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A Statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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# State President's Message

JD Wilson

Citizens,



After a week of relaxing and eating way too much food, we find ourselves at the end of the year. It's funny how this time of year feels - the balance of the holiday rush with the slowdown that the end of the year brings. Part of my "rush" this year has been travelling around to visit with you to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of the year. Hearing the passion in your voices, watching the partnership across chapters and seeing the needs that are being met where you live leaves me energized each time.

As we transition into the holidays and the days start to get shorter, the needs of our communities only rise and we all have a wonderful opportunity in front of us. Will you choose to serve? Can you share the blessings that you have been given with someone else? In a time when most want to relax, will you look for ways to lift someone else up? As leaders in our community, I challenge you to find a way to do good for someone else this season, no matter how small or large the gesture. Author and educator Booker T. Washington said, "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

Thank you for answering the call to serve time after time. You are making the world a better place.

In Service,

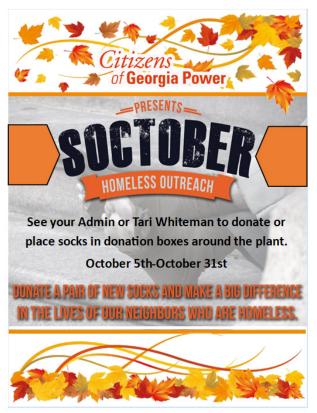
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#### **Plant Bowen**

Plant Bowen Citizens members came together to support the SOCTOBER homeless outreach. The project involved donating a pair of socks to help the homeless in their area. They came together in a big way with a record setting 356 pairs!! A special shout out to Fossil Fuels teams for donating 102 pairs, the Maintenance Department for their donation of 180 pairs, I&C department with 42 pairs, and the Admin building for their donation of 32 pairs. Their efforts will provide comfort and warmth for those seeking help from the homeless shelter and the children's shelter of Bartow County!









## **Carrollton**

Shout out to Joanna Isbell for being such a dedicated blood donor! She gave blood in October, which is her 5th donation for 2023! Great job Joanna!

Carrly Lovvorn and April Hale always find time to continue their chapter's commitment to keeping the Carrollton Greenbelt cleaned monthly. Thank you, ladies, for choosing to make a difference!



# **Heart of Georgia**

Citizens of Georgia Power Heart of Georgia chapter hosted lunch for Centro Comunitario Hispano community at the Macon Operating HQ. The chapter partnered with AMIGOS for volunteers and Energy Efficiency to provide information on GPC HopeWorks and EASE Programs. Approximately 50 people attended the lunch. CCH's mission is to empower, enrich, and integrate the Hispanic community. The vision is to strengthen the Hispanic people, families, and community by connecting them with resources and education. Great job Heart of Georgia!





### **Columbus**

The Columbus Chapter held a BBQ Plate Fundraiser to raise money and awareness for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in honor of Madison Richmond, daughter of local Columbus TMC Lineman Bryan Richmond. This is the first fundraising event for the Madison Richmond Cast For A Cause Fishing Tournament. The 2024 event will be held April 24, 2024 at the Florence Marina. Supportive employees and the local community stepped up and bought 132 plates raising over \$1,748!









#### **Plant Yates**

On October 25th, the Plant Yates chapter was invited to A. Phillip Randolph Elementary School for their career day. In attendance were Troy Owens, Safety & Health Specialist, Richard Gamble, Planning Team Leader, Chris Houston, Plant Operator, Austin Green, Co-op/Intern, and Geneva Powell, Financial Analyst. Speakers talked about their career paths, the many different jobs within Georgia Power, and what the company does to provide electricity to many families and businesses throughout the state. The team also provided a live demonstration of its Power Town to teach the students how to be safe around electricity. The kids were engaged and eagerly asked questions during and after each presentation. The group was able to speak to four different classes ranging from 1st grade to 5th grade. Who knows, they may have talked with some future GPC employees!









# **Metro East**

On November 8th, 2023, the Metro East Chapter celebrated national STEM day at Cedar Grove Middle School, where they introduced 8th grade students to the world of STEM! The volunteers alternated close to 90 students through three stations. The first station was Georgia Power's Power Town Demonstration to show how electricity works. Secondly the students rotated to a STEM lab, where students built standing structures, learned about solar power, and built electrical circuits. The third station was an introduction to the future of drone technology and electric transportation. This was truly a spectacular experience!







# Tallulah Falls and NE Georgia Ambassadors

Tallulah Falls Citizens of Georgia Power and Northeast Georgia Ambassadors joined forces to support the local Habitat for Humanity in building decks for one of the new Habitat Homes in the area. The volunteers were able to offer labor, building expertise, and material to complete two beautiful new decks on the house. Their efforts got them recognition in both the Northeast Georgian and the Toccoa Record newspapers! Great job Tallulah Falls and NE Georgia!





# Savannah Generation

The Savannah Generation chapter collected non-perishable foods and other items to provide to the God's Mission Food Distribution Center in Springfield Georgia. With the holiday season approaching, these items could not have come at a better time and will be used to support those in need.











## **North Fulton Area**

On November 11th, North Fulton Area citizens volunteered with the North Fulton Community Charities "Thanksgiving Food and Warm Coat Drive". For almost 40 years North Fulton Community Charities have been coming together to help families in need during the holidays. Our chapter volunteers helped families celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a festive meal. Through service project funds, our chapter was able to purchase pantry food and warm coats for family distribution. Our members were also given an opportunity to donate coats as well.





#### **General Office**

Earlier this year, the G.O. Chapter held a bike drive to support Free Bikes 4 Kidz, a charity geared toward helping all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. Last month, members followed up the bike drive by volunteering to help clean and recondition donated bicycles before the December giveaway, continuing to make a positive impact on the lives of Atlanta's youth.















General Office Chapter members served 93 people at the American Cancer Society Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Hope Lodge in Decatur on the evening of November 9th. Included were patients in town to receive cancer treatments, caregivers, Lodge staff and the volunteers themselves! The Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay while being treated away from home, and the volunteers served them a meal featuring rotisserie chicken as well as pork BBQ provided by Williamson Brothers. Yum! Citizens members sat among the residents to share the meal and learn about their journeys, and many expressed their thanks throughout the evening. The magic continued as we played trivia and gave away gas cards to help defray travel expenses and a toy GPC truck. Our goal was to share a warm meal with the wonderful people at the Lodge and to let them forget their troubles for a moment. Based on the many smiles that were noted, the event was a success!



# Jefferson Street, General Office, and Customer Care Center

Jefferson Street, General Office, and
Customer Care chapters had an amazing
couple of weekends with their Legacy
Project with Children Without Beds. All
three chapters came together to support an
amazing movement. Children Without Beds
provides our community youth with much
needed beds. Volunteers turned out both
weekends to successfully delivered and built
39 beds that ensured over 10 families no
longer must sleep on the floor. Thanks to all
three chapters for this incredible project!





#### **Jefferson Street**

Jefferson Street Citizens had a great time at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 14th in Atlanta. Our very own survivor, Delora Osborne, along with many other survivors and allies came together, donated funds and time, and walked the event to help raise awareness and funds for American Cancer Society to serve cancer patients. Thank you to our survivors!









# **Energy Efficiency**

The Energy Efficiency team volunteered at the Lost N Found Youth Thrift Store in Atlanta. Lost N Found Youth is one of the only agencies in Georgia that supports homeless LGBTQ youth. Their thrift store helps to both fund Lost N Found Youth programs, as well as offer homeless youth clothing and home furnishings as they build their new lives.

# 2023 Target Dates and Deadlines

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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

