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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide  
newsletter  
for Citizens of  
Georgia Power



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# State President's Message

Jason Bennett



This year is truly flying by! Chapters across the state have been actively conducting back-to-school drives, providing invaluable support to children and schools within their communities. Your efforts have been remarkable and noteworthy. Thanks to the information you provided, we know that 10 Chapters have collectively supplied over 4,200 bags of supplies to students—an outstanding achievement! Aristotle stated, “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” There can often be challenges, difficulties and hardships associated with the educational journey but, just imagine the seeds that are being planted through the work you are doing, and what beautiful fruit it will produce. Please continue to share your events on social media to highlight the incredible work and support you are offering in your area.

As you plan projects for the remainder of the year, please remember that funding for Service projects has been reduced. Further details will be shared soon but I want to remind everyone that Legacy projects can receive funding ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Please refer to the [link](#) for guidelines on funding community projects. The objective of a Legacy project is to create a lasting positive impact through volunteer efforts that align with Georgia Power’s community impact values, benefiting both current and future generations.

Keep up the excellent work you are doing this year. I am eager to see your accomplishments as the year progresses.

Yours in Service,  
Jason Bennett

## 2025 State Board

<b>State President</b> Jason Bennett	<b>Secretary</b> Tina Presley
<b>1st VP</b> Kelli Newman	<b>Treasurer</b> Jennifer Simon
<b>2nd VP</b> Jarred Rankin	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b> Cindy McLeroy

**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





# Students of Southern Company Interns

Students of Southern Company interns volunteered at the Atlanta Police Foundation Field Day. APF unites 600 youth, law enforcement officers and volunteers for a day of community engagement through activities at a local park.







## General Office and APA

General Office had an awesome project in partnership with APA volunteering at Jolly Avenue Garden, operated by Friends of Refugees. The Garden's mission is to enrich the Clarkston community by offering growing spaces where access to healthy food and community can thrive.



# Carrollton

Kathi Henson and April Hale spent some quality time cleaning up their adopted portion of the Greenbelt walkway.



The couple that volunteers together stay together! Jake Saunders and his wife spent some time cleaning up the Greenbelt in Carrollton. Great job!



Carrollton Citizens met at Aldi to shop for the Mt Zion Meals that Matter. Volunteers delivered and helped Rick stock the shelves. He was very excited to receive their donations to stock their shelves for the new school year as well as a donation for future needs. Mt Zion Meals that Matters provides meal bags for children for the weekend. Thanks to this and other donations, they will not only be helping elementary schools but also adding the middle school this year. No child should be hungry over the weekend.



# Statesboro

Statesboro Citizens had a HUGE workday putting together equipment and the canopy for the first ADA compliant playground in our area to support inclusivity and fun for kiddos of all abilities. We put together a merry-go-round, swing sets, and general equipment. Special thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation for funding this impactful Legacy Project!







## Carrollton and Plant Yates

Saturday, Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power along with Plant Yates chapter were blessed to be able to volunteer with Chase the Victory for a Legacy project. Volunteers worked together and built storage units, assembled a fire pit, did some weeding and planted flowers, and put out pine straw. They will be going back on July 26th to finish up the project. Big thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation for the legacy funding. Chase the Victory is an awesome nonprofit that shares hope, kindness, and support to families facing childhood cancer, grieving the loss of a child, or anyone that needs to hear a message of hope.





# Customer Care Center, ADDAPT, and MVP

Several MVP members reached out to sing the praises of Demetrius Hamm and his wife Jolene for their on-going engagement and support of all events at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. Demetrius, US Navy Chief Petty Officer Retired and Jolene, proud daughter of Major General Ernest James Harrell have selflessly served on the Georgia National Cemetery Advisory Council since 2019. They also assist in planning and coordination for cemetery cleanup and ceremonies in remembrance of our veterans, including Wreaths Across America and Memorial Day. Thank you, Demetrius and Jolene, for setting the example for service to our fallen veterans.



# Georgia Power and Chattanooga Gas

Volunteers from Georgia Power and Chattanooga Gas joined forces to support Georgia Rivers Paddle Georgia initiative. Scott Hendricks, Manager of Growth & Natural Resources, coordinated the volunteer effort. Scott even roped his oldest son into helping relocate 300+ kayaks and canoes on the Tennessee River! Scott got a nice note from Paddle Georgia Coordinator Joe Cook, "During a paddle trip that usually covers close to 100 miles during the week, it is often necessary to avoid river obstacles by loading the boats on trailers and moving them to a new launch location downstream. This year, Georgia Power and Chattanooga Gas employees helped load and unload the hundreds of boats with other volunteers. Georgia Power support also helps train safety instructors for paddle sports, the River Guide app, and the establishment of new water trails. Thank you for supporting Georgia Rivers Paddle Georgia 2025! Our 20th anniversary event was a great success, garnering more than 400 participants who joined us for all, or a portion of, our seven-day, 82-mile journey through Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama!"



# Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens have been busy this July! Volunteers hosted an ice cream social with the residents at Hickory Log Men’s Home. Chapter members spent two hours bringing social interaction, joy, and let’s not forget yummy ice cream with all the toppings to the deserving men and staff at Hickory Log Men’s home.



Fun Friday Event with the children at Murphy-Harpst Children’s Home was a blast! I think the volunteers had more fun than the kids! Bowen Citizens, volunteers spent two hours socializing with the kids and reassuring them their community sees them and cares about them. Serving them pizza and wings doesn’t hurt either! They wrapped the day up by playing bingo with lots of cool prizes.



# Plant Yates

Got a great note from Geneva Powell about Plants Yates Whitesburg Elementary Back to School Bash.....Even when the rain tried to dampen our plans, your spirit and teamwork shined through. Because of you, we were able to pivot quickly and still create a warm, welcoming, and fun experience for the students and families. Whether you were planning behind the scenes, setting up, handing out bookbags and supplies, cooking hotdogs, preparing meals, or helping with cleanup—every single effort mattered, and it showed. We were especially thrilled to see so many new faces join us this year. Your energy, kindness, and willingness to jump in made a big difference, and we hope this is just the beginning of many more moments together.



# Citizens State Officers and CEO Review

Citizens State President Jason Bennett, along with his leadership team of Kelli Newman, Jarred Rankin, Tina Presley, Jennifer Simon, and Cindy McLeroy did an incredible job of telling the story to Management Council at the CEO Review about all the great work our volunteers are doing day in and day out across the state. Kim and other Management Council members thanked them and acknowledged how their efforts and leadership positively impact our core business.

# Heart of Georgia

Volunteers from Heart of Georgia Citizens gathered to organize essential classroom materials for five passionate teachers across the region! They also packed boxes full of supplies for Cornerstone Chapel and the Hope for Heart of Georgia organizations gearing up for their back-to-school drives. This initiative is all about empowering the future of our Central Region! By providing these resources, they are ensuring that students and educators have the tools they need to succeed and thrive. Together, we're building a brighter future, one classroom at a time!



# General Office and Metro West

On July 17th, the General Office partnered with the Metro West Chapter to host a Backpack Drive, where 49 volunteers packed backpacks filled with school supplies. Together, we donated over 74 backpacks and more than \$1,500 worth of supplies to Down7 Up 8 Incorporated, an organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of fostered, adopted, and underprivileged children through community involvement.



# Jefferson Street

First Vice President Kim Brewer send a nice note to her chapter thanking everyone for their efforts with the diaper and baby supplies drive for Helping Mamas. Helping Mamas elevates the well-being and dignity of women by providing diapers and other essential baby supplies by harnessing the power of community support so that all families can thrive.

# Management Council Executive Assistants

Tiffany Sims thanked her fellow Management Council Executive Assistants for their efforts volunteering at Hope Atlanta....." Team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible job serving at Hope Atlanta Women's Community Kitchen. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on the lives of the women and children we had the pleasure of serving today. Your compassion and commitment have not only provided nourishment but also hope and a sense of community to those in need. The way you approached each task, with a smile and unwavering support, is what makes our team so special. Thank you for being such an integral part of Hope Atlanta Women's Community Kitchen mission. YOU ROCK!!"





# Citizens Summer State Board Meeting

Volunteer Services Manager Chris D’Andrea dropped the Citizens State Board and the Citizens Advisory Council a note after their summer State Board Meeting. Special thanks to Eagle Ranch for hosting the meeting.....” Thank you all for your engagement today. That was the most insightful and productive Board meeting we have ever had. It is inspiring to work alongside each of you as we continue to impact our communities.”



## Savannah

Savannah Citizens had a recent cleanup on Tybee Island, where dedicated volunteers transformed North Beach. According to Sidney Tuttle, the new Citizen’s shirts have never looked better! The effort spanned over a mile in distance with volunteers heading out in all directions with their buckets and trash picker-uppers. The most disappointing trash find was a collection of soda cans, plastic bags, and straw buried in the sand right next to an area reserved for the turtle hatching. Awesome save on the turtle habitat!



# 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		

