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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide newsletter for
Citizens of Georgia Power.



 Georgia Power

State President's Message

Kelli Newman



Every backpack, school supply, and volunteer hour tells a bigger story.

As I look at the incredible work happening across our Chapters this summer, I’m reminded that what we do today creates opportunities for tomorrow. Across Georgia, many of you are supporting back-to-school drives, collecting supplies, and helping students start the school year with confidence. These efforts may seem simple in the moment, but they can make a lasting difference for a child, a family, and an entire community.

What continues to impress me most is the passion and creativity you bring to every project. You’re not only meeting needs—you’re building relationships, strengthening communities, and finding new ways to expand our impact. That’s exactly what “Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion” is all about.

As we move into the second half of the year, I encourage you to keep the momentum going and continue looking for opportunities to create lasting impact through Legacy Projects. Whether your Chapter is planning a large initiative or supporting a local organization in a meaningful way, remember that the State Board and Volunteer Services team are here to help you turn great ideas into reality.

Thank you for the energy, heart, and commitment you bring to Citizens. The work you’re doing matters, and together we’re making a difference. I can’t wait to see what we accomplish together in the months ahead.

Kelli

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Athens

Athens Citizens Chapter had the opportunity to volunteer at Extra Special People in Watkinsville, and the energy from start to finish was incredible. As campers arrived, they were welcomed with upbeat music and dancing, which quickly turned into a lively, joyful atmosphere filled with smiles, laughter, and lots of enthusiasm. The excitement continued as volunteers connected with the campers, sharing high-fives, conversations, and plenty of fun interactions. Afterwards, the team cooked hotdogs for all the campers and camp volunteers. Volunteers also assembled nearly 300 sack lunches and distributed them, making sure everyone was taken care of while continuing to share in the positive, uplifting spirit of the day.



Athens Citizens chapter hosted another hugely successful golf tournament. With twenty generous hole sponsors and twenty-seven teams, the annual event netted over \$9,000 that will go to support local charities. A huge thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power shopped for Graceful Hearts, Inc. and delivered to one of their homes to help seniors with items they needed. Many older adults are struggling to have access to the basic necessities, and Carrollton volunteers were blessed to be able to provide some of those items. Thank you for all our members who helped shop and deliver. Thank you to the members who were unable to attend but sent donations of their own.



Carrollton Citizens members continue their long-standing tradition of Red Cross Blood Drive support. Kathi Henson was happy to donate and fellow Citizens member Joanna Isbell worked as a Red Cross volunteer for the drive! Both of these ladies are CMY negative "Heroes for Babies" donors. Great job!

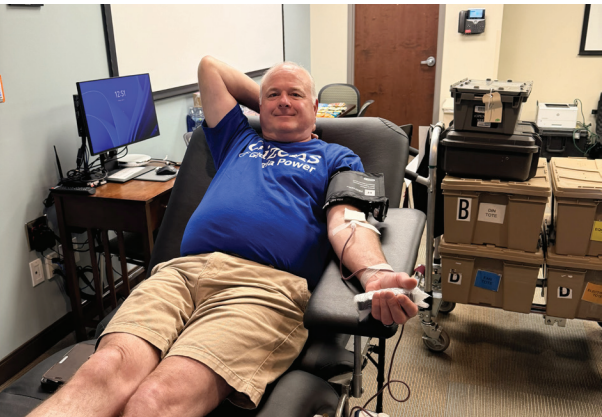
Michael Grant carved a little time out of his day and cleaned Carrollton's portion of the Greenbelt. Great job Michael!



Heather Mayfield has been busy volunteering. She made time to volunteer at the 241 blood drive in May and is pictured here volunteering at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Thanks for making a difference, Heather!

Shoutout to Garrett Pownall and his family for cleaning our adopted portion of the Carrollton Greenbelt this week. We love seeing families out volunteering together and teaching children why it's important not to litter. Thank you, Pownall Family!

Mike McCowen looks great sporting that blue Citizens t-shirt when he gave blood on Friday. Thanks for your consistent donations, Mike!



From April Hale....."I love seeing this family continue their mother and grandmother's legacy of service. This week, Linda Hogan's daughters, Joyce Price and Teresa Ingersoll, along with her grandson, James Price, volunteered together at Open Hands of Carrollton Food Pantry. What a wonderful example of passing down a heart for serving others from one generation to the next. Thank you for making a difference in our community. Linda would be so proud!"

Joanna Isbell made her third blood donation for the year. Great job Joanna!

Plant Bowen

The 2026 Plant Bowen Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on July 10th at Meadow Lakes Golf Course in Cedartown. Proceeds from the golf tournament benefited the Outer Circle Foundation. The Outer Circle Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting Veterans, First Responders, and their families during times of need. They provide critical PTSD awareness and resources, suicide prevention programs, and career transition support through partnerships with other impactful nonprofits.

Founded by Matt and Buffy, Outer Circle Foundation is a beacon of hope and support for those who have served. Driven by deep appreciation for their sacrifices, they are committed to empowering, uplifting, and honoring our nation's heroes—because no one should face their challenges alone. Seven Plant Bowen volunteers supported the 22 teams in the golf tournament, generating over \$12,000 for the Outer Circle Foundation.



Plant Bowen's Citizens chapter held its 3rd Annual Silent Auction earlier this year supporting two amazing organizations, the Hickory Log and the Sweet Cocoon. The Hickory Log, located in White, GA, is a personal care home for men with special needs. They provide a safe place to call home for men with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries. They can hone their relational, vocational, and financial skills in a manner that champions independence within the personal care home model.

The Sweet Cocoon, located in Rome, GA, is a peaceful retreat dedicated to providing a relaxing and supportive space for children with special needs and their families. They host a variety of activities throughout the year such as birthday parties and fundraising events to bring the community together. Each of these great agencies received \$4,665. Both organizations were extremely grateful for the generous donations that will go towards ongoing projects.



Rome

A note from my friend Jackie Holland in Rome. "The Rome Citizens Service Project provided markers and pencil sharpeners for the annual Goodwill and YMCA Back to School Bash in Rome/Floyd County on July 14. We got to help hand out backpacks and supplies. Great day! We were especially excited to have a few new faces come out and volunteer for this project."



West Georgia Ambassadors

West Georgia Ambassadors partnered with the Carrollton Citizens to shop and deliver supplies for Graceful Hearts Senior homes in Douglas County.





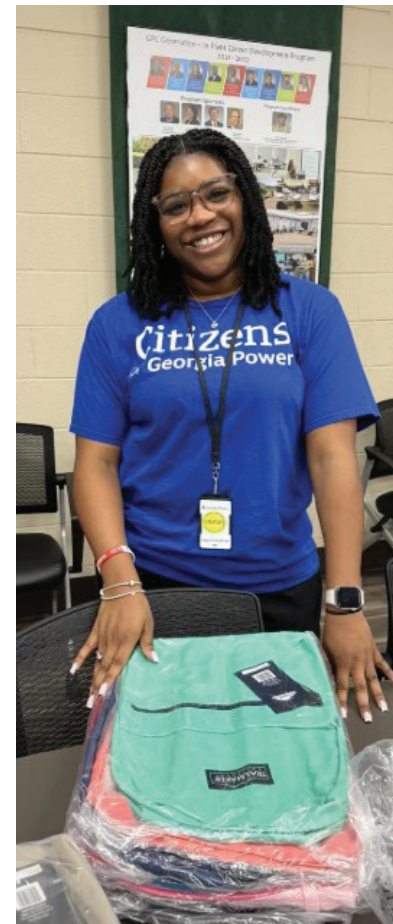
Plant Yates

Talk about a servant's heart. Congratulations to Mr. Richard Gamble on celebrating 50 years with Georgia Power! He's marking this awesome milestone by giving back to the Red Cross and being of service in the community. Thank you for your incredible dedication, Mr. Gamble.

A note from Geneva Powell about Plant Yates' Backstreet Arts service project..... Shoutout to Tina Darby for kicking off our Backstreet Arts service project! She rolled up her sleeves and got right to work, removing ivy from the deck and building, clearing poison oak, trimming overgrown trees along the wheelchair ramp, weeding the flower beds, and even planting wildflower seeds. We've made a great start, and we'll be back to finish up! If you're interested in joining us, just reach out to gypowell@southernco.com.



For the fourth year in a row, the Citizens of Georgia Power proudly partnered with Whitesburg Elementary School to help families get ready for a successful school year. What began as a simple effort to give back has grown into a meaningful tradition that brings together employees, volunteers, students, families, and community members for a day of fun, fellowship, and support.



Plant Yates volunteers worked hard stuffing backpacks with school supplies to make sure the kids at Whitesburg Elementary are fully geared up for their back-to-school bash! You already know how it goes whenever you see a group rocking those Citizens of Georgia Power shirts. You can bet that good work is happening. We love our community and we love showing up for our students. Let's make this school year the best one yet!

Metro Central Ambassadors

Metro Central Ambassadors partnered with the General Office Citizens chapter to collect school supplies for 3rd through 5th grade students. to finish up! If you're interested in joining us, just reach out to gvpowell@southernco.com.



Heart of Georgia Ambassadors

The Heart of Georgia Ambassadors Chapter has been working to support the Heart of Georgia Citizens chapter. Garnett and Peggy Grubb delivered school supplies to Key Street in support of their drive. Cassandra Cox and Bowen R. Shoemaker, Regional Executive, gladly accepted the donation.



Milledgeville

On July 11, the Hancock County Back-to-School Event in Sparta, Georgia, brought the community together to support local students as they prepared for the new school year. The Citizens Chapter in Milledgeville distributed 200 school supply packs to students during the event. Numerous organizations and vendors also provided free school supplies, health, and wellness resources to help students start the school year prepared and confident. Thank you to the volunteers of the Citizens of Milledgeville Chapter for their dedication and service to the community. We wish all students, teachers, and school staff a safe, productive, and successful school year!



Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia Citizens volunteers provided breakfast and lunch to all the excited campers at the Kids in Pink Camp. The camp provides four days of therapeutic, supportive, and engaging activities for children ages 4 to 18 who have a mother or grandmother diagnosed with breast cancer. United in Pink is committed to creating a safe, supportive environment where children can connect with others who share similar experiences, build resilience, and create lasting memories. Together, we help children find hope, connection, and strength during a challenging time.



Savannah

A note from Joseph Canuel to Savannah blood donors

"Thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's blood drive at Savannah HQ. Because of your generosity and support, we exceeded our goal! Successfully collecting 39 units of blood for our local hospital and community patients. Your willingness to donate, volunteer, and encourage others made this event a tremendous success. We truly appreciate everyone who signed up, walked in, helped spread the word, or supported the event in any way. It was inspiring to see our team come together for such an important cause."



Plant Vogtle

Marah Curry, Director of Development, Augusta for Make-A-Wish Georgia sent a note thanking all the Plant Vogtle volunteers for making a special 8-year-old girl's wish come true.

"On behalf of Make-A-Wish Georgia, thank you to the Citizens of Georgia Power for your generosity, dedication, and willingness to serve a local wish family in such a meaningful way.

This project supported an incredible 8-year-old girl diagnosed with Trisomy 18 who is currently receiving a bathroom remodel to better accommodate her daily care needs. The renovations will help provide safer and more accessible bathing accommodations, including space and functionality for the specialized equipment she requires.

When a painting opportunity arose as part of the remodel, Make-A-Wish Georgia immediately thought of the Citizens of Georgia Power. Diana Royal had previously reached out expressing an interest in volunteering and asked that we keep the Citizens of Georgia Power in mind for future service projects. Because of that relationship and willingness to help, we reached out, and the partnership came together.

The impact of the team's service extended far beyond painting walls. Their efforts helped create a more welcoming and functional space for a child and family navigating significant medical challenges. Just as importantly, their kindness, enthusiasm, and commitment left a lasting impression on the family.

Following the project, Diana shared nothing but positive feedback about the experience, the family, and the opportunity to serve. The project exemplified the spirit of community partnership and demonstrated how dedicated volunteers can make a tangible difference in the lives of local children and families.

On behalf of Make-A-Wish Georgia and the family served, thank you to Diana Royal and the Citizens of Georgia Power for stepping in when needed, embracing the opportunity, and helping create a space that will improve this child's daily quality of life for years to come. Your support is deeply appreciated and will not be forgotten."



Students of Southern Company

Students of Southern Company interns and co-op students spent part of their summer making a meaningful impact in the community through volunteer service at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Driven by a shared commitment to giving back, these students intentionally dedicated their time to supporting neighbors in need while building lasting connections through fellowship, collaboration, and professional networking.



Corporate Affairs Interns

Corporate Affairs interns Maya Worsley, Sydni Thompson, Nicole Berry, and Olivia Ogletree had the opportunity to bring Georgia Power's "Citizens Wherever We Serve" commitment to life by partnering with Hands On Atlanta through its Operation Clean Sweep: World Cup Edition initiative. The interns organized the volunteer event and, alongside fellow employees, demonstrated their dedication to service by helping beautify a major Atlanta roadway ahead of the World Cup. Through litter removal and community engagement, participants contributed to creating a cleaner, more welcoming environment while fostering community pride. The experience reinforced the values of service, teamwork, and environmental stewardship, highlighting the positive impact of investing in the communities that help Atlanta thrive.



Customer Care Center

The CCC Citizens and volunteers played an essential role in making the Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive a tremendous success. On Saturday, July 11, at Eagles Landing Golf Course, volunteers came together with enthusiasm and teamwork to collect, organize, and distribute school supplies for students in need. Their dedication extended beyond the event day, as they continued working throughout the week to sort donations, prepare supply kits, and ensure every contribution reached local schools. Through their collective effort and community spirit, CCC Citizens and volunteers helped equip countless students for a strong start to the new school year.



Albany

A note from Justin McLeod. " Spent a beautiful morning with the Albany Citizens Chapter for Lee County Rivers Alive. Cleaning up our local waterways isn't just about picking up litter—it's about protecting our wildlife and preserving our natural resources. There is truly no better way to start the day than with great fellowship and a shared mission."



2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook
January 31	2025 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
February 1	State Office verify financials and service hours
February 5	State Board Meeting
February 6	Leadership Summit -241 RMB Auditorium
February 28	2025 Chapter Financials Completed
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 23	Summer State Board Meeting
August 10	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)
September 18	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders

October 7-8	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2027
October 9	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
November 19	State Board Meeting
November 20	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
December 8	2026-Chapter Officer information DUE
December 11	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2026 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms

