

# Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power



## 2021 State Board

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## State President's Message

Mary Norris

Greetings Citizens:

Serving as your president this year has truly been an honor and it's one that I will treasure for years to come. I've been re-energized and have learned so much about the 39 chapters around the state.

We made it!! 2021 is almost over and we've almost completed another great year of service to our communities. As I reflected on choosing the theme, "Unmasking Opportunities for Service 365 Days", I never imagined that we would still be wearing masks. However, I knew when I chose this theme, the Citizens chapter members would unlock some doors to projects never done before and make them successful. The Energizer highlighted chapter activities each month and I've been amazed at how chapters completed their tasks during a pandemic. I would say it's the fact that this organization is strong within its communities and committed to service.

During this time of the year, many of us are celebrating the long-awaited holiday called Christmas. It's a season where people seem to be full of joy; people buy gifts for people to show their love and concern, people find ways to do things for others and we are just surrounded by the power of love in its truest form.

Now for some people, this is the only time they seem to be full of love and want to share in their giving. However, Citizens are doing service for others all year long. For just a moment, I want you to concentrate on just one thing you did this year that gave faith and hope to a group that was helped because of your generosity. I'm sure it made you feel good in knowing a good deed was done.

Starting with the State Board, I'd like to say thanks for everything you've done this year to make things flow so smoothly; to the Advisory Council for your wisdom and support; to our Chapter presidents for your leadership in making sure we were complete with our deadlines; to our members for your passion and commitment to want to make sure our communities get what they need to continue to serve. Lastly, I want to give my sincerest thanks to our State Volunteer Services team, Chris, Krista, Jennifer, Cindy, and Charlie. They are awesome and there's no way I could have made it without their help. Kudos to all of You!!!

2022 is right around the corner and I'm looking forward to continuing to serve as Betsy Tillman takes over as President and leads us with her theme of "Citizens - The Beauty of Service is virtually everywhere."

I leave you with this quote: The most useful asset of a person is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, with ears open to listen and hands willing to help.

My prayer is that each of you will have a peaceful, restful, and joyous time with your family and friends as we end the year, and you will choose to join us next year as we continue the tradition and legacy of "Being A Citizen Wherever We Serve".

Mary Norris



## Carrollton

Thank you to Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power and Carrollton employees that helped to make Christmas special for seven local students at Heard Co Middle and High School. Carrly Lovvorn and April Hale were honored to deliver this wonderful donation!

Thankful for a company that supports our efforts as well as generous coworkers. This year, Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power collected over 100 toys for Haralson County Toys for Tots. Thank you to Carrly and Chloe Lovvorn for helping shop, Joanna Isbell and April Hale for loading the sleigh and delivery! Thanks also to everyone that donated money or toys.



## Jefferson Street

For Jefferson Street Citizens 2021 Legacy project, the chapter chose Food4Lives, a service organization founded by students from Georgia Tech and Emory in 2017 to feed, educate and empower the homeless of Atlanta. Through Legacy Project funds from the Georgia Power Foundation, the chapter was able to donate a dough maker, tables and pizza supplies. Volunteers made 100 pizzas, sorted donated clothes and then delivered to the homeless in Atlanta around Woodward and Hurt Park.





# Milledgeville

Milledgeville Citizens volunteers continue to find ways to serve! Through their generous donations and efforts, members packed 40 bags for the Putnam Christian Outreach Backpack Program. This great program provides elementary and middle school children with meals and snacks after school and over the weekend!



Christmas is a time of giving and Milledgeville Citizens members certainly demonstrated that by adopting 19 angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree!





## Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens members and plant employees partnered with one of their contractors, Synthetic Materials and together they donated over 2,050 pounds of food to local food pantries. What a great way to support those in need!



Santa came early at Plant Bowen! Citizen's members and plant employees donated money and gifts to ensure that 30 kids had something to open on Christmas morning. Great job with Silent Santa!



Chapter members volunteered to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Kroger in Cartersville.

