

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Greetings Citizens!

As 2022 comes to a close, Citizens members have truly succeeded in creating the Beauty of Service Virtually everywhere across our great state! The 39 chapters have fully re-engaged and gotten very busy with service and Legacy projects, many of which were partnerships with ERG's, community organizations, or other CGP chapters. The Energizer has highlighted the great work that has been done throughout this year across the state.

This holiday Christmas season is a time of giving, sharing joy and love. Citizens members share the joy of Christmas all year long. Joy is defined as a feeling of inner gladness and depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart. It is a cheerful heart that leads to cheerful behavior. I really cannot think of a better way to describe the effect CGP members have on others.

As I write this final message of the year, I am amazed at how quickly the time has flown! It has been the honor of my life and career to serve as your Citizens State President. The 39 Citizens chapter members are amazing servant leaders who I am honored to know.

This year has been very rewarding as we have taken the opportunity to focus on reimagining Citizens for the future. You will hear about some exciting changes coming for next year to truly align the organization and make it easier for all to get involved and be of service to others in ways that matter to you personally!

Sending a heartfelt thank you to each State Board member for everything you have done this year to make things flow smoothly and keep members engaged; also to the State Advisory Council members for your guidance, encouragement, and support; and to Citizens Chapter Presidents and members for your leadership and service to others! Citizens could not exist without the awesome Volunteer Services team including Chris, Krista, Jennifer, Cindy, and Charlie. You do so much "behind the scenes" to make this organization great. My deepest appreciation to each of you.

I am so excited to see what 2023 holds and look forward to JD Wilson's leadership as he begins his year as President. His theme for next year - "Leading in Service" is perfect for the time in which we launch needed changes.

Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.

My wish for each of you is to find joy, hope, and peace in the coming year. Thanks for all you have done this year! The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman



Gainesville

The Gainesville Chapter of Citizens recently participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Chapter members printed off the Salvation Army's wish list for kids in need this Christmas and went to Wal Mart to fulfill the wishes. In the end, they spent over \$500 buying sporting goods, STEM toys, and clothing needs. The chapter wanted to give a special thank you to the Gainesville covered group for their membership funding a large portion of this project. What an awesome way to make a difference!



Brunswick

Through their Legacy Project with Junior League of Golden Isles and their Books in the Home program, Brunswick Citizens made sure that students will have plenty of books to read all year! The focus of the program is improving the percentage of children who are reading at grade level or better by 3rd grade. Every child in Glynn County Public Schools in grades now K-3 receive a minimum of 2 grade-level appropriate books per school year to have for their home libraries. The Legacy funding from the Georgia Power Foundation allowed the chapter to purchase 5,000 books. Big thanks to the line crews and engineers who put a sticker in each book acknowledging the donation from Citizens and the GPC Foundation.



Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens members have been busy during December! On December 2nd chapter volunteers participated in the 2022 Salvation Army Kettle Drive and held post at Belk's in Cartersville from 10am- 7pm. It was a little chilly but worth it. Their efforts raised over \$2,818!



Thursday December the 8th found Bowen Citizens volunteers with the residents of Hickory Log Men's Home hosting their annual Holiday Dinner at CiCi's. The night was filled with good food, fellowship, gifts, and games. The chapter was honored to host 10 residents and 4 staff who live in the home.

The 2022 Silent Santa program got a huge lift from Bowen Citizens members. The chapter sponsored 44 DFACS foster care children and 3 Salvation Army Angel Tree kids

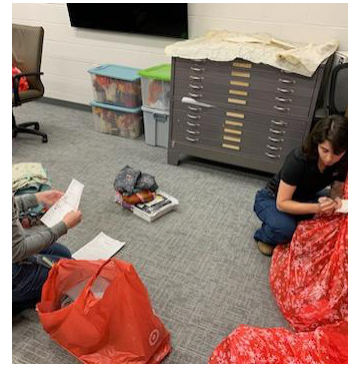


72 back packs for the homeless along with \$10 McDonald's gift cards in each donated to Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter in Cartersville. This was a partnership with onsite Plant Bowen Contractor Synmat. They provided the backpacks and Bowen CGP provided the Gift Cards.

72 additional backpacks were also donated to North Rome Church of God for distribution to the homeless in Rome, same partnership along with the 533 pounds of food collected for Can Hunger.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens Chapter chose Carroll CASA as their Christmas project. They adopted 5 foster kids for Christmas and purchased items from their wish list. Patrick Harris and April Hale had fun shopping and Aubree Van Winkle helped sort and load.



Carrollton Citizens members continue keeping Little Free Pantries stocked across the region. The holiday season is always challenging so thanks to Sheila Thompson, Kathi Henson, Mac Kirby, Scarlett Stone, Joyce and James Price, and Larry and Donice Wood for stepping up.



Thomson

Manna Food Pantry in Thomson was the benefactor of the generosity of Thomson Citizens members. Chapter volunteers donated 247 lbs. of grits and pasta sauce, 20 jugs of laundry detergent, and a check for \$500.



Thomson Citizens members held another hugely successful golf tournament! The proceeds from the event allowed the chapter, with the help from the Knox Foundation, to donate \$15,500 to the Family Y in Thomson.

Columbus

Columbus Citizens members really showed their giving spirit with this year's Salvation Army Angel Tree project. There's certainly going to be some smiling faces on Christmas morning with that haul!



Customer Care Center

The CCC Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power closed out the year by shopping for Helping in His Name Food Pantry and Connecting Henry to provide food and toys for those in need in Henry County. Through the gracious support of chapter members, they were able to purchase goods and donate checks to both organizations. Thanks to all for another great year!



General Office

General Office Chapter members supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program by providing holiday gifts to needy Atlanta-area children and seniors. Volunteer "elves" loaded the gift bags at corporate headquarters and assisted with distribution at the Salvation Army's warehouse in Tucker. Thanks to Chris Newton and Carolyn Johnston for leading the effort again this year! A big shout out also to Johnna Robinson and the Facilities Team, Security, Tracey Willis and Team, and the GPC Mailroom and Sheila Thompson for all the support they provided whenever asked – we appreciate you!



General Office Chapter hosted its first post-Covid dinner at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Decatur earlier this month. Volunteers served a meal to the out-of-town cancer patients while undergoing medical treatment in Metro Atlanta. Thanks to long-time project chair Genia Scott for organizing the dinner!



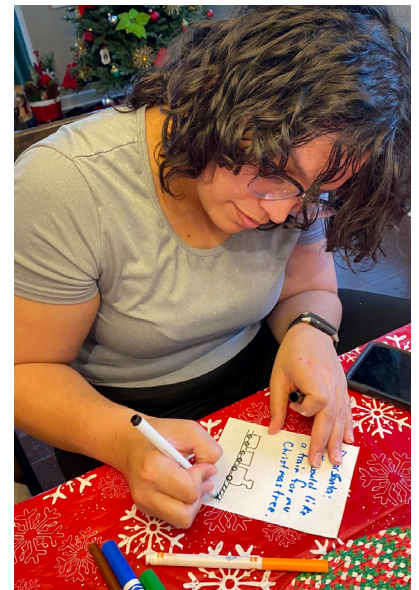
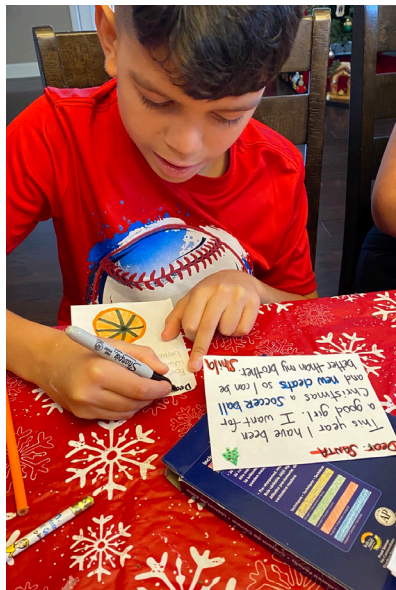
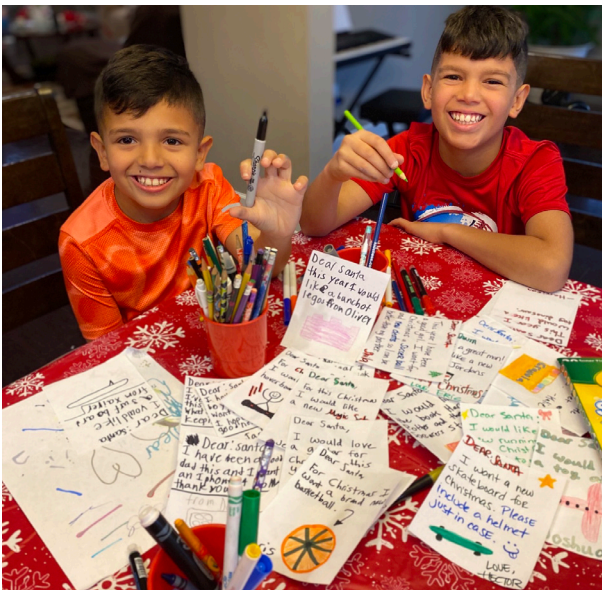
Tifton

Tifton Citizens members dug deep and contributed groceries and over \$225 in donations to MIMS Kids in support of their holiday meals program. MIMS Kids, a non profit based out of Tifton, supports families not only in Tifton but surrounding areas as well. They partner with many businesses and other agencies in Tifton providing resources and support not only during critical times such as Thanksgiving, Christmas or back to school season but throughout the year. Thank you, Tifton Citizens, for making a difference!



