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### State President's Message

**JD Wilson** 

Citizens,



When I was young in my career, I had someone tell me once that our strength as a company isn't just our ability to sell electricity but in the people that we work alongside. We exhibit excellence in the care we show to our customers and how we serve each other. That often shows in times of thunderstorms when our line workers and first responders work long hours to get the lights back on, but that also shows up when we have storms in our own lives. Whether that's providing assistance for someone who has lost their home or showing up for a colleague who has lost a family member, the Georgia Power I've come to love takes care of people.

When trials or tragedy strike, remember that the Citizens of Georgia Power and Volunteer Services has outlets to support you. Our family house in Atlanta is strategically located near several major hospitals so that it can be a place of rest while a loved one is getting care. Our Electric Kids and Colin Banks charities support children of employees that have been disabled or that have passed with funds to help them with costs through their early years. The Employee Emergency Fund provides financial assistance for those who have suffered a catastrophic event or major medical illness. We even help with interest free loans for children of employees through our Educational Loan Fund.

As author H. Jackson Brown reflects, "Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you." As we work to support those that are facing life's challenges, thank you for choosing to find a way to lend a hand. The spirit of service in all of us is what makes this a special place.

In Service,

J.D.

#### **Plant Bowen**

Georgia Power owns approximately 90,000 acres of land reserved for future utility uses and power generation plant sites. They manage the land for watershed protection, wildlife habitat and sustainable forests. The Company and its employees work to preserve the scenic, environmental, cultural, and recreational value of our lands and lakes. Plant Bowen employees live out these values by participating yearly in the Great American Cleanup. Bowen volunteers contributed to Earth Week by helping to remove over 920 lbs. of trash from Covered Bridge Road. Keep Bartow Beautiful staff assisted with the cleanup and provided litter removal safety signage along with KBB Great American Cleanup T shirts. Great job Plant Bowen!









#### **Athens**

Athens Citizens held a hugely successful golf tournament to benefit Relay for Life, Extra Special People, and Adventure Bags. The weather was perfect, and 24 teams had a great day of fun and fellowship, all while raising more than \$8,500 for these great charities!





Athens Chapter assisted Team Up Mentoring in Monroe with their Literacy Night. Team Up Mentoring is a case management and mentoring organization serving young people affected by trauma. Different stations were set up for the kids to participate in and volunteers helped at each one.











As part of their Earth Day efforts and in partnership with a corporate initiative, Athens Citizens members donated 29 pair of used sneakers to recycle or give back to the community.

#### **Plant McDonough**

Drew Uptain, Plant McDonough Citizens Chapter President sent this note to his chapter about their recent project in support of Scott Elementary School:

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in preparing hygiene kits for the students at Scott Elementary on their last day of school before summer! This was a very late addition with the request coming in last Thursday, but everyone stepped up to the plate and made it happen. With your help we were able to provide soap, deodorant, wash cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, and other necessities to all 300 students at Scott Elementary.

Special thanks to Enola Taylor for bringing this to our attention and leading the effort!

This interaction brought on discussion about how we can get more involved in Scott Elementary with regards to their STEM activities and other opportunities. More to come on that and other events where we will continue to lead in service, together.











#### **Carrollton**

Carrollton chapter member Anthony Edmondson has taken his passion for bees and is using it to educate some lucky elementary school students. He put together an informative presentation that covers everything from bees importance to our eco-system all the way to what to do if you get stung! The observation hive allows for an up-close encounter with the bees to see the queen, workers, and drones. Looks like these students were truly engaged! Great job Anthony!

The Little Free Pantries in and around Carrollton continue to flourish and provide to those going through some challenging times due to the on-going commitment of volunteers like Mike and Leigh Ann Bell. Mike and Leigh Ann keep the pantry in Buchanan stocked so that people in that area can have access to needed food items.

















During COVID chapter members adopted cleaning up in their communities and neighborhoods. Alan and Julie Culpepper have continued the practice and boy have they been busy! They live across the river from a boat ramp and clean up more than a mile of roadside in this heavily used area. To encourage campers and boaters to help, they placed a large trash can there that they empty periodically to keep the place looking clean. There is a cove down the lake that has a waterfall feeding into it. Someone cut down a bunch of trees around the waterfall and you couldn't see the fall very well and it just looked terrible. Julie and Alan spent two days cutting, dragging, and burning trees, logs, and other debris from it. Check out the view now! Awesome job Alan and Julie!



SCS Project Manager Fiona Bills, along with Jackie Ortiz, and Janelle Shaffer were proud to represent the SCS Projects East Plant Wansley AP1 and Plant Demolition team and Carrollton Citizens when they dropped of a generous donation of items to the Carrollton Pregnancy Resource Center.



#### **Customer Care Center**

The CCC Chapter partnered with the CCC Joy Squad in their celebration before 100 Days of Summer. Members came in the office to help with the Bridge Wellness South Project where we stuffed over 40 bags and wrote inspirational cards for the women with unexpected pregnancies to women that require a financial need. Their moto is "Regardless of Yesterday, Today is a New Beginning." We will continue to support them with part two of supplying and stocking the baby rooms in June.









CCC management sponsor Amie Maddox took her leadership team out to feed the hungry at Open Hand Atlanta Volunteer Services. Open Hand has people from all walks of life come together to touch the lives of thousands of others who are not as fortunate.

CCC Chapter President Daundra Fletcher participated in the Muddy Princess Breast Cancer 5k event where a fun and dirty time was had by all!



#### **Forest Park**

Let's hear it for the Citizens of Georgia Forest Park Chapter 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament! It was a great event at White Oak Golf Club and even the rain did not stop them. More than 160 golfers, made up of Georgia Power sponsors and staff, raised \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, Calvary Refuge, and other charities. Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and sponsors!









#### **Metro West**

Metro West chapter member Philip Keebler took time to brag on his son Luke and rightfully so! Luke is 14 years old and is an active member of Boy Scouts of America Troop #730 in Acworth. Luke's troop participated in the Memorial Day Celebration at the Marietta Veterans Cemetery. Philip, congratulations to you and your wife for raising such a fine young man!



Metro West members were excited to be able to support two of their own. Alex Wild and Tammy Williams are mothers of KNCT1 Warriors. KCNT1-related epilepsy is an ultrarare, infant-onset seizure disorder caused by mutations in the KCNT1 gene. Chapter members supported the KCNT1 Million Dollar Bike Ride, helping the Atlanta Team raise over \$8,000 for research to date!





Chapter President Ben Hodges proudly highlighted his chapter's efforts in June when he said, "In the month of June we partnered with ADAPPT at the Georgia Blind Sports Tournament, Alpha Psi Alpha STEM summer camp at KSU, Taste of Douglasville, and an expansion groundbreaking at Youth Villages."













#### **Jefferson Street**

The Jefferson Street Chapter partnered with Learning In Color to paint a wonderful mural as part of their Legacy project at M. Agnes Jones Elementary school. Volunteers used their creative skills to paint a 7,000 sq ft kaleidoscope style STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) mural that covered the entire surface area of the school's amphitheater. The area will highlight aspects of STEAM education and is the epicenter of the school's STEAM related activities. The Principal, Assistant Principal, and staff members at M. Agnes Jones stopped by to show their thanks and appreciation to the Citizens of Georgia Power. Learning In Color has been trying to complete this project since 2018 and they were ecstatic that the Jefferson Street volunteers made it happen in 2023! Jefferson Street Citizens were happy to support the great cause, as this aligns with Mayor Andre Dickerson's Year of the Youth initiative.











#### **General Office**

Members of the General Office Chapter participated in Youth Empowerment Day at Agape Youth & Family Center, a facility that empowers and supports underserved families within its community to discover, embrace, and achieve their full potential. Volunteers shared tips on professional dress through tying ties and selecting appropriate attire, and they also served as career panelists and interacted with the students to foster a healthy understanding of education and personal growth.











The General Office Chapter wrapped up its 4th Annual Virtual Relay for Life by raising \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society. This year, 18 employees participated in the virtual option, and the Chapter hopes to have even more next year as it celebrates its 5th Annual 5K in May 2024!

#### **Gwinnett**

Gwinnett Citizens found a unique way to say Happy Father's Day and honor all the dads, leaders, and fathers in the lives! Chapter members came together to pack and donate 36 gift bags to Life Care Center of Gwinnett







#### **Statesboro**

The Statesboro Chapter Citizens of Georgia Power participated in a drive thru food pantry event last Saturday at Eastern Heights Baptist Church. Volunteers assisted with various tasks such as traffic control, sorting food, serving as greeters, completing paperwork, and loading food into vehicles.

## Gainesville and Electric Transportation Team

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#### **PEER**

PEER members volunteered with the Atlanta Mission's Speed Interviews for their @work program graduates. The @work program helps people experiencing homelessness enter the workforce with resources to help them prepare for success.



### **ADAPPT** and Citizens

Congratulations to an incredible group of 18 volunteers from ADAPPT and Citizens for their efforts and enthusiasm at the Special Olympics Summer Games on May 20. The Swimming event staff was very appreciative of the great support by the Georgia Power team and hope they come back next year!







#### Volunteer Services

Charlie Ross, Club of Hearts Project
Manager spent some time at the
Customer Care Center with a group
of newly hired employees. CCC holds
a Culture Camp for all new hires and
Charlie was happy to meet with them
and discuss Citizens, Club of Hearts and
truly what it means to be "A Citizen
Wherever You Serve!"





### ENERGIZER

### 2023 Target Dates and Deadlines

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
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
11/2/2023	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

