

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Greetings Citizens!

The month of November ushers in change – Winter is headed our way, the time changes, and the end of the year is almost here. It can be a time of reflection, taking stock of how the year has gone so far and thinking about the coming year. Many observe Thanksgiving as a time to come together with family and friends and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship and usually some parades and football!

As I reflect on this year, the word that most often has come to mind is gratitude. Gratitude is defined as appreciation and thankfulness. There is so much to be thankful for this year – like re-engaging with our Citizens Chapters and doing great work in communities. There are other reasons to be thankful including working for a company that supports and encourages volunteerism and values environmental stewardship. Citizens embodies reasons to be thankful – giving and helping those in need in our local communities makes a difference – and how personally rewarding that is!

This month, Citizens chapters focused on seeing needs and fulfilling those needs. Demonstrating giving in action are projects focused on or benefiting: Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, Christmas Charities, Adult Prom for local charity, Care packages for Military deployed troops, refurbishing a historic cemetery, Food bank drives, blanket and coat drive, Boys and Girls Club enhancements, GPC family house, Veterans organizations, transition centers, homeless shelters, and so many more.

If you are not currently a member of Citizens, I encourage you to find out more about projects they are planning in your local community – whether your work or home community. You will find that most Citizens members have been members for a long time because, once you join, you realize how personally rewarding it is to give to others. The old saying, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” is embodied in service to others as CGP members do.

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. Citizens members embodied this quote many times throughout this year.

Sharing with each Citizens member, my gratitude for the honor of working alongside you – Creating the Beauty of Service Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman

Plant Bowen

Six hearty volunteers had a great workday at Red Clay Equine Rescue in Lyerly. The Labor Day floods, falling trees, and age damaged fencing at the facility. Their efforts restored more than 150 feet of needed fencing.



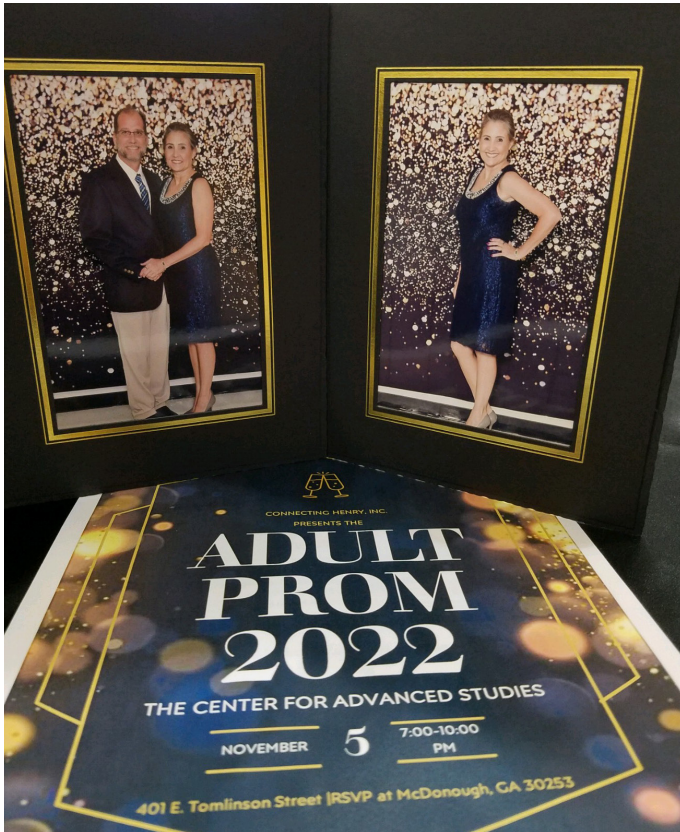
Thanks to EJ Waller's leadership and 64 of his closest golfing buddies, Plant Bowen had their 2nd annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament at City Club Marietta. This great event raised \$9,400 for Toys for Tots in Bartow County. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this great event run smoothly!

On October 19th at Garland Mountain, Plant Bowen Citizens hosted a clay shoot benefiting Relay for Life and Christmas Charities. Thanks to the leadership of Aaron Nickles and his great team of volunteers, the event was a huge success. A total of 34- 4 person teams had a great day of fun and fellowship and helped raise \$10,500 for Relay for Life and \$15,584 for Bowen's annual Christmas Charities. Thanks to all who made the day a success!



Customer Care Center

Customer Care Center Citizens Board member Daundra Fletcher proudly represented the chapter at the Adult Prom 2022 in support of Connecting Henry and their Center for Advanced Studies. A great night for a wonderful cause!



Clayton

Members of the Clayton CGP Chapter held a Legacy project workday at the Historic Clarkesville Cemetery. Chapter members placed over 100 white iron crosses on unmarked graves in the cemetery. In honor of the Clayton Citizens chapter's work and support of the cemetery, the Historic Clarkesville Cemetery Preservation, Inc. held a special Patron's Appreciation Dinner where members of the chapter were recognized for their efforts.



Heart of Georgia, Dublin, Milledgeville, and Vidalia

As part of Employee Appreciation Day, Heart of Georgia, Dublin, Milledgeville, and Vidalia Citizens chapters encouraged employees to attend and drop off small items to be used in military care packages for deployed troops from Robins Air Base. Their generosity was overwhelming with close to \$1,000 of supplies being donated! Cassandra Cox and Dawn Burgamy were honored to represent the chapters when they made the delivery to 21st Century Partners.

Military Care Packages for Deployed Robins Military Members
Items requested for 2022

SMALL SIZED CARRY-ON PRODUCTS SUCH AS:
 travel sized toiletries, lotion, dental floss, lens cleaning cloths, individual packaged wipes, sunglasses, socks, gloves, warm hats, paperback books, magazines, frisbees, yo-yos, crossword puzzles, sudoku, decks of cards, writing materials

SMALL SIZED PREPACKAGED FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS:
 Nuts, trail mix, hard candies, cookies, snack packs, beef jerky, Slim Jims, Chex Mix, Cheez-Its, Rice Krispie Treats, granola bars, lollipops, Fun Dip, powder drink mix (single serving)

Hand-Written Letters are a way to encourage a deployed military member

Funds are also needed to assist with the cost of mailing the boxes.
 Checks should be made payable to: **Robins Airman and Family Activities Council** (which is tax deductible)

and can be mailed to: 21st Century Partnership 804 Park Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088.
 Items can be dropped off at the same location. (Call ahead for drop off time)
 The last day donations will be accepted is **November 4, 2022**.
 Any questions please call: 478-225-9005 ext 3



General Office

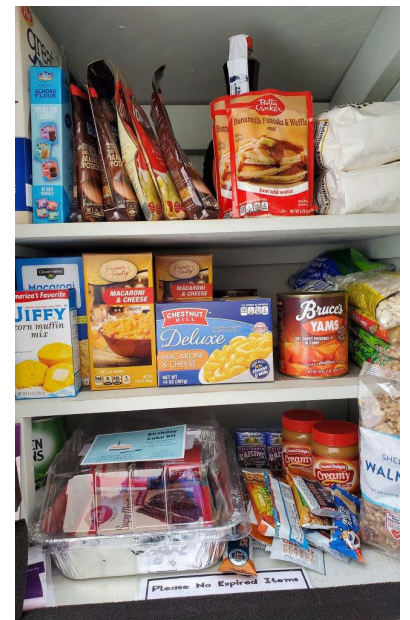
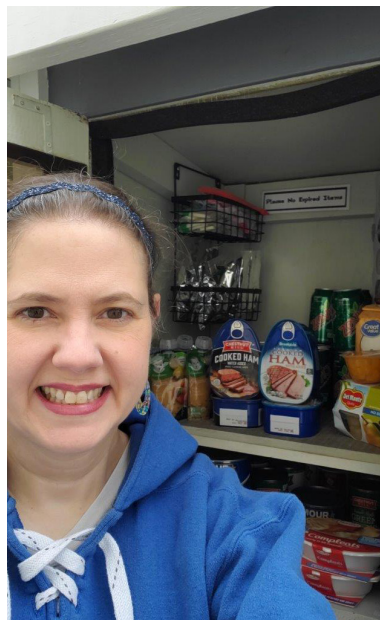
Through the generosity of employees at 241 and Citizens chapter members, Christina Newton was proud to represent the General Office chapter with a donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.



Everyone enjoyed food, fun, fellowship, and service last month at the General Office Fall Festival in the 241 Auditorium, the Chapter's first large in-person event in 2 1/2 years. Members played games, sampled snow cones, assembled gift bags for patients at Emory Winship Cancer Institute, and celebrated the Chapter's 2022 Mamie K. Taylor Award winner, Helen Shuford.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members continue to support the needs in their community with the Little Free Pantry program. Joyce and James Price visited several little free pantries in Carroll County to drop off Thanksgiving essentials. While doing so, they also ministered to the needs of a gentleman that had recently become homeless. Truly being A Citizen Wherever You Serve!



The Centralhatchee Little Free Pantry ran a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the month of November. April Hale dropped off donations that neighbors and friends had donated to the pantry. Citizens members were also encouraged to drop off items for Thanksgiving to the Little Free Pantries in their communities.

Columbus

In preparation for the upcoming winter and cold weather, the Columbus Chapter held a blanket and coat drive to benefit The Valley Rescue Mission. The employees and retirees in Columbus, Manchester and Americus area donated over 50 blankets and coats to keep people warm this winter.



Jefferson Street

The Jefferson Street chapter assisted the Salvation Army Bellwood Boys & Girls Club (BGC) with enhancements and upgrades to key areas throughout the club. This included painting the swimming pool area, mulch being laid down on three playground areas, cleaning, organizing, and removing old club equipment. Gravel was delivered and new benches will be delivered later due to supply chain shortages. The Salvation Army Bellwood B&GC staff was so appreciative for our help! One staff member stated: "I'm so happy that I can now walk in the storage area because I was afraid to walk back there due to so much stuff". I'm so grateful for everyone's help, and Georgia Power came back the next day to help us". Thank you, Georgia Power!



North Fulton Area and Gainesville

North Fulton Area and Gainesville chapters continued their partnership for the 11th Annual Kylan Warren Memorial Golf Tournament at Olde' Atlanta Golf Club. This is the chapters first in person golf tournament since covid! This year's event raised \$12,000 and all proceeds benefitted The Grady Foundation and The Georgia Power Family House. It is an honor to keep Kylan's memory alive by helping others!



North Fulton Area

North Fulton Area Manager John Asbell sent a note expressing his thanks to the North Fulton Area Citizens for their Thanksgiving food drive. John said, "It is a great time of year to express our thanks through the service to others. I wanted to share my appreciation for the North Fulton Chapter's support for last Friday's food drive for the North Fulton Community Charities. From the donation of food items to being the willing 'hands and feet' to serve others in the community, you made a big difference. Thank you again for your volunteerism this year and the leadership of our Chair and board. We have much to be thankful for."



Metro East

Citizen's members from Metro East cooked dinner for veterans at the Veterans Empowerment Organization (VEO). Volunteers also played some cornhole and listened to some good stories and advice. Everyone said this event was outstanding and fulfilling. Special thank you to everyone who helped and donated to this event. They couldn't have done it without you. The vets and the VEO team thanked the volunteers and Georgia Power for supporting them through their transformations.



Metro West

On Saturday, October 22nd the Metro West Citizens completed their Legacy Project at Sanctuary Villages in Douglasville. Nine Georgia Power employees and partners scraped, pressure washed, primed, and painted a trailer that was in disrepair. The trailer will provide housing for women leaving the correctional system in Douglas County. Sanctuary Villages provides housing for women that are entering Phase I of the Douglas County Drug Court Program. This housing gives them the chance to have a safe place to land after leaving incarceration so that they can focus on their recovery. If they successfully complete the program, they have a chance for any felony charges to be waived so that they can reenter the workforce and the community. Great project Metro West!



Plant Yates

Plant Yates Citizens Chapter presented the local Veterans in Whitesburg area with a banner for display, thanking the Veterans for their Sacrifice and Dedicated Service. What an awesome show of support for their service and sacrifice!



Valdosta

On September 22, the Valdosta chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Leadership Lowndes and hosted the 6th Annual CGP Golf Tournament at Kinderlou Country Club, in Valdosta, GA. Through the relentless efforts of both organizations, two local charities were able to receive \$5,700 each. LAMP, a homeless shelter that has been providing a "hand up" since 1984 was one of the charities. The other, Beautiful Creations by Chanel, is a local advocate focused on increasing the quality of education and enhancing the self-esteem of the youth.



Forest Park

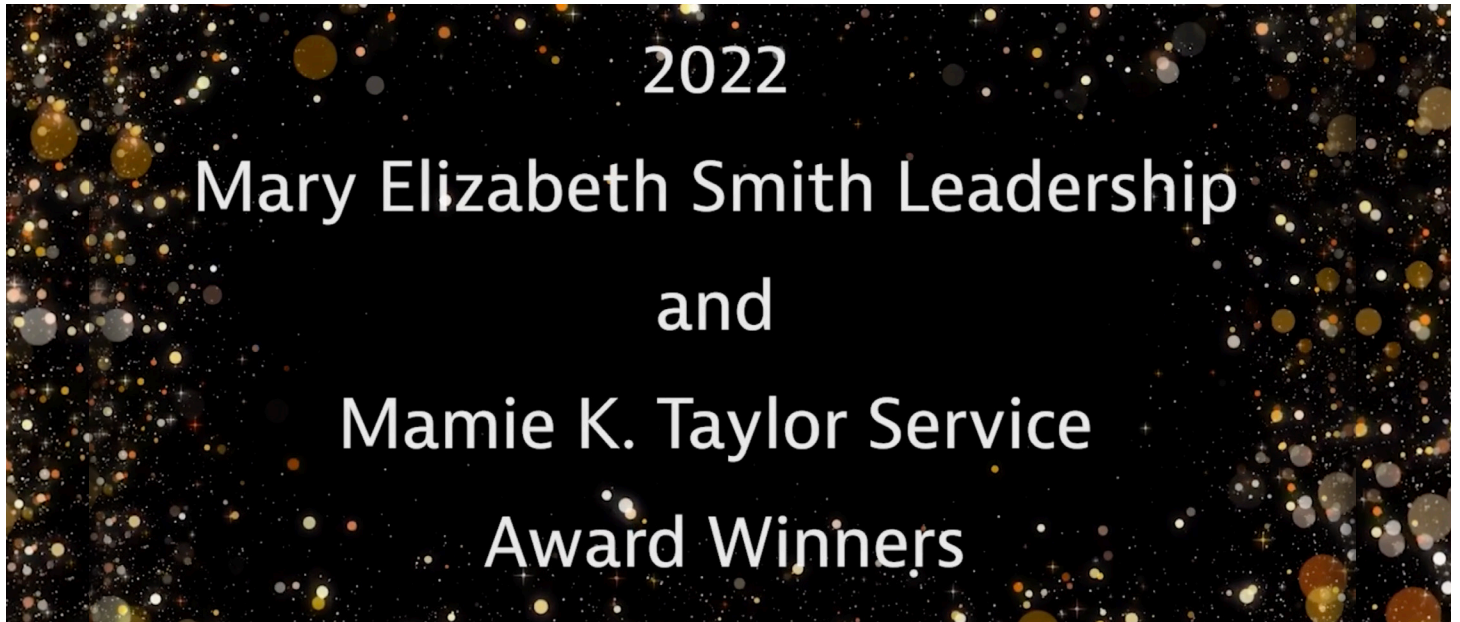
The Citizens of Georgia Power – Forest Park chapter wants to thank everyone who participated in their October Food and Fund Drive with the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB). With everyone's generosity, they were able to donate \$650 and almost 100 cans of food. The chapter also had 16 volunteers join the in-person volunteer event at ACFB's Hunger Action Center. Great job Forest Park!



Mary Elizabeth Smith and Mamie K. Taylor Awards

The Mary Elizabeth Smith Award was established to recognize the outgoing president of each chapter. The Mamie K. Taylor Award recognizes the member of each chapter who best exemplifies the ideals of the organization. Every year, Citizens recognizes outstanding leadership and service with these awards. These two outstanding ladies laid the foundation that we continue to build on. Thank you to all the 2022 Mary Elizabeth Smith and Mamie K. Taylor winners for your leadership and your service!

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In Memoriam

Please take a moment to honor and reflect on the lives of our friends and co-workers who passed away this year.

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Substation Design Leadership Team

Substation Design Leadership in Atlanta took some time to do some team building and give back to the community at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The Supervisors and Team Leads took on a shift sorting food and supplies as well as packing boxes to support the mission of the food bank. In total they helped to sort and pack 16,413 lbs. of food and supplies. Their efforts equate to over 14,000 meals that will go out to the communities where we live, work, and serve.



GPC Power Delivery

It's that time of year again and GPC Power Delivery is once again participating in No Shave November, to raise funds and awareness for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened more than 50 years ago. With many events planned, the Power Delivery team was excited about their first St. Jude Bike Ride. Check out that good looking crew!



Read for the Record

Energy Assistance Supervisor Tabatha Duncan logged her fourth year with Read for the Record. Read for the Record is an annual event. It brings together millions of people each year in classrooms, libraries, community centers, and homes across the U.S. (on the same day) to set a record for reading the same book. This effort supports children's early language, social-emotional development, and literacy. Tabatha read "Nigel and the Moon" at Skyview Elementary School.



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