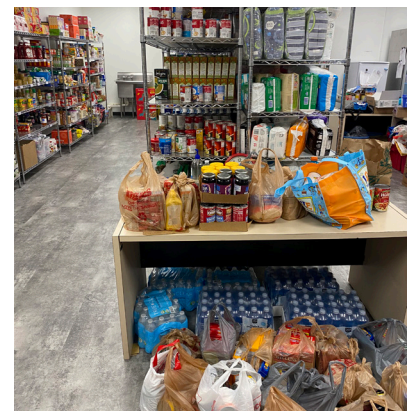
Letters to Santa for Make A Wish Georgia

Nando Quinones, Coordinator Business Operations, dropped us a note about how much his nephews enjoyed writing letters to Santa for Make A Wish Georgia. He said "The kids had fun with their aunt and me writing letters to Santa once again this year. We spend some time talking about the reasons and the positive impact to other kids. A great family gathering for a great cause." Thanks for sharing, Nando! Your nephews have a great aunt and uncle!



SCS Office of General Counsel

As part of its quarterly programming, the SCS Office of General Counsel Employee Action Council partnered with the Midtown Assistance Center in Atlanta and the Community Food Bank in Birmingham to put on a food drive with a little friendly competition to see which office – East or West – could raise the most food. In total, the OGC contributed more than 700 pounds of food to assist these worthy causes.



Power Delivery

The Power Delivery team showed up again in a big way this year for No Shave November to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Plenty of folks lost their razors for this great cause but they also hosted a family friendly bike ride at the Silver Comet Trail and sold some delicious looking Boston butts! Project lead Danny Magwood summed it up great in his note to the team:

Power Delivery Team,

It is my privilege to tell you that WE raised a TOTAL of \$11,300 for the Children and Families of St. Jude!! WOW what a blessing! My heart is full of joy and gratitude of how everyone shows up every year with a generous and caring heart for others! This event would not be successful without your participation and donations, as well as the countless volunteers that assist in so many different aspects of the fundraiser. There is NO WAY we can make this kind of impact without each other! I could go on and on, but I know you will enjoy this news and be just as excited as I am.

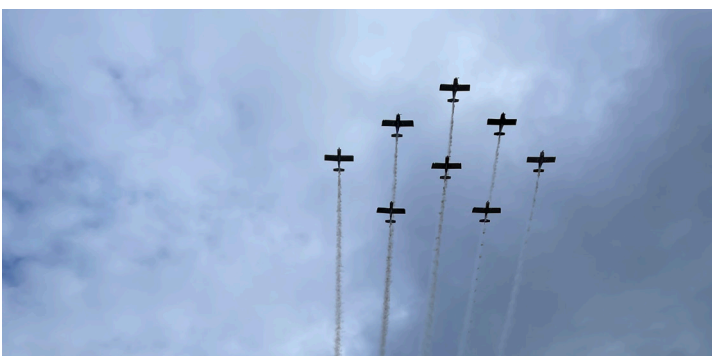
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Wreaths Across America

Got a great note below from Demetrius Hamm from Military Veterans in Power "Thank you all for volunteering on Saturday for Wreaths Across America. This year's MVP partnership with Volunteer Services produced our largest turnout, well over 70 volunteers across 7 different cemeteries. Thank you Citizens and Ambassadors for your support!" Community Engagement Director Lea Clanton made it a family affair and brought her kids out to honor our veterans. Great shot of our volunteers from the Statesboro chapter who laid wreaths at the cemetery in Glenville. Truly blessed for the season.

"A meaningful day at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA honoring over 27,000 Great Americans!"
– Safety Supervisor Tim Mathenson





DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/9/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/2022	State Office will verify service hours and financials
6/15/2022	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/20/2022	Summer State Board Meeting
8/12/2022	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/9/2022	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
10/6-7/2022	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/14/2022	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/26/2022	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/3/2022	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/14/2022	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/9/2022	2023-chapter officer information DUE
12/16/2022	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2022	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/30/2022	All 2022 Service Hours entered into uBack