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HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE



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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Citizens,

I can't help but to think about the recent natural disaster that Georgia Power employees recently endured during the first part of October, where many of our families and friends were affected.

Hurricane Helene had a devastating impact on Georgia, causing significant loss of life and widespread damage. The storm, which made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane in Florida before moving into Georgia, resulted in at least 30 deaths across the state. The hurricane brought destructive winds, heavy rainfall, and tornado warnings, leading to severe flooding and fallen trees that blocked roads and damaged infrastructure. The damage was extensive, and it ranged from Valdosta to Augusta and restoration efforts were impacted due to inaccessibility for the first responders to carry out their duties safely, quickly, and efficiently.

In addition to the tragic loss of life, Hurricane Helene left approximately 1.5 million GPC customers without power. Our GPC employees and GPC contractor resources were stretched thin as they responded to numerous calls for power restoration that were expected to take considerable time. As you know, the impacts to our system included: 8,300 broken poles; 21,000+ spans of wire down; 4,500 damaged transformers; 3,200 trees down on wires; and 231 damaged structures.

I just want to say THANK YOU to our Citizens of Georgia Power family for your resilience and your efforts to help our customers get back to some normalcy in their lives. Many of our Citizen's chapters were able to reschedule and execute on their planned events, due to the storm. Some chapters focused on projects related to Hurricane Helene relief. Chapters such as a Plant Yates who held a fundraiser for Samaritans Purse, and the Plant Vogtle chapter who focused on filling up little pantry boxes for those who were struggling after the storm. Other chapters, such as the Brunswick chapter, rescheduled their Pre school reading activities to make up for missing the Georgia Pre-K because of GPC restoration activities. These are just some examples of how our chapters are making a positive impact through tough times and they are demonstrating being true 'Hometown Heroes in Service'. As Heroes, you have gone above and beyond to serve our communities. I want to focus on our 'real life' Heroes (as opposed to fictional ones) during this time: GPC crews, GPC engineers, GPC leadership, GPC support staff, GPC contractors, and any other GPC employees or community partners who were able to engage during this historic time of the company. Again, I want to say THANK YOU!!!

I want to take this time to remind you that the CGP Board and State Office is planning for our Annual Meetings in which we will conduct celebrations across the state. Please plan to attend the events so that we can highlight our Mamie K. Taylor (outstanding service of a Citizens member) awardees, Mary Elizabeth Smith (outstanding president of each chapter) awardees, and our outstanding chapters. We could not be a great organization without you, as chapter leaders and members.

Yours in Service,
Patrick Harris



Athens

Athens Citizens chapter partnered with Georgia Power Energy Efficiency/Specialty Lighting Team and served food donated from the Foodbank of NE Ga to Fowler Drive Elementary School on Sept 11. There was an entire tractor trailer of food for these families, and it was such a great afternoon. Well over 100 families participated and volunteers were able to fill wagons and carts full of items they could use. Thank you to everyone for helping with such a wonderful community event - Tony Ferguson, Jason Koberger, Tony Medina, Julie Southall, Jamie McKenzie, Sharon Plummer and retiree Mike Mauldin. Great job Athens!



Plant Yates

About 60 community volunteers, including members of the Yates Citizens chapter, participated in the Rivers Alive clean up at McIntosh Reserve Park. The McIntosh Reserve Park is 956 acres packed with history, trails, pavilions, and sweeping frontage on the Chattahoochee River. The park is a favorite of hikers and equestrian riders. People of all ages came together to help preserve the community's natural beauty. Volunteers were rewarded with T-shirts, prizes, and a lunch generously provided by Georgia Power Plant Yates.

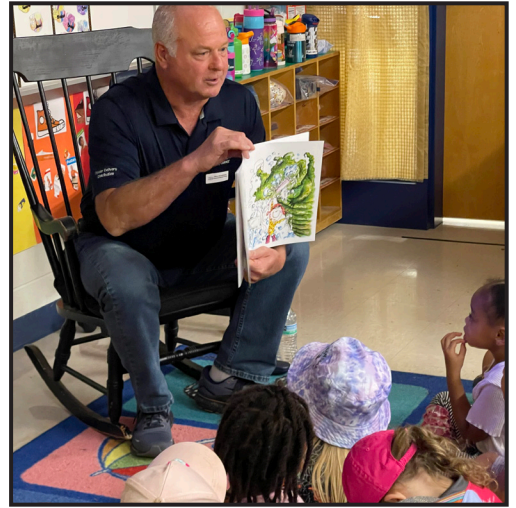
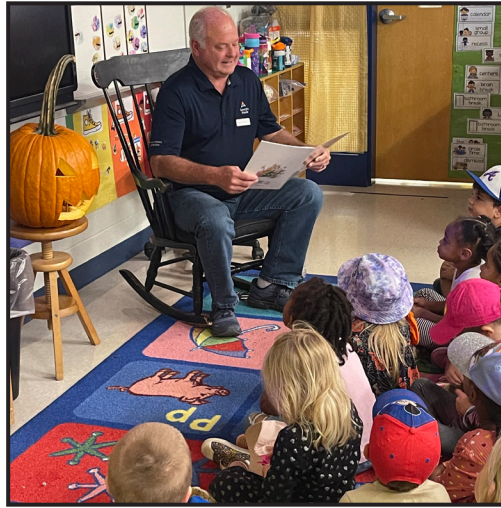


Volunteers gathered to stuff over 80 stuffed animals and wrote heartfelt notes of encouragement for children entering the foster care system in Carroll County. Driven by a shared desire to make a positive impact, the volunteers spent hours ensuring each stuffed animal was perfect. The notes, filled with words of hope and kindness, were written to remind the children that they are loved and supported, even in challenging times. Throughout the event, the volunteers wore smiles on their faces, reflecting the joy and fulfillment they felt in contributing to such a meaningful cause.



Carrollton

Carrollton chapter wants to give a big "thank you" to chapter member Mike McCowen for making time during all the storm craziness to participate in Georgia Pre-K Week. Mike read at both Ithica Elementary and Villa Rica Elementary and reports that he had more fun than the kids!



Charles Williams, his wife Heather, and his son Maddox cleaned the Greenbelt on Sunday. They got 3 bags of trash.



Chapter Treasurer April Hale continues to champion Little Free Pantries across the region. She made one of her weekly visits to the Centralhatchee Little Free Pantry, dropping donations from monetary and Amazon Wishlist donors.

Plant Bowen

Volunteers from Plant Bowen Citizens chapter showed up at Taylorsville Elementary School on a cloudy afternoon to put together some much needed sports equipment. Although they did get wet, they were able to assemble two soccer goals, two football goalposts, and one basketball goal. I can bet you the equipment got used the next day!



Plant Bowen's annual clean-up at Lake Altoona was a huge success! Even through an early rain made it challenging, that didn't stop 45 volunteers from picking up more than 4,450 pounds of trash and retrieving 15 discarded tires. Incredible 3-day effort Plant Bowen Citizens!



Bowen employees supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a PINK OUT DAY on October 18. All participants got a pink water bottle filled with goodies and were entered in a drawing for a \$50 Visa Gift Card. What a great show of support!



Golden Isles Ambassadors

Teann Jackson and Marilyn Daly of the Golden Isles Ambassadors chapter proudly presented much needed school supplies to Assistant Principals Traci Lee and Ashley Heck at Golden Isles Elementary School.



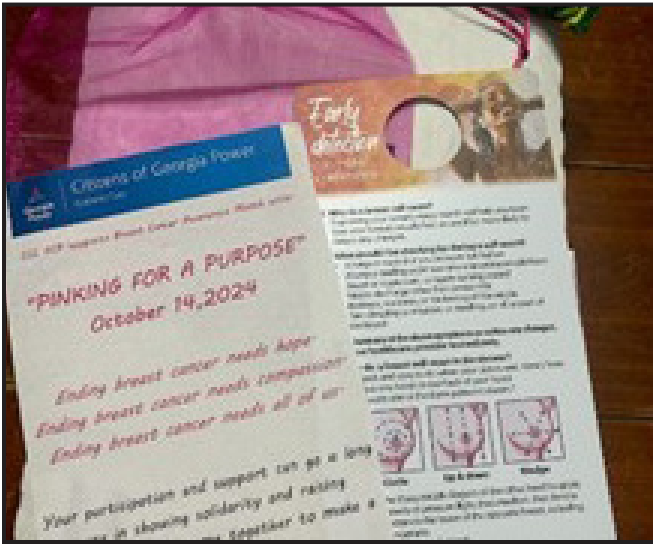
Brunswick

Even with all the storms, Brunswick Citizens volunteers Jocelyn Vaughn, Tommy Simpson, Jarvis Prewitt and Leah Hall made time to read to pre-K students at Satilla Marsh Elementary School for Georgia Pre K week.



Customer Care Center

After taking on the storm restoration efforts from Storm Helene, the CCC Chapter of Citizen used the month of October to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They wore pink on Customer Service Day to honor survivors and those who have earned their wings.



CCC Chapter member Barbara Tatum is leading the efforts to start the center's canned food drive for Helping in His Name Food Pantry. The agency has an urgent need to address hunger in Henry County this fall.

Boo at the Zoo

Thirty-eight employees along with their families, recently assisted with Zoo Atlanta's "Boo at the Zoo" event in October. Boo at the Zoo is an annual event drawing over 10,000 guests each year. GPC Volunteers helped by greeting guests in the entry plaza, passing out candy at treat booths throughout the park, and running craft/game stations. This was our first year participating with the event and we are looking forward to helping again in 2025.



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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		