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HOMETOWN **HEROES** IN SERVICE



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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

It is a great honor to serve as your 2024 Citizens of Georgia Power State President. As I was thinking about this year's theme, I wanted to honor those who inspired my spirit of volunteerism while describing your current efforts when serving our communities. Therefore, this year's theme is 'Hometown Heroes in Service' because I believe that each and everyone of you are courageous in making our communities better. When I think of 'Hometown Heroes', I think of someone like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who showed courage by leading the civil rights movement in the face of danger. His purpose was to improve society through social justice. However, I am reminded that he could not have done this work alone. It took a team of heroes to fight for positive change in the quest for civil rights. That's why I am so proud of our chapters starting the year with the Martin Luther King Jr Day of service where we are a 'Day ON and not a Day Off'. Similarly, you saw a need in your community, gathered some heroes in the form of Citizens members, and executed a MLK Day of Service project. You did not let the frigid temperatures stop you from bringing, you and family members to work and make a positive difference in your community.

I had the pleasure of serving the M Agnes Jones Elementary school with GPC President & CEO – Kim Greene, CGP State Office Sr Rep – Krista Pierce, and a few other CGP members. It is great working for a company where our leaders embody what it means to be a 'Citizen wherever we Serve'. I can't speak enough about the great projects we executed all over the state. The Metro West Chapter served the residents of the Serenity Empire assisted living facility, the Statesboro chapter volunteered at the Statesboro Soup Kitchen, and the Heart of Georgia chapter assisting children with the Adopt A Role model organization. These are just some of the many examples of fabulous service projects around the state. Please help tell our story through our social media platforms and read how other chapters are making a difference in our monthly Energizer publication.

Thank You all for your service.

Patrick Harris



Athens

Athens Citizens members and Athens Ambassadors brought some Christmas cheer to a mother and 3 kids for Christmas through gifts and donations to Project Safe.



Last year Athens Citizens Chapter was able to donate \$3,500 towards a Legacy Project to Lydia's Place. They needed to create some counseling session rooms at their two properties where they house the children. This room can be used for counseling, homework, etc. Here are photos at The Village. Thank you all who assisted us with this project.



Plant Bowen

Thank you to Errin Beard- Sr. Compliance Specialist, Griffin Pace- Safety & Health Specialist, James Adams- Sr. Safety & Health Specialist , and Victor Ayeni- Auxiliary Equipment Operator from Plant Bowen who spent their morning at Euharlee Elementary talking to the children about the wide variety of careers that Georgia Power offers.



Columbus

Columbus held their annual Breakfast with Santa and are proud to report it was a huge success! In addition to the kids having a blast with Santa, their food drive donated over 425 lb. of food and goods to Feeding the Valley Food Bank. These goods will provide families in the area with multiple meals through the upcoming months.



The chapter's Blanket and Coat Drive brought in over 80 blankets, coats, gloves, and hats that were donated to the Valley Rescue Mission.

Columbus volunteers had the honor of participating, in partnership with the MVP ERG, in wreath laying ceremonies in both Andersonville National Cemetery and Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. Through Wreaths Across America, almost 40,000 wreaths were placed for our veterans in these locations.



Plant Scherer

Citizen's members at Scherer Chapter donated \$1,200 dollars to Middle Georgia Community Action Agency in Warner Robins to go towards collecting bikes for the children around Centerville and Houston County area in Head Start programs for Christmas. These funds allowed them to purchase 25 bikes. Chapter volunteers worked with MGCAA and the Centerville police department to get the bikes out to the children selected by the Head Start teachers.

Scherer Citizens volunteers were proud to attend the ribbon cutting of their Legacy Project at Monroe County Hospital. The Hospital CEO was there along with members from the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce. They even wheeled two patients out to enjoy the patio!





**On behalf of the Plant McDonough
Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter**

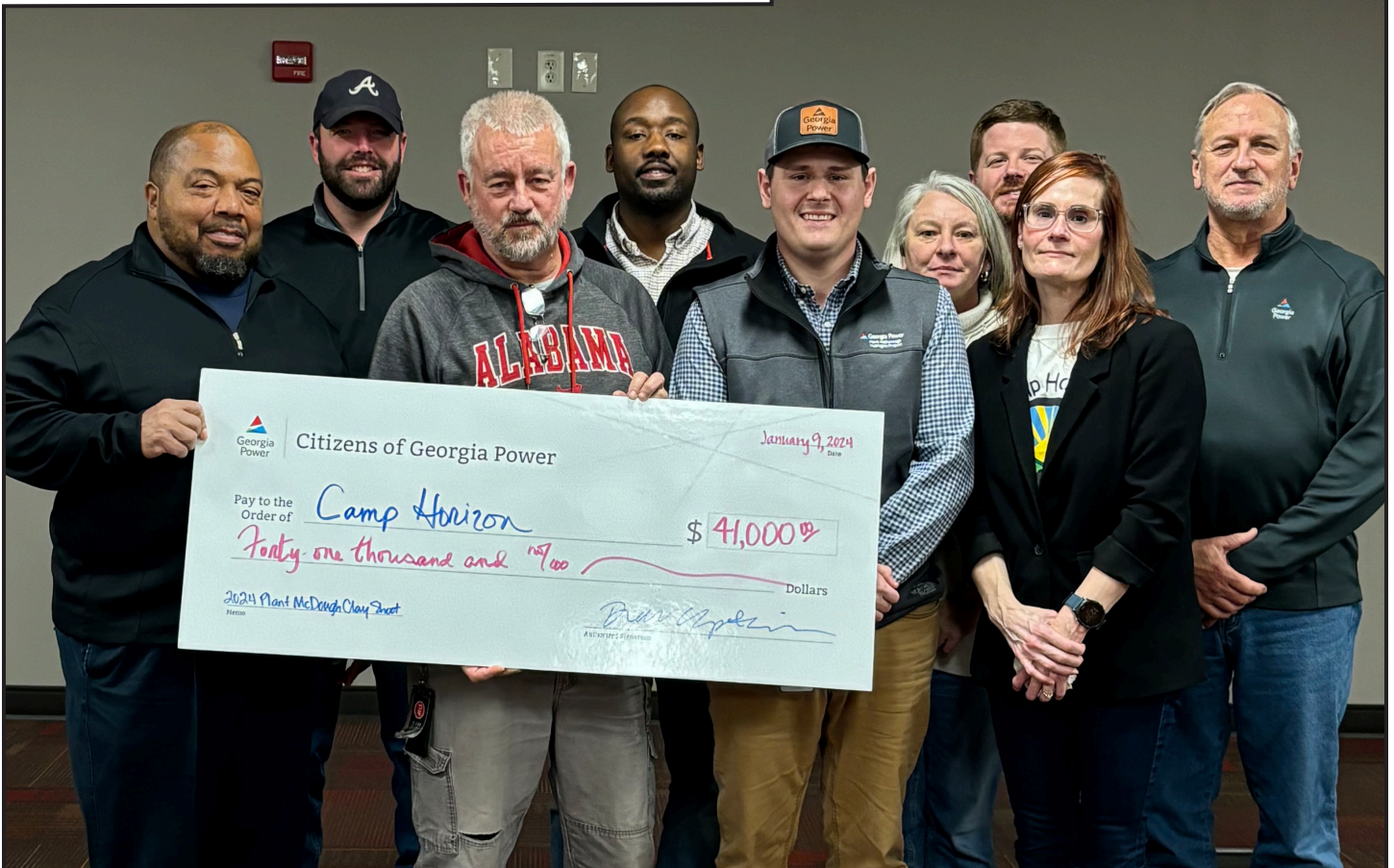
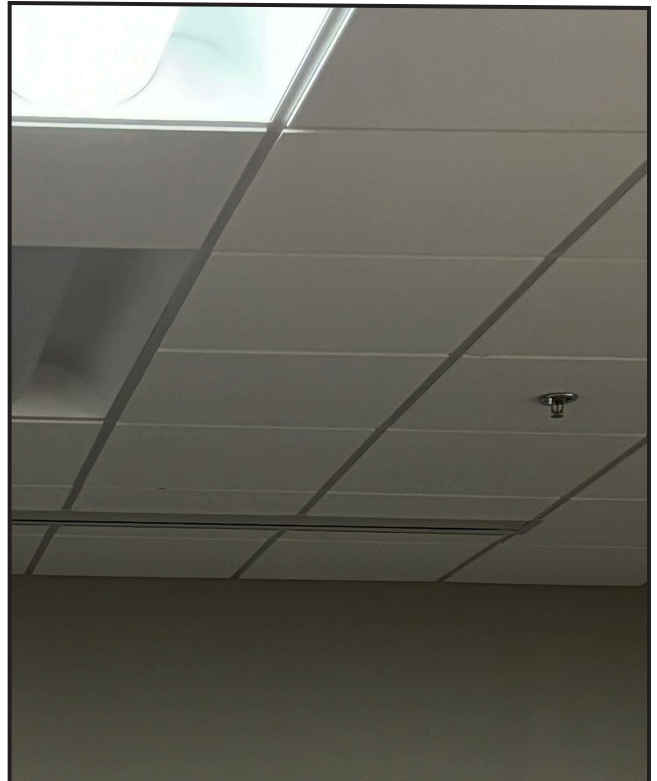
We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our sponsors for the overwhelming support of our Annual Clay Shoot held at Barnsley Resort's Baretta Shooting Grounds!

Because of your participation, we were able to raise over \$41,000 for Camp Horizon and continue to support our youth and families impacted by foster care locally in Metro Atlanta. Without your generous support, none of this would have been possible.

Thank You



Plant McDonough



West Georgia Ambassadors

West Georgia Ambassador officers Doug Kolbenschlag, Chuck Fuller and his wife, and Cliff Thrasher and his wife spent an afternoon stocking up four Little Free pantries.





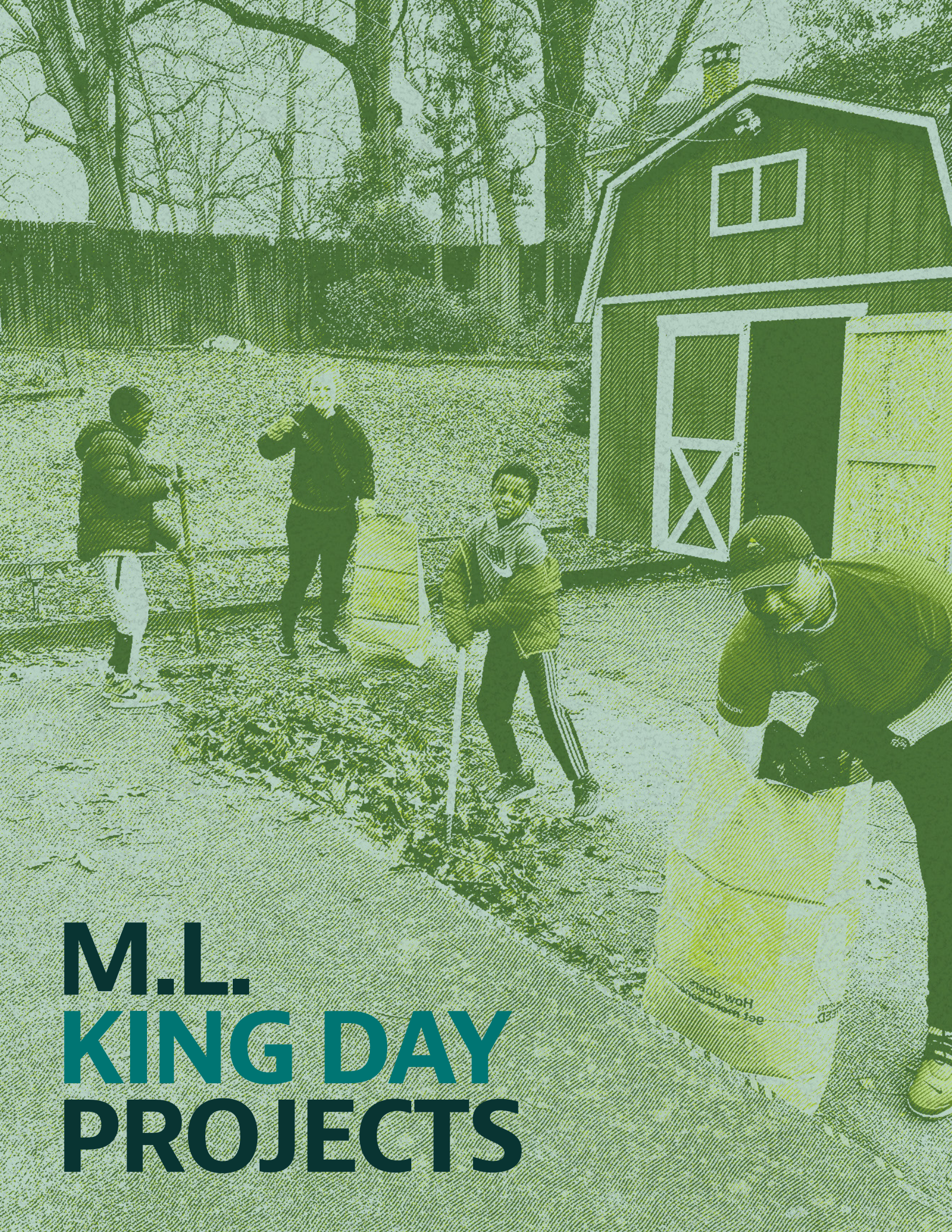
Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Ga Citizens Chapter shopped and delivered gifts to 15 children at Family Advancement Ministries (FAM) and another 15 children at Centro Comunitario Hispano (CCH) in Macon, Ga.



Valdosta

The Valdosta Citizens of Georgia Power completed a Legacy project at the Valdosta Boys and Girls Club this past month. The group renovated the girl's restroom by tearing out old partitions and restroom fixtures and installing new partitions, sinks, floors, and paint. The Citizens completed the project over two months, which was done in stages with several volunteers. The Valdosta Boys & Girls Club serves over 1,000 children and teens across seven sites in both Lowndes and Brooks County.



M.L. KING DAY PROJECTS

Plant Bowen and Cartersville

Plant Bowen and Cartersville Chapter had a busy morning at the Bartow County Boys and Girls Club. Twenty volunteers came together to replace more than 100 blown light bulbs, 70 stained ceiling tiles, and paint touch up in the gym and bathrooms, along with cleaning and organizing of other rooms.



Customer Care Center

CCC Citizens volunteers braved the cold at Helping in His Name Food Pantry and transformed Monday into a day of action rather than a day off, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. Eighty-four families benefited from the services provided embodying our commitment to being "Citizens Where We Serve." Over 50 volunteers spent their holiday offering food assistance to those in need within our community.



Jefferson Street

In the spirit of service embodied by Dr. King's legacy, volunteers from the Jefferson Street chapter dedicated their time to the Nicholas House, participating in sorting, cleaning, and organizing. Nicholas House, a commendable nonprofit agency, provides vital support to homeless families through emergency shelter services and scattered apartment sites catering to families in various structures. During this day of service, volunteers experienced an unexpected moment of pride when they discovered a shed bearing a plaque, a testament to the generosity of the Citizens of Georgia Power for their sponsorship. Such community engagement exemplifies the enduring spirit of giving and unity that MLK Day represents.

Metro West – Cobb

In Cobb County, Metro West Citizens had over 60 people, including around 15 kids, serve at an Assisted Living Facility. Volunteers decorated bags for 43 residents, packed the bags with goodies, played Bingo, played balloons with the Memory Care residents, and cleaned out and organize a storage closet.



Metro West – Douglas

Citizens volunteers prepared bags of personal needs and sweets for the residents at a personal care home in Douglas County. They distributed the bags and played bingo with the residents.



Plant Yates

More than 30 volunteers helped sort and organized canned goods and non-perishable items for distribution at One Roof Food Pantry.



North Fulton

Dunwoody Nature Center: Volunteers assisted in the beautification and cleanup of the nature center. Members showcased their dedication to the environment and sustainability.

Mary Hall Freedom Village: Volunteers helped organize and cleanup the family center, in support of local women and children.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer volunteers filled care baskets for folks at the Nursing and Rehabilitation home in Forsyth.





Plant Vogtle

Vogtle volunteers worked two Salvation Army Center of Hope projects – a painting/organizing sheds morning project and a soup kitchen volunteer effort that afternoon.



Southern Nuclear & Ga Power personnel, through our company charitable donations/sponsorships, were attendees at the annual MLK Jr. Unity Award Breakfast scholarship fundraiser event in Augusta.

Joel Leopard and Mike McCracken hosted a Boy Scout group from Woodstock Georgia at the Vogtle Energy Education Center on King Day.

Plant Vogtle, Augusta, and Augusta Ambassadors

Vogtle Citizens members, along with Augusta Citizens and Ambassadors volunteered at Project Life where they organized and prepped clothing that will be given away to needy families.



Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation partnered with United Way of the Coastal Empire to help prepare books for classrooms for their Read United Day. Read United promotes Early Childhood Literacy in our region.

Statesboro

To celebrate MLK day, the Statesboro Citizens chapter decided to volunteer with the Statesboro Soup Kitchen. Volunteers cooked and passed out over 200 meals. This was a great opportunity to help out members of our community in need.



Athens

Volunteers helped at City of Refuge with painting and cleaning to assist in their renovation.



Carrollton

Volunteers from Carrollton stocked Little Free Pantries across their service area.



Gainesville

Citizens volunteers from Gainesville sorted donated food and packaged meals for families.

General Office

Volunteers met along the Eastside Beltline and performed a cleanup of the Beltline and Proctor Creek area.



Heart of Georgia

Volunteers joined up with Adopt a Role Model and supported activities related to STEM with children.

Citizens volunteers supported Brave Meadows by repairing and installing fencing.





Metro South

Metro South volunteers installed playground equipment, constructed park benches, did general landscaping and painting classrooms at Cleveland Elementary School.

Volunteers from Metro South rolled up their sleeves at Christian City and did general landscaping, cleaning family rooms, organizing food pantry, rearranging furniture in the senior living center.



Forest Park

In celebration of Dr. King's legacy of community service, the Citizens of Georgia Power Forest Park Chapter organized a MLK Day 2024 at Calvary Refuge Homeless Shelter in Forest Park. The project involved deep cleaning of the buildings on the premises. The chapter's 13 hearty volunteers thoroughly enjoyed cleaning and organizing the shelter and they loved being a citizen where we serve! Thank you to all the volunteers!



Savannah

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day the Savannah Citizen's Chapter volunteered with United Way for the first ever "Housing Heroes" Project. Volunteers did minor home repairs to our senior citizens and those with differing abilities within the city limits.



Thomson

Volunteers worked at McDuffie Manna, Incorporated repairing fencing in back of the property and helped sort groceries.



Plant McDonough

Organize, pack, transport, and store holiday decorations at Veterans Empowerment Organization's main campus.

Tallulah Falls

Tallulah Falls volunteers cleaned up debris and brush at Foxfire Museum.



Milledgeville

Milledgeville volunteers cleaned and helped with the remodeling of the new Putnam Habitat for Humanity building.



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2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 11	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
February 7	State Board Meeting	October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
February 8	Leadership Summit	November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
March 1	Financials uploaded in electronic folder	November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting Virtual Teams Meeting
March 5	State Office will verify financials and service hours	December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
July 25	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 12	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 29	All 2024 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 12	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		
October 6–7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2025		