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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

It is hard to believe that we are already well into 2022. We say this every year, but 2021 sure felt like it flew by in a flash! It could have something to do with me not getting any younger...

First of all, I do want to say THANK YOU to each of you! I am extremely humbled and honored to serve as your State President and look forward to working alongside each of you this year!

Second, I want to offer each of you my heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful projects you did in 2021 and the lives of Georgia citizens and communities that were made better as a result! You accomplished wonderful things this past year including 46,433 service hours and a membership of 2,704! The service hours value equates to: \$1,325,189!! I also want to give a big thanks to our dedicated Ambassadors chapters that ended the year with 1,478 members and 21,866 service hours! The service hour value equates to \$624,056.00!! You each should be proud of your accomplishments in 2021 as you truly Unmasked the Opportunities for Service – 365 days!!

Two words that mean so much to me with regard to citizens are "Beauty" and "Service." The beauty of joyful faces of children receiving needed food and school supplies, the happy faces of families enjoying a newly renovated park or newly cleaned rivers, and the good feelings we each get from giving back in so many ways.

These words inspired the theme for this year: Citizens: The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere. The center of the logo symbolizes Citizens members and partners with outstretched hands all working together to create the beauty of service. Each of you have proven that you know where the needs are and will selflessly step up to meet those needs. The hope this year is that we can continue to change the definition of "virtually" from "virtual reality" to "virtually everywhere" and in person this year! I am fully confident that whatever the year brings, you will find creative ways to be of service to others through partnerships with other chapters, ERG's and communities.

As we just finished up the celebration and recognition of the great Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, I wanted to share the following paraphrased quote from Dr. King: "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

As we begin the 61st year of Citizens, let's continue to seek those opportunities to share grace and love and find ways to demonstrate: The Beauty of Service is Virtually everywhere.

Betsy Tillman



Plant Bowen

With the extra money from their Silent Santa project, Bowen Citizens purchased 32 car seats for Bartow County DFCS. The seats were much needed as they were in low supply. It helps the agency to have some on hand as sometimes, in the middle of the night, they must take a child into protective custody. Way to look out for those that can't look out for themselves!!



Clayton

Clayton Citizens members sold over 150 bottles of honey this fall from the 241 honeybees. That money, along with incentives from the State office allowed them to make much needed donations to three local charities. The benefitting agencies included 4-H of White County in Cleveland, The Hope Center in Toccoa, and Betty's Garden in Lavonia. Each charity graciously accepted a check for \$1,115. What a great way to end the year!



Dublin

Chapter President Brad Duke and Vice President Bill Glisson report there were smiles all around as the Dublin Citizens donated a washing machine to the Students with Disabilities class at Bleckley County High School. This great program teaches life skills to these students. What a rewarding day to see the smiles on these student's and teacher's faces!



Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia Chapter provided lunch from The Bears Den to the Piedmont Hospital Respiratory Therapists. The chapter just wanted to show their appreciation for all the hard work and long hours this team continues to put in!



Marqueta Lucas, Program Administrative Assistant at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Georgia dropped the Heart of Georgia Citizens chapter a note thanking them for the meal they provided for the families staying with them. Her note said "We are so grateful to have the Citizen of Ga. Power - Heart of Ga. Chapter Team as part of our Guest Chef Program. Thank you for an awesome hot dinner you have provided for our families. They truly enjoyed it."



Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens chose the Little Free Pantries as their MLK Day/Week Project. The LFP Project is neighbors helping neighbors. The pantries are available 24/7/365, when other pantries and soup kitchens may be closed. Their motto is "TAKE what you need, GIVE if you can". Volunteers built and stocked a new Little Free Pantry in Centralhatchee. Members were also encouraged to stock a pantry in their service area of Haralson, Carroll, and Heard counties. Boy did they take the challenge! Volunteers stocked 11 pantries with several members saying they would continue to stock these pantries on a regular basis. Big thanks to Joyce and James Price, April and Allen Hale, Leah Moon, Laura and Bob Miller, Patrick Harris, Kathi Henson and her mom, and Carry and Chloe Lovvorn.



Rome

For MLK Day of Service, Janet Spivey and Joel Hanner spent the morning cleaning up one of the houses at the Open Door Children's Home. Open Door provides emergency and extended care for children from birth to 18 years of age. Children are placed in the home because of neglect, abandonment, sexual abuse, physical abuse, lack of supervision, truancy, lack of appropriate living arrangements or the absence of parents through illness, death, or incarceration. Take a look at the before and after views!



Tifton

Nothing says Christmas like a brand-new bike and Tifton Citizens members made sure that wish came true for a bunch of kids!! Suitcases for Kids is a local project that buys Christmas gifts for foster children. Chapter members have provided the bikes for kids on their list for many years and 2021 was no exception! Thanks to all the Tifton Citizens members for making Christmas special for so many kids!



Tifton CGP chapter completed a legacy project at the Children's Advocacy Center in Nashville. The agency provides a child-friendly, safe, and neutral location in which Law Enforcement and DFACS investigators may observe forensic interviews with children who are alleged victims of crimes. A total of \$7,000 was spent to repair and install needed items inside and outside of this new satellite campus.





DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/5/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/2021	State Office will verify service hours and financials in uBack to process first chapter incentive check of \$300
3/23/2022	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
6/15/2022	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/9/2022	Summer State Board Meeting
8/12/2022	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/9/2022	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
9/23/2021	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
10/6-7/2022	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/7/2022	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
10/7/2022	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
11/11-12/2022	State Board Meeting – TBA
11/12-13/2022	Annual Meeting – TBA
12/9/2022	2022-chapter officer information DUE
12/9/2022	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
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
12/31/2022	All 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack