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State President's Message



JD Wilson

Citizens,

Fall is definitely in the air and I have enjoyed the cool mornings as I've come into the office. In just a few days, trick or treaters will be filling the neighborhood and our thoughts will turn into finishing out the year with the holiday season. As we do so, members of the Citizens State Board and Volunteer Services team will be hitting the road to celebrate the hard work you've done and highlight the wonderful ways you've blessed your communities. It has been such a joy to see what you've been able to accomplish this year and tell your stories. I can't wait to meet chapter leadership where they are and hear the passion in their voices about what matters to them.

As our year ends and we begin to think about the holidays, there are still so many opportunities to volunteer and serve your community. Food kitchens around Thanksgiving, lake clean ups and even Angel Tree donations are in need of volunteers and Citizens has a proud history of supporting those efforts. Contact your local **chapter leadership** to see what's planned or, even better, share your own passions with them and ways they can rally the chapter around your cause. The end of the year can be busy for everyone but as Author Kevin Hall said "A life of significance is about serving those who need your gifts, your leadership, your purpose."

Let's be proud of the work we've done, but continue to look for ways to press forward! This is how we Lead in Service.

In Service,
J.D.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power had an awesome group of volunteers at the Aid Station 4 near Alabama St trailhead for the 2023 Carrollton Half Marathon. Volunteers gave out water, Gatorade, and bananas for the participants of the race. The race is put on by West Georgia Track Club and Tanner Health System, encouraging wellness in our community. Thanks to Michael Bell, Melana Bell, Leigh Bell, April Hale, Michael Grant, Michael Grant Jr., Kylie Grant, Brandi Spradlin, Chistian Johnson, Joe Sensenig, and Joanna Isbell for volunteering.



Carrollton Citizens members April Hale, Mike McCowen and Cassondra Lawson read this week for Georgia PreK Week at Centralhatchee Elementary School, Villa Rica Elementary School, Ithica Elementary School and the University of West Georgia Pre-K Center.





Metro West

The Citizens of Metro West volunteered at the Paulding Child Advocacy Center in Dallas, GA. Ten eager volunteers put together a large storage building, a picnic table that included an umbrella and base, two shelving units, and updated their basketball goal which included a donated basketball. This facility is used to create a comfortable environment for children that are dealing with abuse so that can tell their story, work with counselors, and aid in ongoing investigations. Making it a warm and inviting space was an honor and a privilege.



Customer Care Center

Maryann Vega and Janeth Brito from the Bilingual team did a fantastic job representing Southern Company at La Fiesta del Pueblo in Tifton, Georgia. They were able to connect with customers and provide helpful information on energy efficiency tips, high bill questions, energy assistance, and details about our programs like Budget Billing.



Bridgette Dixon joined Team Southern Company and participated in the Kaiser Run Walk Roll.



CCC Citizens members embodied "Leading in Service" and "Actively Caring" at the Heart Walk. Big thanks to Jess Perez and Bridgette Dixon for chairing the team!

Heart of Georgia



Heart of Georgia volunteers invested some significant sweat equity into their Legacy Project at Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center. A ton of prep work and brush cutting was done to get the site ready for the new fencing. Special thanks to Ricky and Trey Shurley, Anthony and Missy Spurling, Travis Goss, Matt Johnson, and Kyle and Tina Presley for doing an incredible job!! Can't wait to see the project once the new fence is up!



Heart of Georgia supported United in Pink's 10th Annual Pink Out 5K Run/Walk to celebrate breast cancer survivors and their families. Big thank you to Simona Vickers - Captain, Tabatha Duncan - Co Captain, Bonita Hodges, Patrick Harris, and Teresa Morris. United in Pink is Central Georgia's breast cancer family resource provider of emotional, social, and financial support for individuals and their families. Our programs are designed to address health disparities and increase quality of life for all members of the family.



Heart of Georgia participated in the Dragon Boat races on September 30th and brought home the trophy! Georgia Power (Heart of Georgia) holds the Championship for past 7 or 8 years. This is the first year since 2019 for the Dragon Boat races. Travis Gross and Melissa Middlebrooks were Team Captains. All proceeds from the event went to support Big Brothers Big Sisters Heart of Georgia. This great organization provides mentors for youth in our area. This was a great event for our CGP families.

Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens are proud of their Legacy Project at Monroe County Hospital. The hospital came to the chapter requesting a seating area for extended stay patients going through physical rehabilitation. Patients were having to sit on steps of a nearby building just to be able to enjoy the sunshine. Chapter volunteers began prepping a few months back by pressure washing the building side. After the Legacy Funds were secured, volunteers dug up the grass, leveled out the land, and put-up boards to create the area to lay a 20 x 20 concrete patio. Now that the patio is created, flowers and seating will be made and put in place for the patients and visitors of the patients staying to enjoy. Incredible job Plant Scherer!



Employees at Plant Scherer got up early, laced up their running shoes, and did a quick stretch and warm up for the 2023 Plant Scherer Pink Out in support of breast cancer awareness. Thanks to all who participated and supported this great event!





Augusta and Plant Vogtle

Citizens of Georgia Power Vogtle and Augusta Chapters chose Center for New Beginnings for their Legacy Project. The Center for New Beginnings (CFNB) is a Christian non-profit serving children and young adults with special needs in Burke, Jenkins, Screven, Liberty, Glascock, Emanuel, Jefferson, Richmond and Columbia counties of Georgia. They provide services and resources for children with special needs as well as the family members and caregivers. The chapters used \$10,000 of Legacy Funds, provided by the Georgia Power Foundation, to purchase new playground equipment for their Waynesboro location. Employees and their families also volunteered their time and talents to assemble the equipment over several days. Volunteers helped dig holes, mix and set concrete and place/assemble the equipment. Our employees and their families are proud to donate and volunteer for organizations who serve special members of our communities.



Plant Bowen

Great effort by Plant Bowen Citizens members in the 2023 Great Allatoona Lake Clean Up. A group of 56 volunteers removed over 8 tons of trash and 16 old tires. What an effort! Thanks to all who made this event a huge success!





Plant Yates

Volunteers from the Plant Yates Citizens chapter have been busy this year! They have repaired, cleaned, and stocked multiple little food pantries, participated in the McIntosh River Cleanup, filled Christmas in July baskets to distribute to elderly and disabled families living in public housing, and eagerly participated in Georgia Pre-K Week. Man, they're a hard group to keep up with! Great job Plant Yates!



Plant McDonough

Plant McDonough Citizens hosted a hugely successful golf tournament to benefit Veterans Empowerment Organization. Through incredible vendor support and over 120 golfers, this event raised \$54,230!! That's an 8% increase over last year's tournament. Thanks to all participants and volunteers for choosing to make a difference.





Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation hosted their annual golf tournament, and the turnout was great! The event raised over \$21,000 to split between Working For A Purpose and March of Dimes.



Athens

Athens Chapter assisted Lydia's Place with their boutique area and moved some furniture around on to create some space. Lydia's Place assists students aged 17-24 with housing and all their necessities when they're homeless. They are currently serving 10 students. The chapter donated \$2,500 from their golf tournament along with \$3,500 of Legacy Funds from the Georgia Power Foundation. These funds will help purchase furniture for their counseling office area that the chapter will assemble and set up.

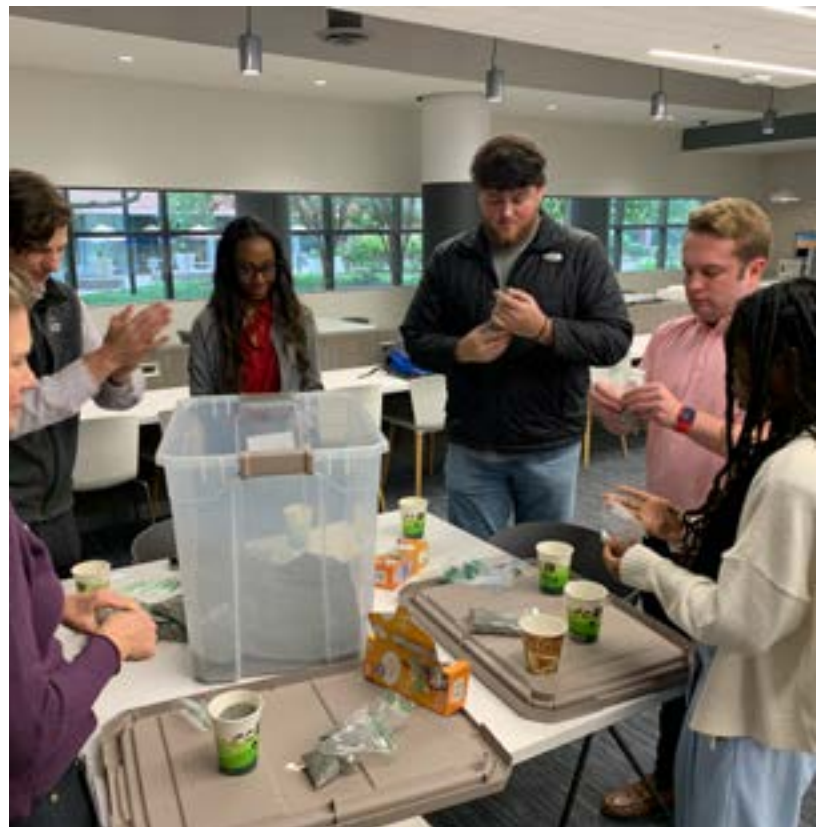


Volunteers from Athens Citizens showed up in force and had a great evening at the 2023 Heart Walk! Drew Henderson and his kids, Tony Medina, Angie Kinley, and her family all walked, and their efforts allowed them to donate \$1,000 to this great cause!



General Office

General Office Chapter members made door snakes (or draft stoppers) for the Midtown Assistance Center's clients to help them stay warm and save money on energy bills during the cold winter months. Members donated polyester stuffing and sewed fabric for volunteers to assemble in Café 241. The Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) supports the working poor in midtown and downtown Atlanta, encouraging self-sufficiency while aiding in the most important basic needs: housing, food, and clothing.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the August "Year of the Youth" Event at the Boyce L. Ansley School! Take a minute and enjoy this **highlight video**.



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/21/2023	State Board Meeting
2/22/2023	Leadership Summit
3/3/2023	2022 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
3/6/2023	State Office will verify financials and service hours
6/15/2023	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/25/2023	Summer State Board Meeting
8/11/2023	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/12/2023	Call to Annual Business Meeting (Virtual Teams Call)
10/5–6/2023	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2024
10/13/2023	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/27/2023	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/1/2023	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/9/2023	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/8/2023	2024-Chapter Officer information DUE
12/15/2023	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2023	All year-end donations distributed and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/29/2023	All 2023 Service Hours entered into uBack or Volunteer Hours Mobi form