

Georgia Power presents inaugural Preston Arkwright Award for service



Monday, Nov. 7, 2016 - Georgia Power has announced the recipient of the first ever Preston Arkwright Award for service – Misty Fernandez, project manager at the company's Customer Care Center in Henry County.

Jack Dogan, energy services representative in Augusta, and Bobby Wilson, operations support manager at the CCC, were also selected as runners up for the award during a special ceremony held at the annual Citizens of Georgia Power statewide meeting on Saturday.

The company created the award to spotlight and recognize the exceptional commitment to service demonstrated by thousands of employees working every day in communities across the state.

More than 30 nominations were received and all submissions were screened by a selection panel made up of representatives from across the company, with the panel ultimately selecting three finalists.

“Enriching our neighborhoods and improving the lives of those around us is a passion shared by all Georgia Power employees – not just today, but since the very beginning of our company,” said Paul Bowers, chairman, president and CEO of Georgia Power. “I am proud of Jack, Misty and Bobby’s dedication to their communities and honored to recognize the impact they have made for so many.”

Fernandez has worked with Georgia Power for more than 16 years and has embraced the company’s service philosophy in tandem with her personal dedication to the community.

Among her many volunteer activities, she has functioned as a court appointed special advocate for foster children in Clayton County, taught English as a second language (ESL) classes since 2000 and she currently serves on the board of Welcoming Atlanta, a City of Atlanta initiative to promote inclusion for immigrant and refugee communities.

The Preston Arkwright Award was created in honor of Preston Arkwright, the company’s first president who coined the phrase “A Citizen Wherever We Serve” more than 100 years ago.

Employees were nominated by their colleagues for the award, with finalists selected by a panel and winners chosen by employee voting.

As part of the award, Fernandez received a \$5,000 donation to a nonprofit of her choice. Her donation will go to Friends of Clayton County CASA. Dogan and Wilson will each receive a \$1,500 donation to nonprofits of their choice.