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization for a fourth time. We had 18 volunteers who helped around the pier at Tybee Beach by picking up trash left behind on the beach. The beach crowds have decreased since the chapter began doing these events in the spring. However, the group still managed to fill 18 five-gallon buckets with trash in less than two hours. The chapter has had numerous successful events with TCBV. This type of event fits greatly into our COVID volunteer guidelines, so volunteers were thrilled to help TCBV again. Safety, as always, was at the forefront. Chapter members did their best to maintain social distance, and when not possible, they wore face coverings.





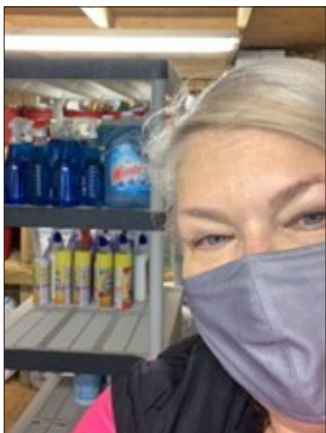
Thomson

The Thomson CGP chapter has been hard at work displaying the 'history' of Georgia Power in Thomson to commemorate McDuffie County's 150th anniversary. This year's 2020 Fall Crow Festival is downtown courtesy of Denise and Mil Hamrick, and Tommy and Carla Cole. The photos on the wagon wheels tell an awesome story for Georgia Power in our community. Their efforts garnered them first place!! Way to go Thomson!!



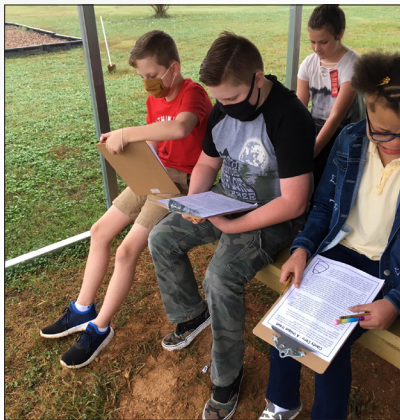
General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter began work on their Legacy Project at The Nicholas House. Volunteers moved items from the current storage building to a temporary location so that work on the new Legacy Project Shed can begin. The crew was limited to ensure safety, but the fun, comradery, and sweat equity were all in abundance! The Nicholas House assists homeless families in making the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency in a structured but home-like environment.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens members proudly completed their Legacy Project to build an outdoor classroom and greenhouse for the students at K.B. Sutton Elementary earlier this year. Check out this note they received from the school! Right now, in the greenhouse we are growing tomatoes, basil, pineapple plants, pineapple sage, roses, strawberries, asparagus, and elephant ears. We also have some yucca plants outside of the greenhouse. We have planted seeds for peaches, and we are trying to root weeping willows and boxwoods. We are working on turning the raised bed into a pollinator bed like you suggested. Thank you again for all that you've done. I'm attaching a few photos to show you our progress with the raised bed and garden carts and of some students using the pavilion.



Plant Scherer and their Citizens Chapter provided lunch for the 70 hardworking Monroe County Hospital healthcare staff and 10 dedicated US Renal Care Dialysis Center healthcare workers. Meals were purchased from a local business in Monroe County. THANK YOU, healthcare workers, for all you do during these crucial times. **#WeHelpBecauseItsHome.**

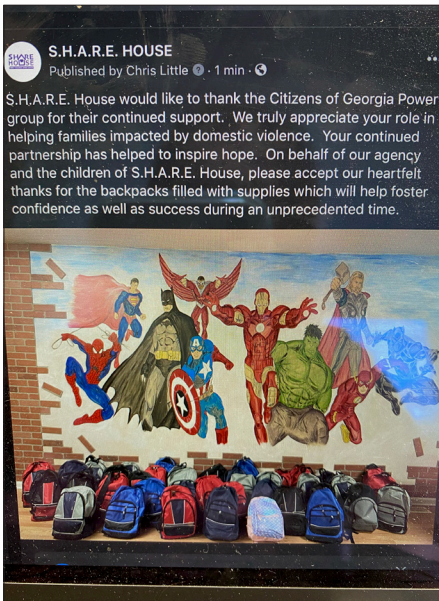


Plant Bowen

Bowen chapter officers have been encouraging their members to look for other ways to serve. It didn't take chapter member Bill Mittenmeyer and his wife Melinda long to spot a need! They graciously donated and delivered masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, and backpacks to Taylorsville Elementary and Euharlee Elementary. Thanks for accepting the challenge Bill and Melinda!



