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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Citizens of Georgia Power,

Hello Citizens heroes. I hope that everyone had a chance to watch the 2024 Olympics over the past couple of weeks. As you know, each country's top athletes compete on an international stage in various sports to see who is the best of the best. Each country has passionate fans and the athletic competitions fuels their desires to cheer each athlete to become a medalist which shows their country's dominance in that sport. To citizens of a particular country, their Olympic athletes are their heroes. Similarly, I can say the same thing about our Citizens of Georgia Power chapters. Our chapters represent various communities around the state of Georgia. The difference is that we are not necessarily in competition, but we do have a desire to do our very best to serve our communities. The work that we do, the social media posts, the Energizer articles, and the appreciation from the local area are our awards. Each chapter has a strong sense of community, and these communities see our CGP members as their local heroes. Therefore, I personally want to 'Thank You' for what you do to make positive statewide impacts through your service projects, legacy projects, and fundraisers.

Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed. Each of you plays a crucial role in making our community a better place. Whether you're organizing events, providing support, or simply lending a helping hand, your efforts are making a significant impact. Your commitment to service is inspiring, and it reminds us all of the power of collective action.

As we continue our journey together, remember that every small act of kindness contributes to a larger wave of positive change. There will be challenges along the way, but your resilience and passion will help us overcome them. Keep pushing forward, knowing that your work is valued and appreciated by many. Your contributions are building a brighter future for everyone in our state.

Our summer State Board meeting was amazing, and we showed our dedication to support you... our GREAT CGP chapters. We have some specific focuses to continue our strong run, up to this point of the year, so that we can finish the remainder of 2024 on a good note. Please know that our State Board and State Office have deepened their resolve to make sure we are able to provide any assistance that you may need. I am very excited every time I jump on calls to hear about your conversations and plans to do great work in the areas that you live.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Let's continue to work together, support each other, and strive for excellence in all that we do. Together, we can achieve great things and make a lasting difference in our community. Keep up the fantastic work and remember that we are 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

Yours in Service,
Patrick Harris



Gwinnett

Citizens of Georgia Power - Gwinnett Chapter donated ninety-six backpacks to McKendree Elementary School in Lawrenceville, GA. Each of the backpacks were filled with pencils, markers, crayons, pencil pouch, scissors, glue sticks, folders, notebook paper, journals, index cards, sticky notes, and a headset.

The effort supported 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this project such a success!



Citizens of Georgia Power – Gwinnett Chapter
Back-to-School Backpack Project 2024



McKendree Elementary School –
Lawrenceville, GA

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members braved the heat and joined with Centralhatchee First Baptist Church and Carrollton Baptist Association to give out backpacks, complete with their full supply list, to students at Centralhatchee Elementary. It was a great day full of smiles.



Thanks to Larry and Donice Wood for braving the heat to help keep Carrollton's Greenbelt clean!



Got a great note from April Hale..."The blue shirts took over Aldi's this morning as Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power shopped thanks to a donation from Georgia Power. We were so excited to be able to help Journey Fellowship Baptist Church stock their new Mt Zion Community Food Bank. If you are in the Mt Zion area, be sure to support this new food bank as they help those in need. And if you are in need, please reach out to Journey Fellowship to arrange a time to meet. Thank you to all the Citizens members who showed up to help!"



Carrollton Citizens member Janelle Shaffer volunteered at the Georgia Power tent at the Peachtree Road Race.

Her day started early with a 4:30am arrival time but she said it was a blast serving all the company runners!

Milledgeville

The Milledgeville Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power recently completed a Legacy Project at a newly installed playground at Jimmy Davis Park in Eatonton. Through the Legacy Project funding provided by the Georgia Power Foundation, 12,870 lbs. of 100% recycled, long lasting rubber mulch was purchased and installed by the Milledgeville Citizens. The 6.5-acre park is located near downtown Eatonton and has been neglected for years with many of the park's facilities being in a state of disrepair. In 2023, the Putnam County Recreation Department began revitalizing the beloved park. Renovations include a new playground, fencing around the park, upgraded basketball courts and parking lot, an improved walking track, landscaping and more. The Milledgeville Citizens of Georgia Power members were incredibly happy to be able to provide a resilient, safe surface for the new playground and to be involved in this special community project.



Milledgeville chapter hopes you enjoy this video recap of their 2024 projects. What an incredible year so far!

Thank you for volunteering and making a difference in the communities we serve.

[Click here or on the video to play.](#)



Statesboro

The Statesboro Citizens chapter had a BIG time at the Metter back to school carnival! We had a booth that featured hand crank generators, energy sticks, a solar bead station and lineman gloves/etc. for the kids to try on. We also supported the backpack initiative with over 500 backpacks given away full of school supplies to local students!



The Statesboro Citizens chapter came together for their workday for their legacy project supporting the WeMove tutoring group! The volunteers cleaned out the space, put together study desks for the tutoring group to use as well as hung bulletin boards, added chalk board paint to the doors and organized the space! This space will help low income and in-need students receive after school tutoring and mentorship. We were so honored to support this spectacular group!



Plant Yates

Volunteers from Plant Yates Citizens joined forces with Whitesburg Elementary School to organize an outstanding back-to-school event. This event offered families the chance to obtain all the necessary items, ranging from clothing to toiletries, at no cost. Additionally, our chapter contributed school supplies to ensure that each student was ready and eager for the upcoming year. As a bonus, families were treated to a tasty hot dog lunch prepared on the spot by our dedicated volunteers.



Customer Care Center

Customer Care Citizens proudly announced their Annual Back to School Drive, in partnership with the Employee Engagement Committee chaired by Tenisha Brown and Nakee-ya Pyron, was a complete success! A special thank you to everyone who donated supplies or volunteered their time to stuff the book bags. Your generosity and dedication are truly appreciated. CCC is always ready to give back! This year's efforts ensured that over 149 students were equipped with the necessary tools for academic success. Through partnerships with A Friends House, Connecting Henry, and Restoration Community Ministries, volunteers were able to assist students and parents with various book bag items. Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our community.



Athens

Angie Brown dropped a nice note to all her chapter members...Hey Friends — Happy Sunday! Thank you all for your generous support for the Kids Underwear Drive I sent out a few weeks ago. We had unbelievable support and tons of amazon packages. I failed to get a picture of all of them but if you saw my office, then you saw it all and wondered what I was buying! LOL. City of Refuge said they probably donate 500 pair a year to the kids they support, and we probably had that many! So, as always, thank you for helping us in a time of quick need! You always help and respond to the many needs we have in our community and our team really appreciates your kindness! Have a great week!

Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Georgia Chapter had several volunteers that participated in the Adopt A Role Model Literacy Lock-in Breakfast in Macon. The volunteers got to tell the kids about their occupations and got to spend time with getting to know the kids with one-on-one time during breakfast.

The Heart of Georgia Citizens Chapter provided backpacks and school supplies, along with school uniforms to Brookdale Resource Center in Macon. Their efforts supported 50 school-aged children and allowed them to start the upcoming academic year with confidence, just like their housed peers. By providing these materials we are empowering these students, providing them with the tools they need to succeed academically and boosting their confidence.



Metro West

Citizens members from Metro West were elated to partner with the Legacy of Pearls Foundation of Douglas County for the STEMulating our Finances Backpack Giveaway. Volunteers filled 500 backpacks with school supplies. They also made solar bracelets with the students and their families and talked about solar energy, energy efficiency and STEM careers in the energy industry. The families enjoyed great food, music, games, and learned how to STEMulate their Finances.



Metro East

The Metro East Citizens Chapter recently had the exciting opportunity to tour the Johnson STEM Activity Center, a dynamic organization dedicated to cultivating young talent in science, technology, engineering, and math. The center's STEM summer camp and after-school programs are designed to immerse students in robotics, coding, and advanced mathematics, offering them hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and innovation. Dr. Lonnie Johnson, the founder of the center, is a notable engineer and inventor best known for his creation of the Super Soaker water gun. Beyond his commercial success, Dr. Johnson is also known for his work in energy technology and his commitment to advancing educational opportunities in STEM fields. We are proud to support and celebrate the extraordinary efforts of individuals and organizations like Dr. Lonnie Johnson and the Johnson STEM Activity Center. Their work is truly inspiring and crucial for shaping a brighter, more technologically advanced future.



Valdosta

Got a great note from Jessica Ricketson about Valdosta's school supply drive...

"The Valdosta Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power was able to collect much needed school supplies for 4 school districts in our area, Lowndes High School, Valdosta High School, Lanier County Elementary, Echols County Schools. When dropping off the supplies, each school superintendent was there and emphasized their gratefulness for our continued support to the local community. At Valdosta High and Lowndes High, we dropped off book bags filled with all the essential supplies like binders, notebooks, paper, pencils, etc. Echols County Schools needed socks, clothes and underwear for their elementary age students who might not have all the essentials at home. Lanier County Elementary School biggest needed was hygiene products, so we loaded them up with soap, hairbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Thanks to all who helped support this effort by truly being a Citizen Wherever We Serve!"



Vogtle Units 1-4

Over the summer Vogtle 1&2 Employee Resource Groups were busy helping “Stuff the Bus” to ensure kids/families in the CSRA were prepared for a successful school year. The “Stuff the Bus” school supply drive benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Augusta and RISE Augusta generated more than 30,000 donated items, including 972 backpack – which will help more than 1,000 students.

Vogtle 1-4 volunteers then went into the community and participated in the “Back to School Bash.”

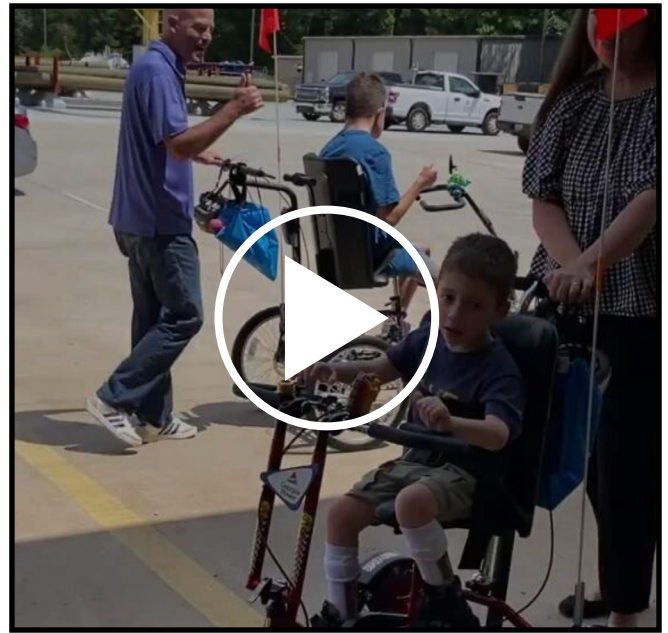
They helped with registration, book giveaways, and to distribute more than 1,200 backpacks (loaded with school supplies). Organizers acknowledge the donations and involvement of the volunteers were pivotal to the success of this initiative.



Gwinnett and North Fulton Area

Gwinnett and North Fulton Area chapters partnered for their Legacy projects with Wellsprings Wellness and Freedom Concepts in providing adaptive bicycles for three children in the region. Our Distribution, Transmission and Engineering hometown heroes assembled and presented the bicycles to these amazing kids. The bikes will not only aide in their daily therapy but also are fun to ride. Huge thanks to our local leadership and Citizen volunteers in being A Citizen Wherever We Serve!

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General Office

Workforce Development, Technology Organization's Workplace Enablement Team, Energy Exchange, External Affairs, and APCO Credit Union

The General Office Chapter of Citizens of GPC, along with our awesome partners—Workforce Development, Technology Organization's Workplace Enablement team, Energy Exchange, External Affairs, and APCO Credit Union—recently hosted a super fun and educational event at Hollis Innovation Academy!

The event, called "Hometown Heroes Presents 'Bite of Reality' an Interactive Workshop," was all about teaching 8th graders the ins and outs of financial literacy in the most engaging way possible. The day was packed with exciting activities designed to give students a solid grasp of essential financial principles.

We kicked things off with an interactive presentation that covered the basics of income, expenses, savings, and budgeting. Each student got their very own Spending and Saving Plan to help them keep track of their finances during the simulation.

But the real fun began as students navigated through nine Life Simulation Stations! Each station represented different aspects of life where they had to make financial decisions that affected their "fake" money balance. It was like a real-life game of Monopoly, but way cooler! At the end of the day, every student walked away with a certificate of completion, piggy banks, tech gadgets, notebooks, and other cool supplies. One enthusiastic student shared, "The financial literacy event by Georgia Power taught me how to save and budget. I also learned that if I need money, I can go to the Credit Union. Today was very fun."



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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		