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A Statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

# HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE



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## Energizer Newsletter



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# State President's Message

**Patrick Harris**



Citizens,

Hello Citizens heroes. We are at the time of year where we are coming out of summer and getting into the fall seasons. I love this time of year because the weather is starting to transition, and the temperatures are bearable in order to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you are spending time with your family, having personal time, or volunteering; we should feel energized during this time of year. Last month, I reminded you that the State Board and State Office are committed to providing any assistance that you may need. As you plan your end of the year activities, please keep this fact in mind because we are here to help each chapter.

There are plenty of activities that each chapter can get involved without a lot of planning. Let me highlight the upcoming Georgia Pre- K week. This event is held on October 7-11, 2024. The goal of this week is to highlight the importance of the early care and literacy needs of our youth in addition to reinforcing the importance of quality early childhood education. Our chapters can get involved by volunteering to read at any Pre-K centers near your work or home location. We all can make an impact by reading a children's book to a class and talking to students about Georgia Power and your role. This would be a great example of a partnership between our Citizens Chapters and the Georgia Power Education and Workforce Development department.

In addition, I would like to highlight the upcoming 'Your State Parks Day' on September 28, 2024. This activity recognizes 'National Public Lands Day' through the support of the Georgia State Parks. Every state park in Georgia will be offering a volunteer opportunity such as: installing signs, trail clean up, park beautification, building pollinator boxes, sow native plants, and etc. This is another example of a great partnership with the Georgia State Parks in volunteering with prepared activities that make it easier for our heroes to 'save the day'.

These are the types of community and intercompany partnerships that make it simpler for our heroes to participate in activities that benefit the community. Remember our theme is 'Hometown Heroes in Service', and heroes make the world a better place. Superheroes inspire others with their bravery and selflessness. In the same way, our CGP volunteers inspire their communities by showing that anyone can make a difference, no matter how small the act of kindness.

When I reflect on superheroes such as the Avengers or the Justice League of America, I love the way that they come together and use the concept of teamwork so they can accomplish a goal. Individually, these heroes can fight evil on their own, but collectively they can make a greater impact in order to fight villains and evil doers. Similarly, our CGP volunteers/heroes often join forces with organizations and community groups to tackle larger challenges and create a greater impact.

Yours in Service,  
Patrick Harris





# Corporate Responsibility Team

The Corporate Responsibility Team recently volunteered at the Welcoming Atlanta Community Resource Event, an initiative of the Atlanta Mayor's Office of International & Immigrant Affairs, which addresses resource and food access gaps in predominantly immigrant communities through strategic public-private partnerships. During the recent event, team members served 121 households, impacting an estimated 545 individuals from 11 countries, speaking four different languages. A great day with teammates for a great cause





# Tifton

What happens when you combine the forces of two great volunteer groups? You get big smiles and granted wishes. All Tucker wanted was a new playset. He was able to imagine what his playset would include: he wanted a slide tunnel, a bridge and a playhouse! The family hoped they would be able to construct the playset but the joys of welcoming a new baby to their family took center stage!

Make A Wish Georgia Chapter reached out to Tifton Citizens for some help. Volunteers were able to finish putting the playset together and put in the landscaping and mulch. This project included folks from GSS, Land, Distribution line, Meter Department, External, and even a local judge. Great job Tifton!!





# Metro West Ambassadors

Our retirees continue to be "a citizen wherever they serve"! Clayton Byars, Metro West Ambassador, picks up donated food weekly from the local Walmart store and transports the food to Storehouse Ministries to be placed into boxes for distribution to those in need in Cobb and surrounding counties. Great job Clayton!





# Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Ga Macon Citizens Chapter proudly presented a check to Jay's Hope. Jay's Hope mission is to improve the quality of life of children with cancer and their families in Georgia by extending HOPE through social, emotional, spiritual, educational and financial support.



The Heart of Ga Citizens Chapter proudly presented a check to The Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. The Macon Rescue Mission is a life recovery program dealing with all types of addictions, domestic violence, sexual abuse, poverty, homelessness, and other life hurts.



The Heart of Ga-Macon Citizens members were honored to present a check to United in Pink! United in Pink is the breast cancer family resource provider of emotional, social, and financial support to individuals and their families in Central Georgia after a breast cancer diagnosis.

The Heart of Ga Citizens Chapter proudly presented a check to Unified of Jones County. Unified's Motto: In a world where you can be anything--Be Kind, Be Unified!!





# 9/11 Meal Pack Event

On September 11, over 40 Georgia Power employees joined together for the annual 9/11.org meal pack. The meal pack is an annual event held to honor and remember the victims of September 11. Atlanta was one of the 21 cities across the nation that participated in the event. With 1,400 total volunteers in attendance, 510,000+ meals were packed which were then donated to our Atlanta Community Food Bank for disbursement to those in need in local communities. It was a day filled with reflection, teamwork and fun.





# Carrollton

Great group of Carrollton Citizens members at the Aid Station 4 at Alabama St trailhead for the 2024 Carrollton Half Marathon on Saturday. Love seeing all those blue shirts! They gave out water, Gatorade, and bananas, and cheered on the many runners. Thanks to Kevin & Keighlyn Barton, Mike and Leigh Bell, Michael, Kylie, and Michael Grant, Albert Morris, Janell Shaffer, Chuck Fuller, Joyce and James Price, April Hale, and the two young nursing students from the college for their volunteer efforts!





# Plant Bowen

On September 20th, Plant Bowen Citizens of Georgia Power hosted a Sporting Clay Tournament at Garland Mountain Sporting Clays in Waleska. Thank you to Peter and his team at Garland Mountain for hosting us and thanks to Williamson Bros BBQ for catering! A total of 135 shooters on 35 teams came out for this event to raise much needed funds for several local charities. Big thank to our amazing team sponsors and door prize donors. A huge thank you to Aaron Nickles for the amazing job of managing the event.



Plant Bowen Citizens chapter had a hugely successful spring golf tournament! This great event allowed the chapter to make donations to March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society in the amount of more than \$6,137 for each charity. Truly living out the motto of being A Citizen Wherever We Serve!





# HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE

## 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		