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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide newsletter for  
Citizens of Georgia Power.



Georgia Power



# State President's Message

Kelli Newman



## Setting Sail into the New Year

As our voyage begins in 2026, I am honored to serve as your State President and excited for the opportunities this new year brings. Reflecting on the strong foundation built throughout the history of Citizens of Georgia Power, I am encouraged by the continued passion and commitment shown across all our chapters. The enthusiasm demonstrated through recent MLK Day projects is truly inspiring—thank you to everyone who contributed your time and leadership to making those efforts meaningful.

To carry that momentum forward, I want to encourage Chapters to volunteer with an agency or community in your Chapter area that has not been recently supported. This is a great opportunity to re-engage, expand our reach, and strengthen relationships in areas where our presence can make a renewed impact. This initiative ties directly into our theme for the year: “Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion.” Together, we will continue to serve with purpose while remaining flexible, compassionate, and proactive in meeting community needs.

As you begin your plans for the year, I would like to leave you with a thought from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” Let’s be inspired to stay grounded in service and intentional in our actions throughout 2026.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support. I look forward to a meaningful and impactful year ahead!

Kelli

# 2026 State Board

<b>State President</b> Kelli Newman	<b>Secretary</b> Geneva Powell
<b>1st VP</b> KTina Presley	<b>Treasurer</b> Jennifer Simon
<b>2nd VP</b> Ben Hodges	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>

**State Coordinator & Volunteer Services Manager**  
Chris D’Andrea

## Chapter Relationship

<b>Metro North</b> Crystal Matthews	<b>East Area</b> Christina Newton
<b>Northeast Area</b> Hannah Warner	<b>Metro West Area</b> Enola Taylor
<b>Metro East Area</b> Eric Swann	<b>South Area</b> Brandon Moore
<b>Metro South Area</b> Jarred Rankin	<b>Northwest Area</b> Jonathan Blair
<b>West Area</b> Brock Barfield	<b>Coastal Area</b>

**Central Area**  
Lucas Grantham

<b>Community Investment Director</b> Jonathan Daughtry	<b>Club of Hearts Liaison</b> Charlie Ross
<b>Social Media Director</b> Alexis Mann	<b>Ambassadors Liaison</b> Erica Bankhead





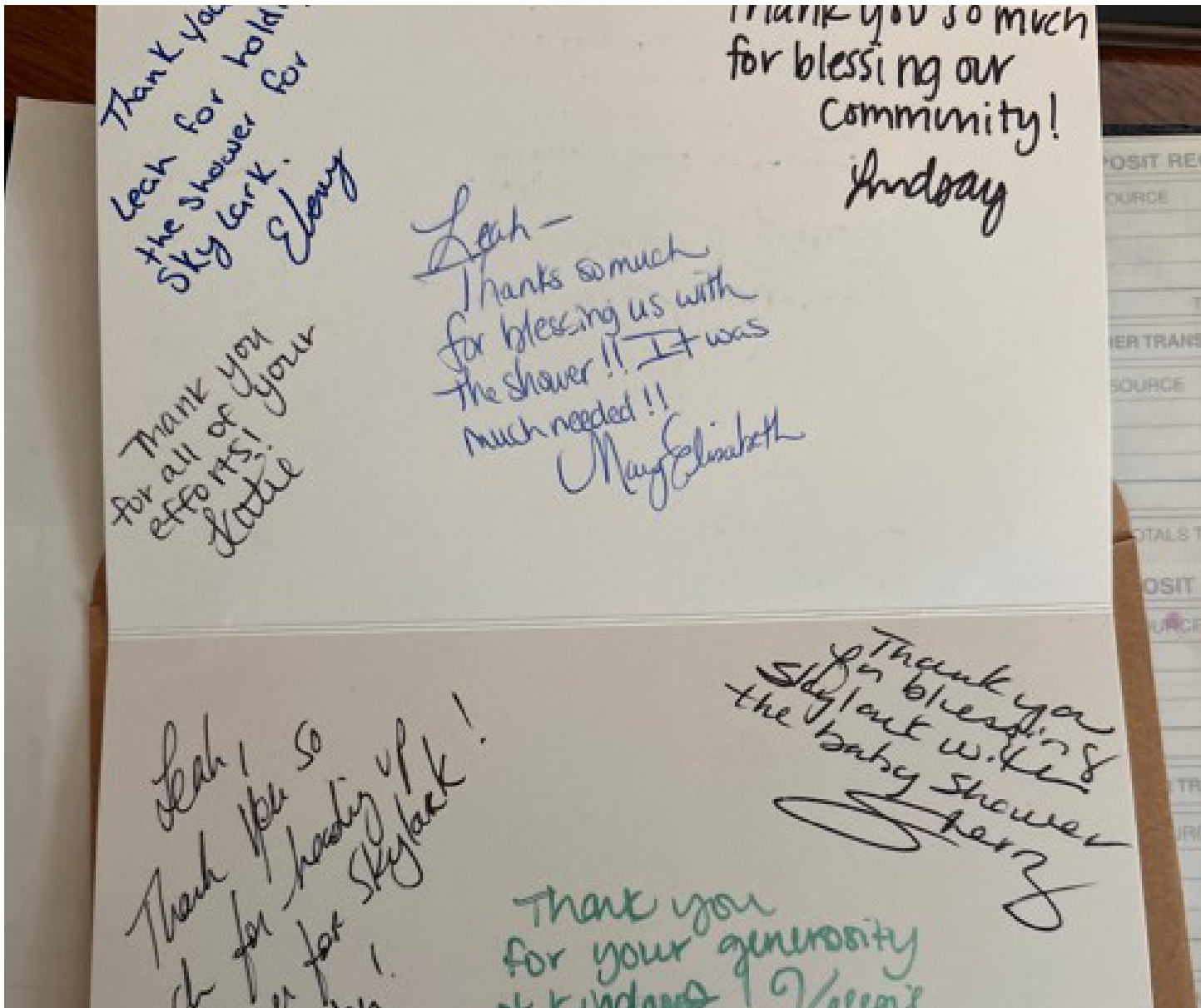


# Brunswick

The Brunswick Chapter has been busy spreading joy across their communities! In December the team came together to support families by donating essential baby items that were shared throughout the community. A small gesture with a big impact!

Volunteers kept the fun going with special deliveries of bingo prizes to two nursing homes. On November 20, Jill and Ronda brightened the day for residents at Bayview Nursing Home in Nahunta, Brantley County. On December 5, Jarvis and Jocelyn brought smiles to Pruitt Health in Brunswick, Glynn County. Nothing beats seeing residents excited for bingo!

Always love seeing good environmental projects. To wrap up the month, members installed Owl Homes around Darien in McIntosh County—helping protect local wildlife while supporting a healthier ecosystem.





# Golden Isles Ambassadors

A group of Coastal Georgia Power Ambassadors shared the spirit of Christmas with residents at the Gracemore Nursing Home in Brunswick. The Ambassadors decorated the residents’ doors with tinsel, bows, and gave each resident a small Christmas gift. Then the residents joined the Ambassadors in their social room to sing Christmas carols. It was a fun filled event.



The Golden Isles Chapter of The Georgia Power Ambassadors recently installed their new officers for the year 2026...Left to right Adrienne Wiggins, 2nd Vice President. Jimmy Rogers, (Past President) installed the officers for 2026.Nelda Manning, Reporting Secretary, George Ellis, Corresponding Secretary And 2026 Treasurer, Marilyn Daly, 1st. Vice President, and Tean Jackson President. Sadly, Jimmy Rogers passed away January 2, 2026.

The Golden Isles Ambassadors recently donated Christmas gifts to The Morningstar Children and Family Services. In addition to the gifts, the Ambassadors packed fruit bags and helped wrapped other gifts. Pictured Ron Cloutier, Tean Jackson, Laura Kitchens, Director of Development and Marketing at Morningstar, Marilyn Daly, Janet Rogers and Deborah Francis.







