

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

August is the month of finishing up vacations, back-to-school, and really making plans for the rest of the year. Citizens members have been busy doing what they always do, finding ways to help others in need. The focus on this time of year is back to school supply drives. I wanted to give a big shout out to the Gainesville Citizens chapter for supporting the community educators with a teacher supply drive!

Kudos to the following chapters who found meaningful ways to help out with back-to-school events. The Citizens chapter of North Fulton participated in a backpack and school supply drive for families in the local community!! Forest Park Citizens participated in a local elementary school back to school supply drive!! The Carrollton chapter members volunteered at a local elementary school on their first annual Decoration day before school started!! These are just a few of the chapters involved in similar events across the state!

Citizens chapters have been involved in some friendly competition recently. Jarred Rankin and the Social Media team have established a competition to recognize Citizens chapters by Region, who had either the highest number of social media posts or most "liked" posts for the first half of the year. Each winning chapter receives some money to use in giving back in their local communities. You can help us out in the second half of the year – simply view and Like our posts on social media like Facebook, Instagram, Linked In and on Circuit! You have an opportunity to help the chapters give back simply by recognizing the posts. This is also a great way to be informed of the wonderful things that are occurring all across our state!

Citizen's Members and Partners - Thanks to each of YOU for choosing to serve! For those not yet involved with Citizens, connect with the chapter of your choice. You can join any chapter you choose and they would love to have you!

Wishing you all a wonderful end of Summer with many exciting days to come!

I saw this quote on a church sign in my local community and it really spoke to me: The Life you live is the lesson you teach! Author unknown. It seems so appropriate as many go back-to-school!

Wishing you the joy of giving back, and remember... The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman

Carrollton

The Carrollton chapter volunteered at Bowdon Elementary School for their first official "BES Decoration Day". Bart Cater, Carry Lovvorn, Aubree Van Winkle and Mike McCowan hit the ground running at 8:30 and worked until after lunch to help spruce up the grounds around the school. They also worked inside helping the Art teacher with painting, cutting out designs, and hanging up decorations around the school. Everyone at Bowden Elementary School was very appreciative for the help. The chapter is excited to make this a yearly project.



Clayton

The Clayton Chapter of CGP had an opportunity in the Hartwell service area to support a local organization in need. The Hartwell Distribution crew and Engineers volunteered forty hours over the first half of 2022 to help the Northeast Georgia Saddle Club in Lavonia. The Clayton Chapter helped the Saddle Club with lighting issues, which in turn, provided the riding ring better lighting for practices and events. This will impact the Saddle Club for years to come. A big THANK YOU to the Hartwell Headquarters for setting a great example of being a "Citizen Where We Serve"!

Customer Care Center

The CCC Chapter made \$300 donations to Helping in His Name Food Pantry, Relay for Life Henry, Our World Hope Park, and Connecting Henry. These generous donations were made possible through the large membership dues that come to the chapter. Helping in His Name Food Pantry expressed appreciation for all the donations they receive through the Club of Hearts, Citizens, and Amazon Smile.



The CCC Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power is always ready to give back to the community and are committed to being citizens where they serve. The Back-to-School Book Bag Drive is an annual event that solicits monetary donations and school supplies from chapter members and employees that work at the Center. This year's response was amazing! Their generosity supported students and parents with various back to school items in partnership with Connecting Henry, Restoration Community Ministries and Rising Phoenix. Nakee-ya Pyron and Shane Bryant were honored to represent the chapter.





Forest Park

The Forest Park Chapter donated school supplies to Huie Elementary School as part of their back-to-school drive. Huie Elementary is a local public school serving 600+ children, grades K-5, with about 90% of the students coming from low-income families. Great job Forest Park!

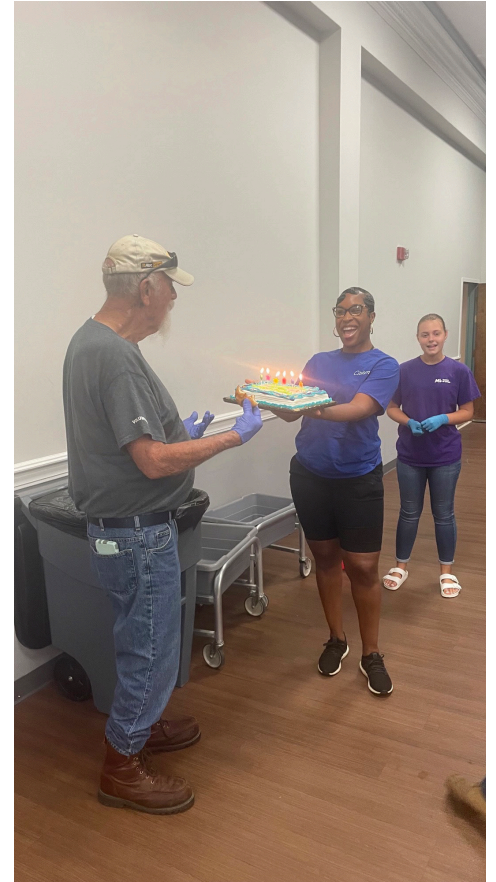
Gainesville

As you know, teachers are under more stress now than ever. The Gainesville Citizen's asked their members to donate supplies that could relieve some burden from teachers in their area. The amount of support they received from Gainesville Operating was remarkable. The linemen spent a portion of their safety meeting helping compile the supplies in preparation for delivery. The next day, the chapter board delivered a truckload of supplies to Centennial Arts Academy (Elementary School) in downtown Gainesville. As an extra special bonus, Ms. Funk a 5th grade teacher who received some of the supplies is the daughter of long time GPC employee and Citizens member Gary Funk!



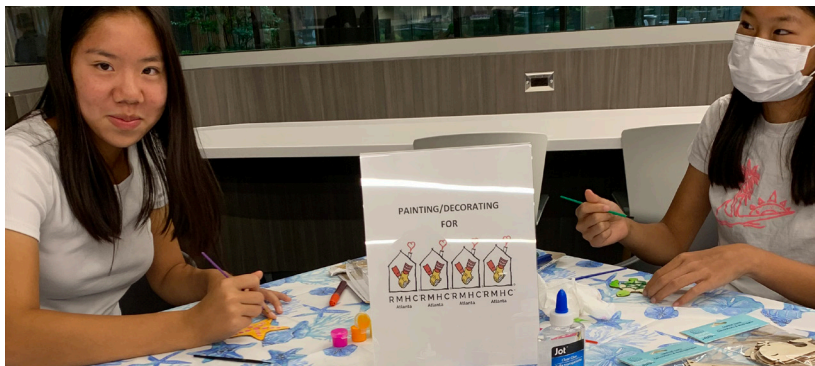
Statesboro

On Saturday, the Statesboro CGP volunteered at the Statesboro First United Methodist Church soup kitchen. Volunteers included CGP members, their families, Ambassadors and friends. In addition to volunteering, the chapter donated \$200 to help defray the food cost for that day. Chapter President Cicely Sikes purchased a cake and surprised birthday boy and Statesboro Ambassadors President Jack Deal. All the volunteers, including community members, serenaded Jack by singing Happy Birthday!



General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter recently donated toiletries, assembled hygiene kits, wrote notes, and decorated bags for the families at the Atlanta (Egleston) Ronald McDonald House. Others wrote letters to Santa to support Macy's commitment of donating \$1 per letter to Make-a-Wish Georgia, allowing them to grant wishes for children here in Georgia.



Members also volunteered at the Legacy of Hope's Back-to-School Drive on July 29th at the Centennial Place Apartments in Atlanta. The organization's mission is to mentor the youth in low-income and at-risk communities through educational development, physical fitness, and leadership skills.



Tifton

The Tifton Chapter raised \$350 in donations for school supplies for Berrien County's Back to School Bash. Several of our members volunteered that day to serve grilled hot dog lunches to the kids. Lance Dell, Garrison Scheller, Duncan Adam, Sabrina Rouse, Casey Rouse, and Jonathan Scheller had more fun than the kids!



Citizens Social Media Chapter Winners

Check out the video announcing the chapter winners for the social media award for the first half of 2022!

[Click on image below to play video.](#)



Corporate Security

A month or so ago Corporate Security found themselves with a large number of uniform shirts and pants that were no longer compliant with state law. Team leader Mark Puig reached out to his team for ideas. Daniel Veiga felt like there had to be somewhere they could donate them. Daniel, his wife Valerie, and his six kids have a passion for giving back and making their community better. This passion led them to the Bartow County College and Career Academy. The school has an amazing Public Safety Program that helps students interested in areas such as law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, law and other areas of public safety. Dr. Greg Doss Principal-CEO of the Career Academy excitingly accepted the uniforms for use in their public safety program. Daniel said what an honor to be able to take donate these uniforms to a great facility with amazing students that will put them to use. It was extra special for Daniel since he calls Bartow County home and it's where he got his start as policeman with the Cartersville Police Department prior to coming to Georgia Power. He continues to serve his community as a parttime officer with the Kingston Police Department. Thank you, Daniel, for truly being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve"!



Christmas in July

It's never too early to get your gift requests into the North Pole! Citizens chapters, ERGs, and Ambassadors all took time to drop a few letters in the mail to Santa, all in support of Macy's "I Believe" program in support of Make A Wish Foundation. With a total count of 544 letters, Macy's Corporation will donate \$544 to Make a Wish Georgia which will be used to help grant the many wishes across the state. Employee Resource Groups contributed 382 to that total. APA led the way with a total of 228 letters written.

Christmas in July
LETTERS TO SANTA COMPETITION

This July, join in a friendly competition between Citizens of Georgia Power Chapters and ERGs to see who can turn in the most letters.

The winning chapter or ERG will get a donation made in their honor to a local charity of their choice.

[Click Here for the Letters to Santa Template](#)

- All letters must be submitted by 8:00 a.m. August 1, 2022
- Letters should be sent or emailed to:
GPC- Volunteer Services
Attn: Krista Pierce Bin 10014
241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
email: klpierce@southernco.com

Thanks for your support!
You've helped make wishes come true.
Make a Wish

Believe

Ambassadors

The Georgia Power Ambassadors have been collecting items to go in travel kits for Make a Wish Georgia. Make a Wish has started granting travel wishes again for wish kids around the state. Wish kids are given "travel kits" as gifts to take with them as they travel to their wish locations. Kits include travel pillows, blankets, coloring books, crayons and any other items that makes the time passes between locations. Items are placed in backpack style bags so the children can take it wherever they go. During the pandemic, donations had drastically decreased, and Make a Wish was in desperate need of supplies for all the wishes they have coming up before year end. Ambassadors stepped up to the challenge and the first load was dropped off this month at MAW's office with a second one scheduled for next week. Chapters will continue collections thru September.





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