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# HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE



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# State President's Message

**Patrick Harris**



Hello Heroes

It has been an amazing year for our great organization. This moment is VERY bittersweet for me. On one hand, I am sad because I am rolling off the statewide board of directors of the greatest volunteer organization in the world (Citizens of Georgia Power). However, I am excited to leave this organization in the hands of our 2025 CGP State President, Jason Bennet. Jason has a passion for volunteerism and community service, and shows great leadership characteristics. Please continue to support him and our CGP leadership team as we enter 2025. The best way to do that is to make sure that you sign up for your respective MLK Day of Service volunteer event. We had a strong showing in 2024, where we reported over 31,000 volunteer hours through the end of November. Keeping the pace with our 2023 numbers, with less employees than we had last year. This can only be done with great leadership from every one of our chapters. This year has been very fulfilling and I am very proud of what we accomplished. You all planned great projects, solicited volunteers, did your 'Superman / Superwoman' pose, and 'Swooped' into our communities to 'Save the Day' with remarkable community service. You were very thoughtful in partnering with community organizations, Employee Resource Groups (ERG's), GPC Environmental Affairs, GPC Region External Affairs, and etc in order to use our 'Legacy' / 'Service Project' dollars effectively. I want to take this time to thank Chairman, President, & CEO Kim Greene and the GPC Management Council for supporting CGP efforts during the year. CGP support at the executive level has been integral to our success in 2024. I also want to thank our AWESOME CGP State Office, CGP State Board, and CGP Advisory Council who provides great support and guidance for our statewide chapters. Thank You to our 2024 CGP Statewide Chapter leaders and volunteers for executing the vision that you have for your respective community.

I know that you are reading this and waiting on my monthly 'superhero' reference. When I think of our entire Citizens of Georgia Power organization, I can't help but to equate us to the 'Superfriends'. The Superfriends consisted of heroes such as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and etc. No matter what the challenge they banded together to achieve the victory and overcome evil. Imagine community volunteers as the Superfriends, each bringing their unique powers to tackle different challenges. Just like Superman's strength or Wonder Woman's compassion, volunteers use their diverse skills and passions to support and uplift their communities. Together, they form an unstoppable team, making a positive impact and creating a better world for everyone. That is why you are all 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

In closing, I have been my honor and pleasure to serve as your 2024 Citizens of Georgia Power State President. I know that each of you all will continue this great legacy of service for your communities. Be blessed and Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones.

Yours in Service,  
Patrick Harris





# Plant Yates

Plant Yates Citizens volunteers joined in the Halloween fun by taking part in Whitesburg's Annual Trunk or Treat event

The Plant Yates Citizens chapter made a significant impact this Thanksgiving season by donating turkeys to the Whitesburg Food Pantry and the Bowdon Senior Center. Thank you, Yates Citizens, for your incredible commitment to helping those in need. Your actions remind us all that a little kindness can go a long way.



Plant Yates recently organized a food drive to support the Whitesburg Food Pantry, collecting essential items to help fill Thanksgiving bags for families in need. Volunteers from Plant Yates worked diligently to deliver the collected goods, ensuring that local families can enjoy a festive meal during the holiday season.



# Golden Isles Ambassadors

Volunteers from Golden Isles Ambassadors packed shoeboxes for Seaman's House. The items are distributed to men and women who travel from port to port with little shore time to procure supplies.



# Metro Central Ambassadors

Retirees from Metro Central Ambassadors collected and delivered food to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. This donation is greatly appreciated, especially during the holiday season!





# Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia Citizens volunteers' efforts to provide adaptive bikes to two children were highlighted with a great article in the Macon Telegraph. Legacy Project funding provided by the Georgia Power Foundation allowed chapter members to assemble and present two bikes. From the looks of these pictures, it appears the line crews had more fun than the kids!! Great job Heart of Georgia!







## Carrollton

April Hale dropped a note saying she had a blast volunteering with the Journey Fellowship Baptist Church group and their "Meals That Matter" program at the Mt Zion food bank and elementary school. This initiative sends food home to kids in need at the elementary school for the weekend. They hope to eventually expand to the other Mt Zion schools.

Carrollton Citizens had a great turnout to help with their Thanksgiving Project. They had 20 members help, whether they shopped, sorted, delivered, unloaded, or all the above. The Service Project funding allowed them to put 100 Thanksgiving Meals in Little Free Pantries in Carroll, Haralson, and Heard County over the last couple days. Hopefully, they blessed all the families that received them.

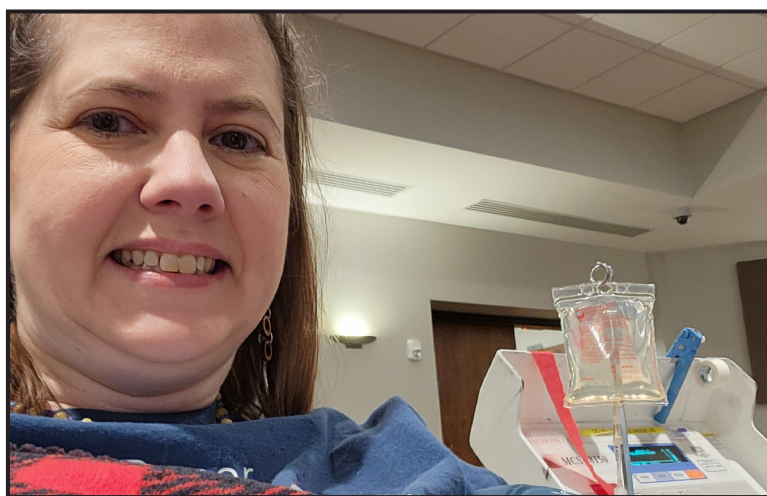




Carrollton Citizens members, with support through a generous donation from Wansley contractor SBX, raised \$2,100 for the Carroll County Pregnancy Resource Center. Volunteers, along with water treatment contractor WesTech, brought in over \$750 worth of new items along with some two bags of 0–24-month-old gently used clothes. The total donation was around \$3,000! Receiving the donations from Tommy Tucker, Civil Coordinator and Kevin Ivey, Assistant Site Manager Admin were Karmen Stamps, Executive Director and Ashley Hambree, Marketing and Outreach Director.



Donice and Larry Wood got some exercise while they were cleaning up the Greenbelt! This longstanding project has been great for the community and has engaged many Carrollton volunteers and their families!



Congratulations to April Hale for making her 112 and 113 blood donations with Power Red. With Power Red donations, you donate two units of red blood cells during one donation, and they separate your red blood cells from your plasma and platelets, which are returned to the donor. It's used more for babies and emergencies. April secured her 14-gallon milestone with this donation, all since being with Georgia Power. Great job April!!



Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members braved the rain to shop and deliver gifts for 7 kids from Carroll County CASA. Volunteers were able to shop thanks to a donation from Georgia Power and some of our members. Hoping this gives these kids a blessing and lots of joy this Christmas.





# Jefferson Street

Jefferson St. Citizens hosted a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) event at Westside Atlanta Charter School. We taught 80 5th graders about the world of STEAM, using three different rotating groups. One group taught about how electricity is created and had the students create mini circuits, the second group has the students make Transmission Towers out of marshmallows, and the third group had the wonderful opportunity to meet 5 linemen and learn about what is that they do to serve our community in our beautiful bucket trucks!





Jefferson St Citizen volunteers helped organize the registration for Instituto CanZion in Atlanta, Georgia. It is a renowned non-profit music academy dedicated to training and equipping individuals in contemporary Christian music and worship leadership. The institute offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes vocal training, instrumental instruction, and music theory, all within a faith-based environment. With a focus on both technical skill and spiritual growth, Instituto CanZion aims to prepare students for impactful service in their local churches and communities.





# Gainesville

Volunteers with the Gainesville Citizens Chapter were filled with the Christmas spirit after participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree at JA Walters Family YMCA. We shopped for four 'Angels', children from 4 to 12 years old, and used their Christmas Wishlist to buy new toys and clothes that will be delivered to their families and go under their tree for Christmas morning. These gifts will go to children in need right here in our community, and we're proud to support the program through Georgia Mountains YMCA once again this year.





# Customer Care Center

Thanks to our "secret" shoppers and many others who had already brought in "loads" of items, we were able to donate 3,004 lbs. of food to Helping in His Name Food Pantry. This is a great achievement, especially considering the challenging circumstances we faced with storm. As usual, the CCC delivered in a big way, and Helping in His Name Food Pantry is SO VERY THANKFUL for everyone's efforts. Thank you to EVERYONE who filled their trunks, brought in bags and bags of food items and to our secret shoppers who went out and helped to push our total over the 3,000 lb mark – A TRUE TEAM EFFORT!





# Forest Park

Citizens of Georgia Power - Forest Park Chapter participated in the Salvation Army's 2024 Angel Tree program and donated to 50 gift recipients with our local Salvation Army office in Clayton County. Thanks to all of our members who helped make this year happen especially with the challenges of facility renovations and temporary office closures.





# Plant Bowen

On Tuesday, December 4th, Plant Bowen Citizens of Georgia Power members volunteered hours to 'Ring the bell' outside of Belk in Cartersville Ga. A total of 13 volunteers alternated withstanding the cold air as \$4,383 was donated and \$4,000 of that being a donation by Vulcan employees! Thank you, Vulcan! All donations go to the Salvation Army Kettle Drive!

Plant Bowen participated in a local Silent Santa program for foster children. The chapter was able to sponsor 70 children between funds raised from their Annual Clay Shoot and individual contributions from employees. Twenty-four volunteer shoppers spent a total of 125 hours fulfilling the wish list of some very deserving children.







# MVP, Volunteer Services, Citizens and Ambassadors

Got a great note from Demetrius Hamm of MVP about the support for Wreaths Across America:

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for volunteering this past weekend for Wreaths Across America. We were fortunate to have over 161 dedicated volunteers spread across 20 cemeteries throughout the state. Thanks to the partnership between MVP, Volunteer Services, and Citizens, our employees sponsored an impressive 537 wreaths to honor our veterans. This generous contribution amounted to \$9,129 donated to support this worthy cause.





# New Ventures Team

The New Ventures team at Southern Company Services helped get the holiday season started by sprucing up and decorating at City of Refuge. Their efforts ensured that those less fortunate would be surrounded by the joys of the season and let them know they are not forgotten.





# Metro West

Thanks to a \$500 grant from Citizens and generous donations from our members, we provided over 100 coats, some gloves, and hats to students at Clark Creek Elementary. These essential items will ensure that children stay warm during the cold winter months, enabling them to focus on learning without the distraction of inadequate clothing. This effort demonstrated the power of caring for our further generations.



Thanks to a \$10,000 Legacy project funding from the Georgia Power Foundation, Metro West volunteers were able to create a lasting impact in a low economically challenged community. This project involved creating a new computer lab for people in the community to use. Painting the new walls in the computer lab and hallways while also completing some flooring work made the room aesthetically pleasing. These improvements provided community members with access to technology and a welcoming learning environment, opening doors to education and opportunities for years to come.



Recognizing the importance of sharing during the holiday season, Metro West volunteers organized a service project to help Reflections of Trinity provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. With a \$500 donation to purchase turkeys and additional contribution from Citizen's members, volunteers assembled and distributed Thanksgiving boxes filled with food. This initiative brought hope and joy to many households, ensuring they could enjoy a warm and hearty holiday meal together.





## Thomson

The Thomson Citizens chapter gifted six children at the Thomson Boys and Girls Club with clothes and toys for Christmas. The kids were very excited to see the wrapped gifts and were eager for the Christmas holiday.



# Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer volunteers have been busy this holiday season! Through their efforts, they were able to help provide Christmas for 10 Jones County DFCS children along with our 140 Angel Trees kids this year. Jamie Harrison helped delivered the 10 along with Crystal Matthews of Heart of Ga with her 10 equaling 20 children.



Jamie Harrison and along with her dad continued their years long tradition of placing wreaths on the graves at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville as part of the Wreaths Across America project. Jamie and her dad participate every year for her stepmom, her sister, her grandfather, and her uncle who all have places there. They were joined by several other Plant Scherer volunteers including Mario Trawick. Volunteers said it was a wonderful experience being able to place wreaths on head stones who may have left the world with no one. Jamie said we say their name and a few words just so they are still thought about by someone each year.



Plant Scherer Citizens has an ongoing Legacy project with Monroe County Recreation Department. The Monroe County Champions is a ball team for children with disabilities. The chapter Legacy funds are helping build a pavilion for their reward ceremonies, birthday parties, etc. located at the Monroe County Recreation Department. Slow going project due to weather, permits, and volunteers but the hope to complete the project by the end of the year.



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## 2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

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