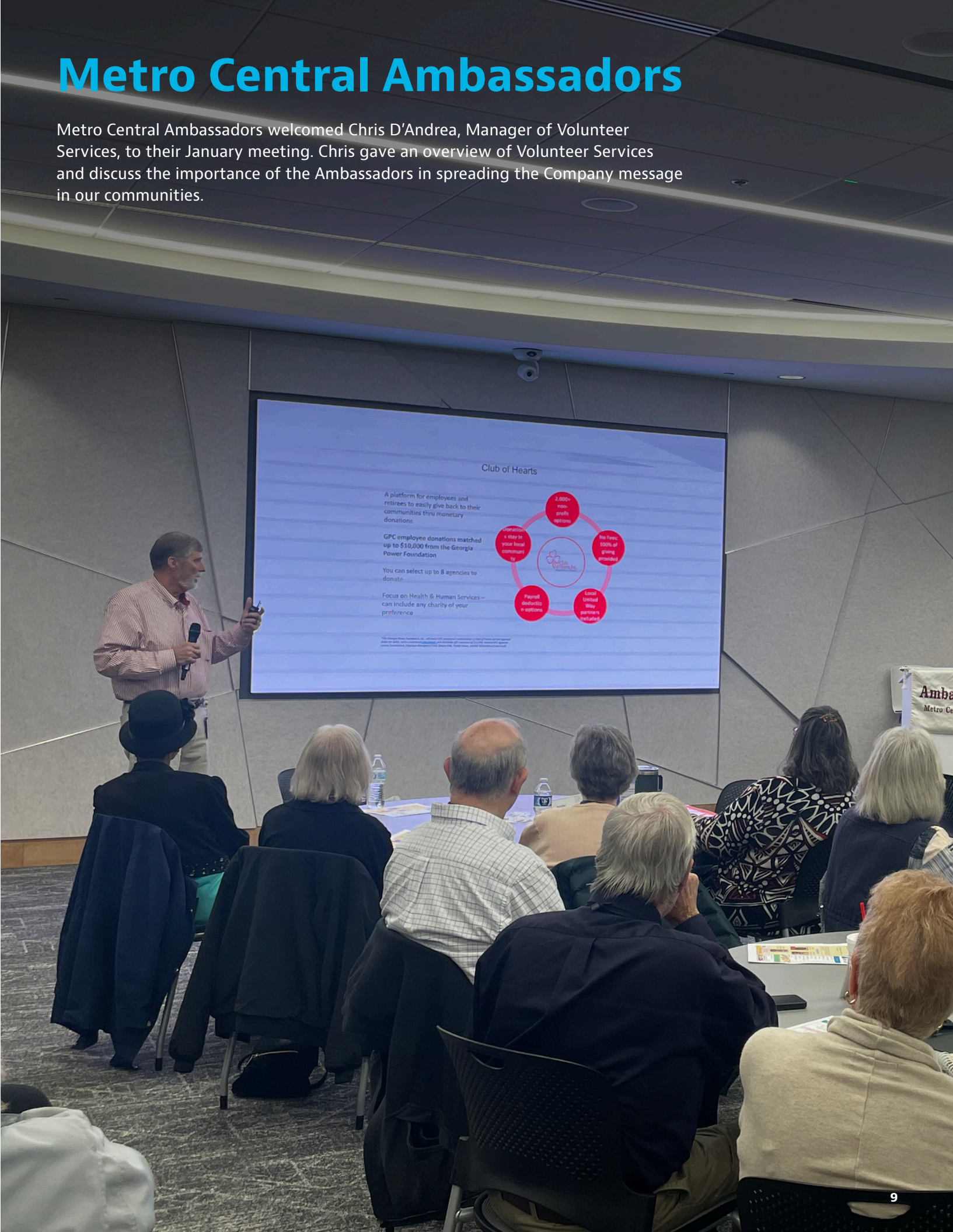
# Plant Vogtle

Some children in the Augusta and Waynesboro area had a great Christmas thanks to the Vogtle Citizens members Toys for Tots campaign. Boxes were set up around the plant for employees to drop off their presents. Great job Plant Vogtle Citizens!



# Metro Central Ambassadors

Metro Central Ambassadors welcomed Chris D'Andrea, Manager of Volunteer Services, to their January meeting. Chris gave an overview of Volunteer Services and discuss the importance of the Ambassadors in spreading the Company message in our communities.





# Georgia Power Waste and Remediation Team

Rita Breen, Executive Director GPC Corporate Responsibility got a very nice note from Kate Walker, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for Catholic Charities of Atlanta praising the work of the Georgia Power Waste and Remediation team....." I have been meaning to let you know that my husband (Mike Smilley) coordinated a volunteer event for the Georgia Power Waste and Remediation Team with Catholic Charities last month. They helped at St. Joseph's Place complex and cleaned windows and ceiling fans for senior residents there. His team really enjoyed it, and the residents and staff were grateful – it was a tough task for 47 units!"



Dear Georgia Power Waste and Remediation Team,

Thank you for brightening the windows and shining the ceiling fans for the 47 residents at St. Joseph Place. Your care and attention made a visible and heartfelt difference in our community.

We are grateful that you chose Catholic Charities Atlanta as a means of offering true service, and we deeply appreciate the time and generosity you shared with us throughout the day.

Thank you for your partnership and for uplifting our residents in such a meaningful way.

With gratitude  
Catholic Charities Atlanta



# SCM Supplier Inclusion Team

The SCM Supplier Inclusion Team had a great time coming together for a volunteer team event over the holidays at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The group enjoyed it so much they are looking for other opportunities to partner on Georgia Power Company initiatives in the future!





MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

# Day of Service

## Dublin

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Dublin Chapter completed a service project to benefit the WINGS organization in Dublin. WINGS (Women in Need of God's Shelter) serve families across seven counties in Central Georgia by helping them break free from violence through a 24-hour helpline, emergency shelter, advocacy, and resources that promote safety, empowerment, education, and healing. In the spirit of Dr. King's legacy of service and community outreach, volunteers reclaimed an existing privacy bed by removing overgrown weeds and brush, then completed the project by installing fresh pine straw. We were honored to have the opportunity to serve WINGS and support their important mission in our community.





# Jefferson Street, VOICE, and Amigos

On Monday, January 19th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Jefferson St. Chapter partnered with VOICE and Amigos for a community trash cleanup at Shirley Clarke Franklin Park. Together—with the support of students from nearby colleges—we collected a significant amount of litter to help preserve the beauty of this park and ensure it remains a welcoming place for families to enjoy. It was a meaningful way to honor Dr. King’s legacy through service, unity, and care for our community.



# Gainesville

Got a great note from Drew Stewart about Gainesville’s project.....” I am thrilled to share that we had our largest MLK Day of Service at the Georgia Mountain Food Bank, with over 30 enthusiastic volunteers! It was an incredible day of giving back, and together, we accomplished so much. We prepared over 200 P.I.N. (person in need) boxes and sorted through multiple pallets of food to ensure they reach those in need. A special shoutout goes to Jose Carillo, who went above and beyond by serving as an interpreter for the food bank and assisting a Spanish-speaking family who thought the bank was open due to the number of cars onsite. Denise from the Georgia Mountain Food Bank expressed her heartfelt gratitude for Jose’s help”, and I’ve attached her thank you email for you to see.







## Plant Yates

On Monday, January 19, 2026, more than 40 dedicated volunteers, including several of our youngest future leaders, joined together in Newnan, GA to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through service. This year, Plant Yates' MLK Day of Service supported One Roof Food Pantry, an organization committed to fighting hunger and uplifting families across Coweta County. From the moment volunteers arrived, the energy was high, and the teamwork was seamless. Together, they sorted and organized hundreds of donated boxes of food, helping the pantry prepare for the steady stream of families who rely on their services each week.

## Savannah Generation

This year the Savannah Generation Chapter partnered with the United Way of the Coastal Empire-Effingham County to sort, package, and deliver over 4,000 books for the United Way's Read United Initiative. This program provides books for all elementary students across Effingham County from grades Pre-K through 2nd to encourage students to develop a love of reading at an early age. Twenty volunteers showed up to assist, which is a large turnout for the chapter.







## Carrollton

Thirty Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members and guests met for their MLK Day Project.... a day on, not a day off. They were also joined by 5 UWG Nursing Students and 3 UWG Wesley UMC Students! Volunteers helped sort and stock 50 Little Free Pantries in Carroll, Haralson, and Heard Counties. Most of the pantries were empty when the volunteers arrived but well stocked when they left. Each pantry got 2 large shopping bags of food, for a total of 100 bags of food. Their neighbors won't be hungry this week.



Thanks to all the shoppers who went to work a week before King Day to ensure that Carrollton's project would be a success!



# Brunswick

The Brunswick Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power spent the day supporting Southern Forest World in Waycross, GA! Their volunteers replaced damaged wood on the facility’s bridge, helping maintain this important community space for all who visit. Volunteers were proud to honor Dr. King’s legacy through service and teamwork that strengthens our communities.



# Milledgeville

This MLK Day, the Citizens of Milledgeville chapter partnered with Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County for a build day at two houses on Ross Ave in Milledgeville. Eighteen volunteers came together and installed the railing on the two front porches, a side deck, and a back deck. We also worked inside the houses, hanging doors and blinds, and caulking the trim. We’re so thankful for everyone who volunteered and worked hard to move these Habitat homes one step closer to completion. Through service, teamwork, and care, we were proud to spend the day building homes and hope on Ross Ave with Habitat for Humanity.





# Forest Park

A hearty THANK YOU for the more than 20 volunteers who showed up on a cold, icy Monday morning the Citizens of Georgia Power – Forest Park chapter’s 2026 Martin Luther King Day of Service! They spent the morning erecting walls in Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity’s Lovejoy community. Special thanks to our first time volunteers!



**Plant Vogtle**

Princess Pearson-Braddy, Plant Vogtle Citizens Chapter President send a heartfelt thank you to all her volunteers..... "Thank you all for taking the time to volunteer and serve during our MLK Day of Service. Your willingness to show up, work together, and give back truly reflects the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. Because of your hard work, we were able to unload, sort, count, weigh, and shelf donations, as well as host an onsite canned food drive. Together, we collected and processed 2,673 pounds of food, which will be donated to GAP Ministries to support future distributions in our community."





## Customer Care Center and ADAPPT

On Monday, January 19, Citizens of Georgia Power honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy by hosting a "Day On, Not a Day Off" volunteer event at the Call Center. Chaired by Jacqueline Taylor, more than 90 volunteers dedicated over four hours each to serving the community. Also, they were fortunate to have support from Region External Affairs sponsor George Crews and Tamika Johnson with Region Operations, who joined in to help serve.

In partnership with ADAPPT and Eat Right Atlanta—Atlanta's #1 Farmers Market Service—volunteers worked together to sort fresh produce, assemble food bags, and deliver them to families in need throughout Henry County. The food bags were distributed to Grace Baptist Church, where on Tuesday more than 20 volunteers continued the effort by helping pass out food boxes to local families. This event exemplified Dr. King's call to serve others and strengthened our ongoing commitment to supporting communities across Georgia.



## Statesboro

The Statesboro chapter had a Day of Service Saturday, January 17th, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. Our volunteers help prepare and serve over 100 hot meals to underprivileged guests at the Statesboro Soup Kitchen hosted by the United Methodist Church in town. The same group also helped prepare over 200 sack lunches for those same guests to take with them after their hot meal. There were cleanup duties that followed, and a monetary donation of \$350 to their efforts.



# Athens

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Athens chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power dedicated their time to making a difference at the City of Refuge in Athens, GA. Our amazing volunteers came together to prepare 300 snack bags for children and restock shelves, enabling weekly volunteers to assemble grocery boxes for food-insecure families in the Athens/ Clarke County area and beyond.



## 2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	<b>October 7-8</b>	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2027
<b>January 31</b>	2025 Financials uploaded in electronic folder	<b>October 9</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	<b>November 19</b>	State Board Meeting
<b>February 6</b>	Leadership Summit -241 RMB Auditorium	<b>November 20</b>	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
<b>February 28</b>	2025 Chapter Financials Completed	<b>December 8</b>	2026-Chapter Officer information DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	<b>December 11</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>June 23</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 10</b>	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	<b>December 31</b>	All 2026 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
<b>September 18</b>	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		