Even with all the challenges they have faced this year, Plant Bowen Citizens were able to donate 679 pounds of canned food to Bartow County Can-A-Thon. Not bad considering all the challenges with Covid! Great job Plant Bowen!



Metro West

Metro West Citizens got some heartwarming validation from their back to school backpack drive for S.H.A.R.E House in Douglasville. Chapter members generosity allowed them to support this great organization and the families who are not able to provide school supplies for their children. Check out some of these Thank You notes!!!



Jefferson Street

The Jefferson Street Chapter assisted Covenant House with beautification of their campus as part of their Legacy Project. Covenant House Atlanta was founded in 2000 and has helped transform and save the lives of more than a million homeless, runaway and trafficked young people. They offer housing and support services to young people in need. This has resulted in reaching 74,000 youth every year. Coming off the streets, the young individuals they serve are usually disconnected from their families. In addition to living on the streets, many have survived abusive homes, spent time in juvenile justice facilities, aged out of foster care or have been victims of human trafficking and exploitation. Shanelle Holder, Covenant House Volunteer Manager said, "We are excited to have the Legacy Project start our youth cottage's beautification project!". Curb appeal in this area will be greatly appreciated and is definitely needed!" Covenant House is blessed to have 7 beautiful acres of land on the CHGA campus but maintaining that much is a chore! The Jefferson Street Citizens of Georgia Power assisted them with cleaning, mulching, planting and updating the outdoor furniture around three of their youth cottages. Awesome job Jefferson Street!!



Plant Yates

Plant Yates Citizens chapter donated seven Honeybaked smoked turkeys plus three sides to the women's shelter in Newnan. Chapter member Chris Houston and Troy Owens Chapter President were proud to present the meals to the center director Linda Kirkpatrick.



Yates Citizens members Chris Houston, Bobby Harper and Chapter President Troy Owens shared some Thanksgiving joy with the women's shelter in Carrollton when they delivered eight Honeybaked smoked turkeys plus sides. Great job Plant Yates!!!

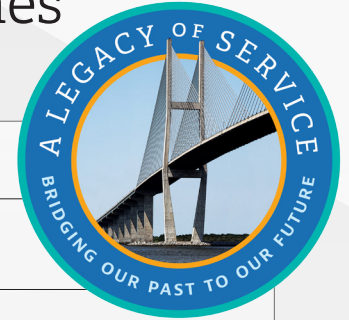
Albany, Bainbridge, Tifton and Valdosta

The Albany, Bainbridge, Tifton and Valdosta Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter members partnered together to work on a CGP Legacy project in the Pelham community. Members met at Frances K. Davis Park and made several improvements to facilities around the park which included painting bathrooms inside and out, replacing nets on six basketball goals and painting lines on the courts. Volunteers cleaned bleachers, installed new protective safety railing along the outfield fence and replaced and painted damaged wood on the two dugouts at the baseball field. Citizens members also assembled and installed a new commercial grade swing set and slide. Newly elected City of Pelham Councilman Fredrick Davis commented "It brings joy to my heart to see so many volunteers committed to making a positive difference." Frances K. Davis Park is named in honor of Councilman Davis' mother. Pelham City Manager Craig Bennett and Mayor James Eubanks were also very appreciative of everyone volunteering their time and energy to improve the park. Thanks to the Legacy Project funding from the Georgia Power Foundation, the upgrades and improvements completed by our Citizens volunteers will offer a safe environment for families to enjoy while also providing quality facilities where community mentors can provide recreational outlets for children in the community for years to come.



When the volunteers were packing up, neighbors were already putting the Citizens handiwork to good use!!!

2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
December 9	2021-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple