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A Statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE



**Energizer
Newsletter**

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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Citizens,

We have made it to July, one of the hottest months of the year. From North Georgia to South Georgia and everywhere in between, we all are trying to find reasons to stay near an air conditioning unit. This month is also the time that our families take vacations. With school starting around the corner (in August), we find reasons to go out of town and experience new adventures to take a break from the regular work routine. In addition, July is the month where storms, hurricanes, and other natural disasters have a high probability of happening. These events typically take away our people from their normal routine and working many hours and long nights to restore service to our customers. What I have just described are some very good reasons as to why there could be limited Citizens of Georgia Power activities during this time frame. It reminds me of the old Batman and Robin TV series, when the 'Dynamic Duo' would get caught by the bad guys and it appeared that the end of their life seemed to be inevitable. The narrator of the TV show would say things like, "Can it be, that the Dynamic Duo has gotten captured by the Joker (villain)", "Is this the end for Batman and Robin", "Tune in tomorrow", "Same Bat Time, Same Bat Channel". Similarly, I think of our CGP Heroes during this time of the year and wonder if our service projects would slow down. Just like the 'Dynamic Duo', who overcome their perceived fate, our Citizens chapters do the same thing.

Like true heroes, our Citizens of Georgia Power chapters have overcome the challenges and you all have been doing a great job of continuing to enrich our communities through service. You have not let these events deter your resolve from executing service and legacy projects in your communities. Chapters like the Dublin CGP who didn't allow the sweltering heat to stop them from replacing an exterior sign at the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) visitation center. They literally put in 'sweat equity' to get this job done. Chapters like the General Office CCP, who visited the Hope Lodge (American Cancer Society), conducted Zumba Lessons and fed the patrons with a delicious taco bar. There were many more statewide CGP activities that made me proud to serve as your president. I was able to use the calendar link to identify a service project on a Saturday in which I was free. Therefore, I wanted to speak about my experience with the Metro South chapter. I had the honor of serving at the Bloom Closet, as we sorted donated clothes to help foster families who may be in need. This event was very well organized, and our local heroes were able to provide invaluable assistance in reducing the clothing inventory that had been stockpiled. I was inspired to see members who brought their children to assist with this activity.

This is great momentum leading into our CGP State Board Meeting. As always, we are going into this meeting highlighting our accomplishments and trying to figure out how our state board and state office can help you and make things better as you serve these great communities. I am proud that you have overcome these challenges, to keep this great momentum going into the rest of the year. Please continue to do a great job in upholding the true meaning of being 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

Yours in Service,
Patrick Harris



Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Georgia Macon Citizens Chapter hosted a blood drive at the Macon Operating Headquarters. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. The event drew 25 donors! Crystal Matthews reports that it's been several years since they have had that many donors. Thank you to everyone that participated in the blood drive and a huge thank you to volunteers Blake Thomas and Crystal Matthews for helping with the blood drive!



Jefferson Street

The Jefferson Street chapter was once again honored to collaborate with Children Without Beds. Volunteers came together to construct 24 beds, including bunk beds, queen-sized, and twin-sized, for 7 families. Tracy Chmelecki, the founder, expressed that the Jefferson Street Citizens chapter are genuinely a blessing to her organization. The sheer delight and smiles on the faces of the children always fill our volunteers with immense joy.



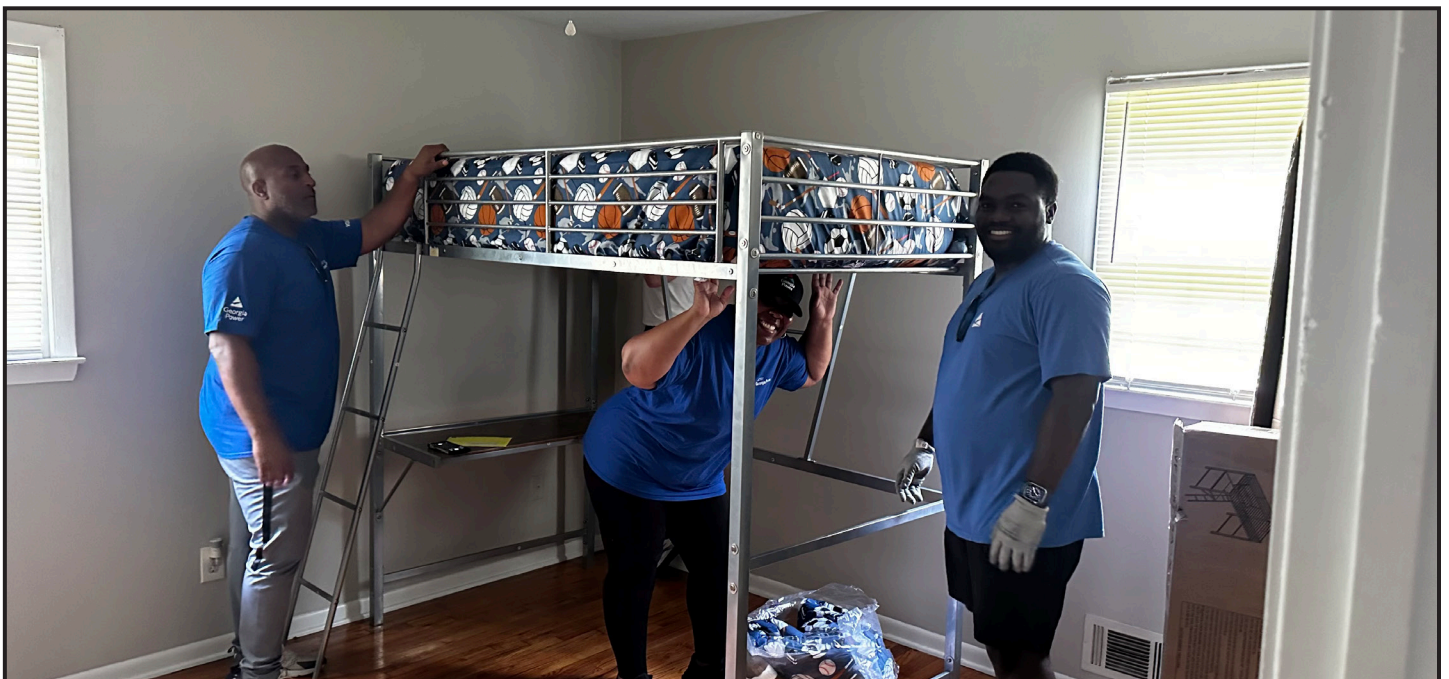
Dublin

Dublin Citizens members had the opportunity to invest some true "sweat equity" into completing their service project. Volunteers returned to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to replace an exterior sign at the Visitation Center, where supervised visits are conducted. The TLC CASA Program provides community-based advocacy, which promotes safety and permanency for children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Big thanks to all of the members for their hard work and dedication.



Metro East

For their Legacy Project, the Metro East Citizens Chapter paired up with Children without Beds (CWOB) to provide a place to sleep for families who need it. CWOB prides themselves in providing a space where kids can feel safe and comfortable at night. Over the course of 2 weekends, the volunteers have been going from house to house delivering and assembling beds. They have blessed many children and parents with a place to rest. Thank you to all our volunteers!



Customer Care Center

The Citizens of Georgia Power CCC Chapter hosted their hugely successful annual baby shower to support families in need. This year, the chapter's efforts were focused on aiding Connecting Henry and the Bridge Wellness Center in McDonough. Volunteers provided a variety of essential baby items, including highchairs, diapers, baby clothes, supportive letters to the moms and other necessities that are crucial for the well-being of infants and their families. These contributions are aimed at easing the burdens faced by many families and ensuring that they have the resources necessary to care for their young children. The success of this event would not have been possible without the generosity and dedication of the members, who worked tirelessly to collect and distribute these items. It is through such collective efforts that we can truly make a difference and uphold our commitment to community service.



Plant Scherer

Over 25 volunteers and their families from Plant Scherer Citizens chapter came together to paint the caboose at the Monroe County Historical Society. The group has worked long and hard to restore the historic train car for all to enjoy!



North Fulton

Citizens of North Fulton volunteered with UIR-Unique Individual Ranch, a wonderful organization that provides enriching and affordable after-school services and camp experiences to the underserved special needs population. For their summer camp cookout, volunteers enjoyed grilling and serving lunch to the summer camp kids and their families. Thanks to Taylor Elliott, chapter and UIR board member for leading this great project making it a special and fun day for all!



General Office

The Citizens of Georgia Power GO Chapter and American Cancer Society hosted a memorable Zumba & Taco Night at Hope Lodge. Patients and their families enjoyed an inclusive Zumba session, with attendees even asking for a repeat next week! The event concluded with a delicious taco dinner, with one guest proclaiming them the best tacos he'd ever eaten. This night of fun and community spirit highlighted the positive impact we can make together. Thank you to our volunteers and stay tuned for our next service project where you can join us in bringing more joy to our community!



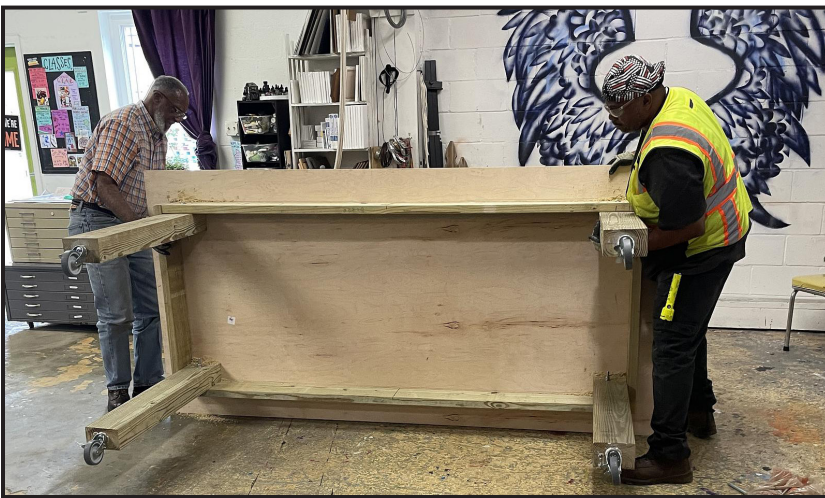
Specialty Lighting Program Team and Columbus Citizens

The Georgia Power specialty lighting program with volunteers from the Columbus area Citizens of Georgia Power chapter and our implementation partner CLEAResult came together to help Feeding the Valley Food Bank distribute energy efficient lighting products and energy efficiency program information to approximately 1,200 families in the Columbus area. done! Thank you to all the volunteers!



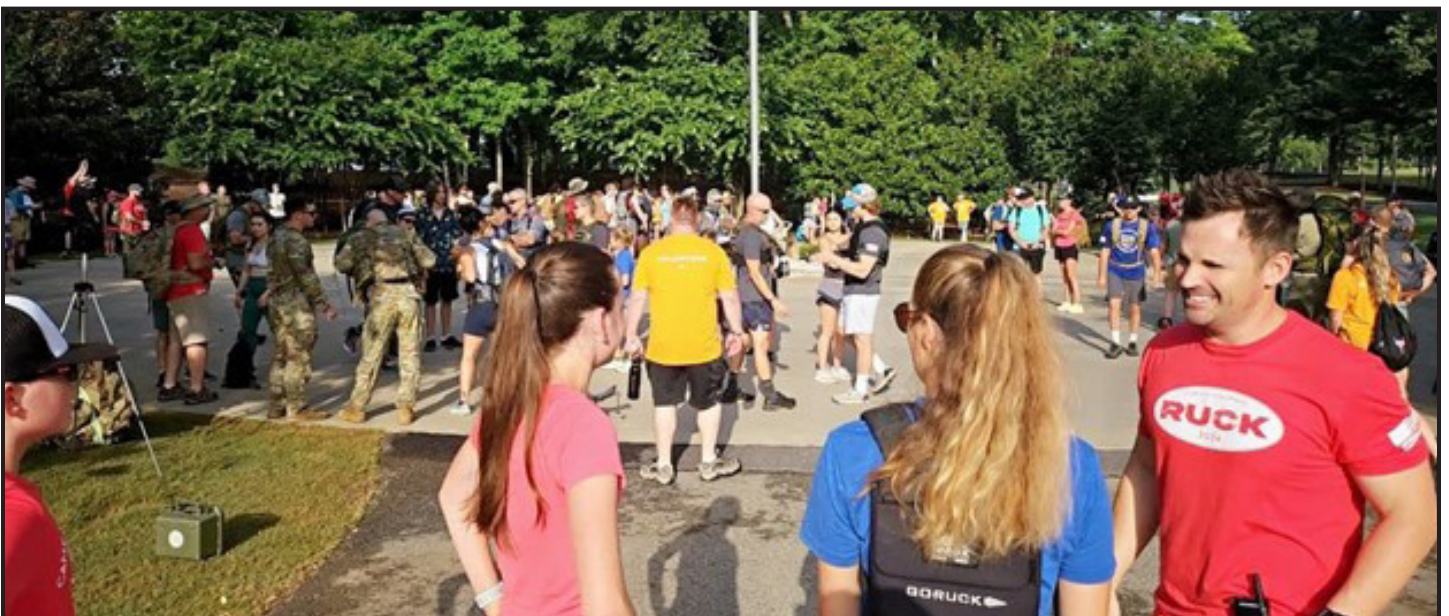
Plant Yates

Plant Yates Citizens members Richard Gamble, Troy Owens, and Geneva Powell constructed a table from scratch for Backstreet Community Arts. This local non-profit art studio provides a safe, welcoming, and creative space for anyone who might benefit from the therapeutic effects of art and community including those who have suffered trauma, illness, or loss; veterans; the homeless; and low-income individuals who can't afford art classes.



Military Veterans in Power

MVP joined Camp Southern Ground's annual Ruck & BBQ Bash, a tribute to our nation's veterans. The event featured a challenging three-mile ruck with obstacles and exercises at every turn, followed by a BBQ luncheon. It offered a valuable opportunity for camaraderie, enjoyment, and engagement in mental, physical, and social activities. This annual ruck focuses on veteran mental health by encouraging participants to "put down" the mental weight they carry within themselves. \$1,000 donation in memory of Jimmy Jones moved the total to over \$6,400. Thanks to all who supported this great event



Residential Energy Efficiency Specialty Lighting Program Team

Georgia Power's residential energy efficiency specialty lighting program supported the Golden Harvest Food Bank in Augusta at the Concerned Women Food Pantry in Grovetown with their weekly distribution of food to local seniors and others in need in the community. The team was excited to get to work alongside GPC partners from the local region, Southern Nuclear and CLEAResult (their energy efficiency program implementation partner). What a great event!



Program Engagement Team

The Solution Sales Team decided they would add a service project component to their team meeting that was held in Augusta, so Kelli Newman reached out to Krista Pierce and Cindy McLeroy in Volunteer Services for some guidance. Based on this note to from Kelli, I think things went well.... "Wanted to follow-up and let you know we completed our team service project today. It was a great success!! We are so appreciative to you for leading us to the Augusta Crisis Center organization and supporting the project with ordering of supplies, coordination, and funding. You made the process so easy, which allowed us to focus on the needs of the organization and being together as a team. We were happy to be a part of the service project and to give back. Thank you again for going above and beyond to make this successful!"





Metro West

Got a great note from Sarah Gaudion, VP Metro West Citizens, about their on-going Legacy Project work at JC Freedom House....." On June 15, the Metro West chapter had 215 volunteer hours, and counting because the shed is not quite finished yet, at our Legacy Project for JC Freedom house. We partnered with the Knights of Columbus to build a shed, stain the back deck, paint the front porch, trim hedges, replace blinds, and clean up the backyard that was overgrown with small trees and bushes. It was a hot day, but we accomplished a lot and left a lasting legacy for the survivors of domestic violence residing at JC Freedom House."



Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power is partnering with Centralhatchee First Baptist Church and Carrollton Baptist Association to provide a backpack with their full supply list to every student at Centralhatchee Elementary. Georgia Power approved our service project and Citizens of Georgia Power members purchase and packed the 73 backpacks for the 4th and 5th grade students. Some members will also be attending the distribution on August 1st.



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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		