

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

May flowers are springing up all over the State! Along with the beauty of May flowers, Citizens members have been very busy creating beauty in service this month!

In this month's Energizer, you will find wonderful features on projects and events Citizens Members have been involved in like: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Soldiers Angels Mobile food drive, Diaper Drive, Golf tournaments, and MANY others! Big THANK YOU to each and every Citizens member who chooses to give of themselves and make a difference in the lives of worthy Georgia Citizens and their Communities!

Hopefully most of you know about the Citizens of Georgia Power Educational Loan Fund "ELF". It is one of three CGP Charities. "ELF" as it is affectionately called, is a 501C3 charity that provides college tuition loans to Children of Citizens of Georgia Power members who meet eligibility requirements. The CGP member must have paid their dues and made donations to the Educational Loan Fund in the year the loan is applied for. The Fund provides up to \$3,000 in loans per calendar year for a max of 4 years. Loans are interest free with a generous re-payment period. In a typical year, the Educational Loan Fund provides \$80,000 - \$100,00 in student loans to hard-working students. Donations to the fund come from individuals and chapters. The deadline to apply is June 15th of each year.

The second of three CGP Charities is Georgia Power Family House, Inc. It was created by the Citizens of Georgia Power as an answer to what was seen as a reoccurring need: convenient, inexpensive, temporary residences for family who must travel long distances for medical treatment. CGP members sponsor, manage, and operate two facilities. The homes are available for Georgia Power and Southern Company employees, retirees, and immediate family members to use for overnight or extended stay for the family of a patient in an Atlanta Hospital. Donations are appreciated but not required. The Family House phone number is 404-506-2828.

The final CGP Charity is Electric Kids, Inc. Electric Kids is a charity founded specifically to help the children of deceased or disabled Georgia Power or Southern System employees living in Georgia. The maximum per year, per child is \$4,000, with a \$12,000 per year per family max. Funds are available to help children of Georgia Power or Southern System employees based in Georgia left in need by family tragedy. The Collin Banks Educational Fund provides up to \$4,000 per year for a max of five years to pay for educational expenses of children meeting the Electric Kids criteria.

To find out more about ELF loans, using the Family houses, or Electric Kids charities, visit the Volunteer Services page or feel free to contact any CGP Chapter officer or State Board member.

At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." Denzel Washington.

Keep seeking those opportunities to get involved with CGP and give back, The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman

Athens Chapter

Diaper Drive

Members of Citizens of Georgia Power and Ambassadors collected 24 boxes of diapers during their diaper drive.



Golf Tournament

The Athens Chapter hosted a golf tournament on April 11 with 93 golfers and raised \$7,000 to donate to Relay for Life, Lydia's Place, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.



Carrollton Chapter

April Hale & Patrick Harris with Carrollton Chapter had a Great morning on Friday, May 13th volunteered with Community Action for Improvement, Inc. at the Mini CAFI Big Pop-Up Event at the Heard County Food Pantry/Health Department giving out supplies. Residents of Heard County were able to drive through and receive food, diapers, formula, and other supplies from several different stations. We had a great turnout and lots of grateful people.

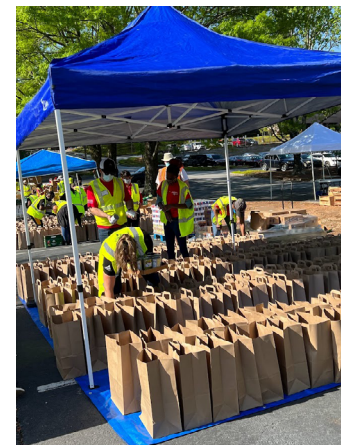


Forest Park Chapter

On May 13th, the Forest Park Citizens Chapter held its 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament after a two-year hiatus! The weather held out for a beautiful day of golf that saw more than \$20,000 raised for the American Cancer Society and local non-profits in Forest Park including Calvary Refuge and Huie Elementary. We would like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, and golfers for turning out and making this event a huge success!

Jefferson Street Chapter

Members from Jefferson Street Chapter partnered with the Employee Resource Group MVP for the Soldiers Angels' Mobile Food Drive.



Earth Day 2022 Projects

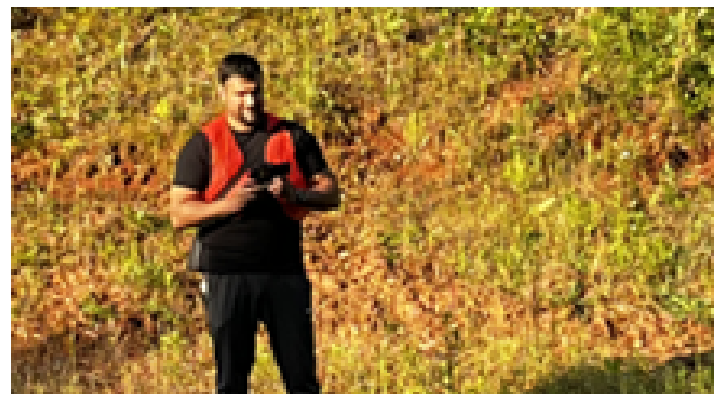
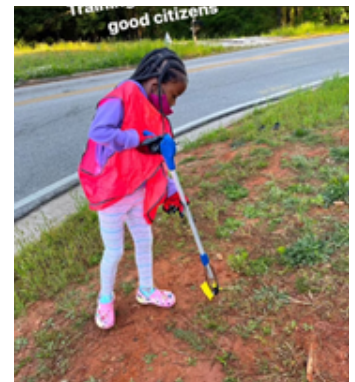


Colin Russell with Land Acquisitions completed an Earth Day Project near his home in Smyrna.

Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC Chapter spent April 23rd cleaning trash on Patrick Henry Parkway. Patrick Henry is the access road off Highway 75 S that is home to the CCC McDonough Center, Encompass Rehab Center, Bright Generation Day Care Center, and a host of other professional offices just before you reach Piedmont Henry Hospital. Earth Day was led by Nikki Davis and supervisor support Jesse Perez. We cleaned up bags of trash along both sides of the road for the 2-mile stretch of the road.

[Click here to watch Earth Day video.](#)



Earth Day 2022 Projects

Metro South Chapter

Metro South Citizens hosted their annual Earth Day event on Sunday, April 24th. The team partnered with Lake Jackson Land Management to assist cleaning up litter and debris located within Lloyd Shoals Park and the spillway area of the dam. Lake Jackson receives thousands of visitors each year that come to enjoy various activities on and around the water, and this was a great opportunity to help maintain the wonderful beauty the area has to offer. Mother Earth was certainly appreciative of the efforts, as the weather could not have been better. The team managed to remove a truck bed full of debris that included scrap metal, tires, lumber, and plastic waste. Thank you to all that assisted with the effort and your commitment to environmental stewardship!



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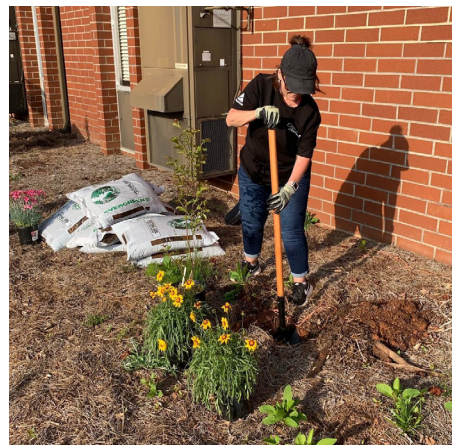
Plant McDonough & Metro West Chapters

Plant McDonough and Metro West Chapter members partnered together to do an Earth Day clean-up on South Cobb Drive to Maner Road in Cobb County.



Plant Wansley Chapter

10 members of the Plant Wansley Chapter volunteered at Roopville Elementary School for Earth Day and their Legacy Project on April 29th. They worked outside to make the school grounds beautiful.



Relay Life 2022

Athens Chapter

Athens CGP had a site on Friday April 29 for Oconee Clarke Co Relay for Life. They sold raffle tickets for an hour massage, some snacks, drinks and activity books with crayons. They raised \$600 and made a donation of \$1,000.



Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Members donated and raised \$1083.86 online. And they had a group show up to walk together at the event and support our Team Member and retiree Chuck Fuller who is a cancer survivor. Group picture: Easton, Seth, Brenton, & Elyse Benefield, Nick Martin, Jeff, James, & Joyce Price, Teresa Ingersoll, Chuck Fuller, Allen & April Hale.



Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC Chapter joined Relay for Life on April 29, where they raised money to knock out cancer. Jennifer Burton walked and danced to celebrate being a 3-time survivor. We were joined by new hire Lanere Hobbs and some of our retirees from the CCC to all fight a disease that affects so many of our loved ones.



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/9/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/20212	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
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
11/10-11/2022	State Board Meeting – TBA
11/12-13/2022	Annual Meeting – TBA
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