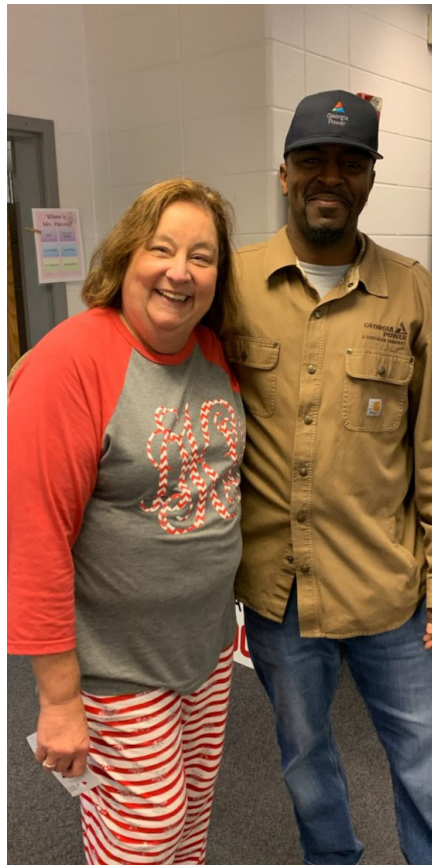


# Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation Citizens members and plant employees donated "BIG" to God's Mission House Food Pantry in Effingham County. Their team proudly donated 700 pounds of food to assist those in need during the holiday season.



The Savannah Generation Chapter really showed their support for organizations and schools around the community through donations and food drives. 2021 ending strong with the chapter equally distributing \$2,000 to four elementary schools and providing \$554 to the Empty Stocking Fund. Food donations were also delivered to St. Boniface Church during the exact time donations were being provided to families in need. Citizens members were happy to be able to put a smile on faces during the holiday season!





## Plant Wansley

The Citizens of Georgia Power Plant Wansley chapter hosted a canned food drive to help restock The Little Food Pantries located throughout the City of Carrollton. The chapter exceeded their expectations through their generous donations!! Volunteers were able to fully stock each Little Pantry! It's always a pleasure being a citizen wherever we serve!



## Savannah

A plea from P.A.C.K Savannah for their food drive turned into great generosity from Savannah Citizens members. At the last minute the chapter got an update from P.A.C.K. Savannah that they were completely out of children's snacks. With a few calls and some quick hands-on deck, they were able to purchase and donate over 300 bulk package food/snack items. That's close to \$3,000 worth of food!! Chapter President Jimmy Brown encouraged all his members to stop by and see the amazing things this organization does for the community.





## General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program again in 2021. Employees purchased gifts for needy Metro-area children and seniors, and members volunteered at the Salvation Army warehouse to bag and sort donated gifts.



General Office board members celebrated another successful year of service with a holiday dinner at Maggiano's on December 16th.



## Tallulah Falls

Tallulah Falls Citizens members raised the bar on their Toys for Kids program this year! Every year the chapter partners with the First Baptist Church in Cornelia to provide toys for local kids in need. This year they had over 600 kids and families on the list. Through donations, raffles, food sales, and sponsorships, the chapter was able to provide 42 bicycles with helmets and over 500 toys for children of all ages in the Habersham and Rabun communities. The chapter also used their leftover chapter funds to brighten the season for Circle of Hope, Rabun County food bank, Rabun County 4H, and Faith Ministries with generous donations.



## Gainesville

Chapter member Hannah Warner and Chapter Treasurer Sherry Lizotte had the pleasure of presenting a check to Hall-Dawson CASA on behalf of the Gainesville Chapter of Citizens of GA Power. This generous donation will help support CASA's advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children in Dawson and Hall Counties. Hannah and Sherry were able to tour their building, The Little House, including the Clothing and Toy Center (aka the CAT), which makes available donated clothing, toys and items to support children and families. It was clear their impact extends well beyond the walls of the Little House as they work to serve our community's most vulnerable children. If you haven't had a chance to visit the Little House, they highly recommend stopping by!







DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
06/15/2021	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
07/09/2021	Summer State Board Meeting
08/12/2021	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
09/9/2021	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
09/23/2021	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
10/6-7/2021	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/7/2021	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
10/7/2021	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
11/02/2021	Virtual State Board Meeting
11/09, 10, 16, 17/2021	Citizens Virtual Celebrations
12/09/2021	2022-chapter officer information DUE
12/09/2021	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
12/16/2021	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2021	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/31/2021	All 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack