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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide  
newsletter  
for Citizens of  
Georgia Power



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# State President's Message

Jason Bennett



Back-to-school season is well underway, and your dedication to supporting schools and teachers across the state has been outstanding. Our chapters have successfully completed 20 backpack drives, distributing a total of 6,351 bags—a remarkable achievement. As we approach the end of the year, let’s maintain this momentum and finish strong.

Over the past few months, I’ve shared reminders about Legacy project submissions, and I’m thrilled to see many of you responding with new projects. Stay tuned for an upcoming video from Ben Hodges and me, where we’ll address frequently asked questions about Legacy and service projects.

As the year winds down and the holiday season approaches, it might become challenging for volunteers to participate. However, I encourage you to continue the excellent work you’re doing. Seek out projects that invest in your communities, and together, we will make a meaningful impact.

Yours in Service,  
Jason Bennett

## 2025 State Board

<b>State President</b> Jason Bennett	<b>Secretary</b> Tina Presley
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**State Coordinator & Volunteer Services Manager**  
Chris D’Andrea

### Chapter Relationship

<b>Atlanta Area</b> Eric Swann	<b>Macon Area</b> Jonathan Daughtry
<b>Alpharetta Area</b> Andre Person	<b>Augusta Area</b> Christina Newton
<b>Smyrna Area</b> Drew Uptain	<b>Columbus Area</b> Carrly Lovvorn
<b>Jonesboro Area</b> Crystal Matthews	<b>Savannah Area</b> Daisja Johnson
<b>Rome Area</b> Jonathan Blair	<b>Valdosta Area</b> Brandon Moore
<b>Athens Area</b> Hannah Warner	

<b>Community Investment Director</b> Ben Hodges	<b>Club of Hearts Liaison</b> Charlie Ross
<b>Social Media Director</b> Geneva Powell	<b>Ambassadors Liaison</b> Erica Bankhead



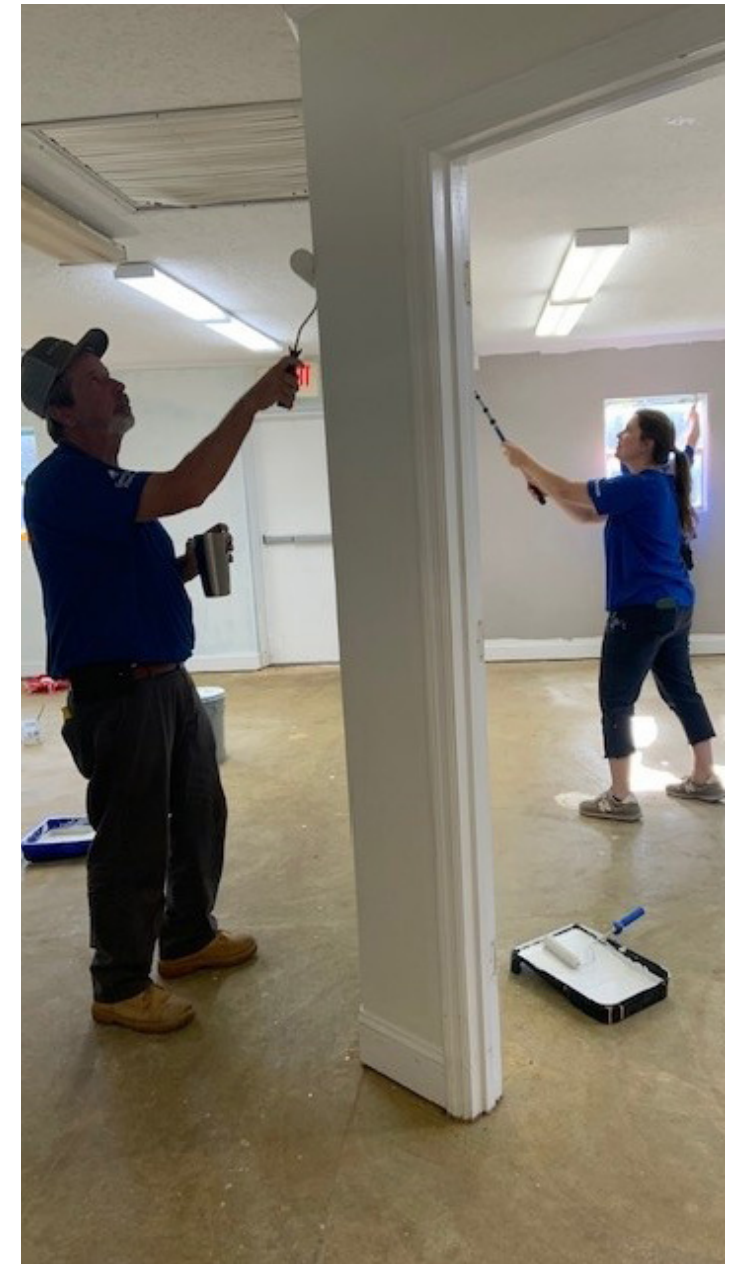


# Athens

The Athens Citizens chapter had the incredible privilege of partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help grant a special wish for a child in our community. We couldn't be more honored to be part of such a meaningful moment — and we're especially grateful to the amazing volunteers whose hard work made it all possible!







## Milledgeville

The 2025 Citizens of Milledgeville Legacy Project focused on renovating the Life Enrichment Center's Creative Expressions building, enhancing its functionality and appearance to better serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Baldwin County. Our chapter members worked on tasks like tearing out old flooring and cabinets, painting, and preparing the space for new laminate floors and an upcoming exterior makeover. The Creative Expressions Program, in partnership with Georgia College and State University, provides music therapy and health programs for over 50 participants, as well as valuable experiential learning for GCSU students. These improvements are expected to make the space more accessible and inviting, ultimately allowing the center to expand after-hour services and reach more community members. It was a joy to be a part of such a meaningful project! We are thankful for the generosity and enthusiasm of our chapter members and their families who made it all possible. Together, we've helped bring the LEC's vision to life - creating a bright, welcoming space where students can grow and shine for years to come. A big thank you to the Georgia Power Foundation for providing the funds for this great project!



# Forest Park

The Citizens of Georgia Power – Forest Park Chapter were proud to donate much-needed school supplies to the amazing students at Huie Elementary! The chapter proudly donated 72 fully stocked backpacks. Thanks to the generous donations and hard work from their incredible community, they were able to make sure these bright young minds are stocked and ready for a successful school year!





# Carrollton

Chapter Treasurer April Hale is excited to be able to start back volunteering with Mt Zion Meals that Matter for the new school year. April told chapter members if they were looking for somewhere to volunteer or donate, this is part of many ministries by Journey Fellowship Baptist Church. She is blessed to be able to join them once a month to help bag meals for the kids at Mt Zion Elem and Middle. The awesome thing is they do this every week! Thank you for Rick E Hutchens for all he does for the Mt Zion Missions, Mt Zion Food Bank, and Mt Zion Meals that Matter.



Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Centralhatchee First Baptist Church to pack 184 backpacks for Centralhatchee Elementary students.

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Centralhatchee First Baptist Church to hand out bookbags & hotdog meals to Centralhatchee Elementary students and their families. It was a super-hot day, but it was worth it to start the kids off right for the school year. We couldn't have asked for a better group of volunteers!

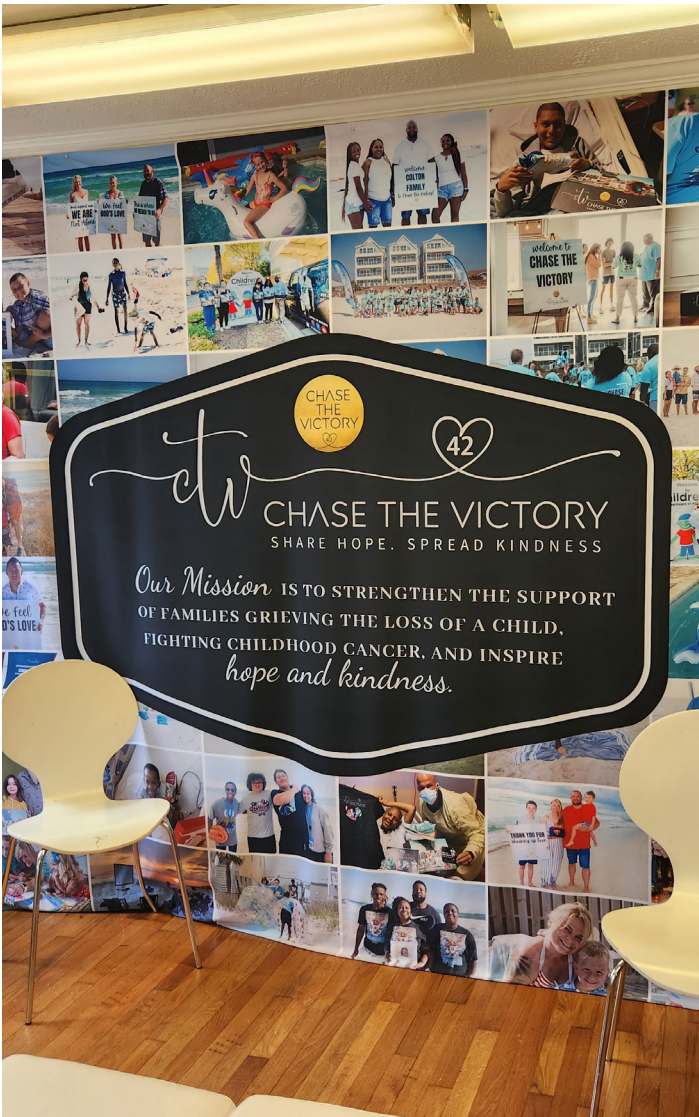


Ambassador and Carrollton Citizens members, Chuck & Melissa Fuller, cleaned & stocked four Little Free Pantries. Thank you both for continuing to choose to make a difference!



# Plant Yates and Carrollton

The Yates chapter and the Carrollton chapter joined forces once again on their Legacy project at Chase the Victory, where the women stepped up to successfully install flooring, making great progress despite smaller attendance. Special thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation for the Legacy funding support!



# Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles Chapter of Ambassadors recently made donations to The Salvation Army of Glynn County. They provide shelter and services to individuals in hard times. Chapter members Bob Manning, Nelda Manning, and Tean Jackson were proudly represented the chapter as they presented the donation to Audrey Easterling of the Salvation Army.



# Metro East Ambassadors

Metro East Ambassadors dropped off over 375 donated items to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) at Arthur M. Blank campus. From art supplies to cozy blankets, these gifts will help brighten the hospital experience for young patients and their families. Thank you to the Ambassadors for their incredible generosity and for truly embodying being a Citizen Wherever We Serve. CHOA shared this heartfelt message:

“Your kindness has helped brighten the hospital experience of our patients, families, and staff... We extend our heartfelt gratitude.”





# General Office

On Friday, August 15, the General Office partnered with Volunteer Services to host a Summer Picnic & Watermelon Feast at Lutheran Towers, in honor of longtime Citizens member and friend, Mary Norris. Mary retired from Georgia Power in 2023 after more than 40 years of service. Earlier this year, she sadly lost her battle with cancer. To begin the celebration, Cheryl Davis led us in a beautiful hymn—a fitting tribute, as Mary loved to kick off events with singing. Volunteers then served lunch, visited with the residents and celebrated Mary’s legacy of love and service. It was especially meaningful to have Mary’s family and our Ambassadors join us.

A few shared their reflections on Mary’s impact:

“She loved us so well — generously. She created a whole world of love, and I’m so grateful for those who continue to carry her mantle.”

— Liana Sisco, Lutheran Towers Director of Community Engagement

“Back in 2008, Mary led the way in starting the Summer Picnic & Watermelon Feast as part of her project during her presidency. We honor her vision and her heart for others.”

— Kristi Dow, Project Leader

“Thank you, Georgia Power, for the joy and fulfillment you gave our Mary. God bless you.”

— Mary’s cousins

“My heart is overwhelmed with love. Lutheran Towers was her pride and joy. She would start planning months in advance, building her team and bringing people together. Georgia Power, you’ve been instrumental in helping her live out this passion.”

— Mary’s sister

Mary was a Citizen through and through, devoted to serving others. She especially cherished her time at Lutheran Towers, where she was honored at their 50th Anniversary Celebration for her many years of service. Mary’s commitment to impact is so inspiring, and we welcome others to join us in serving and continuing to count the impact together.





# Savannah

Savannah Citizens partnered with Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia to help their mission of feeding the community. Volunteers sorted donations into 55 different bins so that Second Harvest can distribute and provide to those in need, Citizens helped Second Harvest in their local facility, while learning about the different outreach opportunities that they support.



## Customer Care Center

The Backpack Drive is a cherished initiative for the Customer Care Chapter of Citizens, as we firmly believe in investing in our youth, they are our future. This year, we proudly distributed over 150 bookbags, each packed with supplies to last for months, to the students of Henry County. A special shoutout goes to our Chairs, Tenisha Brown and Nakee-ya Pyron, for spearheading the event with dedication and passion. Their leadership ensured that the drive was a resounding success.



# 2025 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	<b>October 6-7</b>	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2026
<b>January 31</b>	2024 Financials uploaded in electronic folder	<b>October 10</b>	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
<b>February 1</b>	State Office verify financials and service hours	<b>October 30</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
<b>February 5</b>	State Board Meeting-241 RMB	<b>November 6</b>	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
<b>February 6</b>	Leadership Summit	<b>November TBD</b>	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
<b>February 28</b>	2024 Chapter Financials Completed	<b>December 8</b>	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	<b>December 12</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>July 17</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 11</b>	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	<b>December 31</b>	All 2025 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
<b>September 19</b>	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		

