

ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2020 State Board

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal



CGP Family,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. By any measure, this year has been one of the toughest ones since I've been involved with Citizens. I know getting projects going and partnering with other chapters and organizations has been hard. I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about why I got involved and I've been reflecting on many of my experiences. I got involved because one of my co-workers talked to me about participating in a project when I was working in Athens several years ago. That conversation got me involved and will forever be glad she reached out. As I think about all the projects I've been involved in, several come to mind but some of the most impactful to me have been around homelessness and hunger. I will never forget the time I helped serve meals at the homeless shelter near Carrollton. The smile on the face of the people I was serving made it all worth it. It's hard to imagine how something so simple could be so impactful. I also remember the time that we used our matching funds to help the Pelham Food Bank. Our donation helped them purchase additional kitchen equipment that would allow them to double the number of meals they could prepare for the senior citizens who received meals-on-wheels benefits. I will never forget the smile on their face. I wanted to share these experiences because I wanted you to know this is why I serve. I know all of you can relate. So when you are feeling down because of all the challenges the pandemic has afforded us, I encourage you to think about those moments that influenced you to keep getting involved in your community. Please continue to find opportunities to serve and call us if we can help you in any way. I wanted to highlight some of the projects our chapters have been able to do through the pandemic and show that even small projects can have huge impacts in the community.

The Metro West chapter partnered with Atlanta Community Food Bank. They were able to raise \$2,000 to provide meals for needy families and seniors. Their support allowed the agency to provide additional food throughout the Metro Atlanta area and help them feed families who had lost access to school meals in five local schools districts.

The Athens chapter partnered with City of Hope Athens and donated food items to help the organization feed homeless and less fortunate children. The agency desperately needed these items since they were trying to feed over 500 children.

The Thomson chapter partnered with McDuffie Center for Primary Health through a buy local/give local program. This partnership allowed the chapter to thank essential caregivers in the community while also supporting a local restaurant. The chapter knew caregivers were exhausted from working long hours and wanted to show them how much they appreciated their efforts.

The Clayton chapter partnered with the Habersham Home nursing facility to purchase iPads for the residents. The facility was not allowing residents to have visitors at the time and this partnership allowed the elderly residents to be able to see their families virtually.

I hope these projects will give you some ideas on how you can get involved by doing similar projects in your community. There are many ways your chapter can get involved without having to commit to a large project. However, if you have a large project in mind, we encourage you to continue down that path as we have plenty of funds to distribute in the community. I want to thank you for all your efforts as you continue to make this year **A Legacy of Service**.

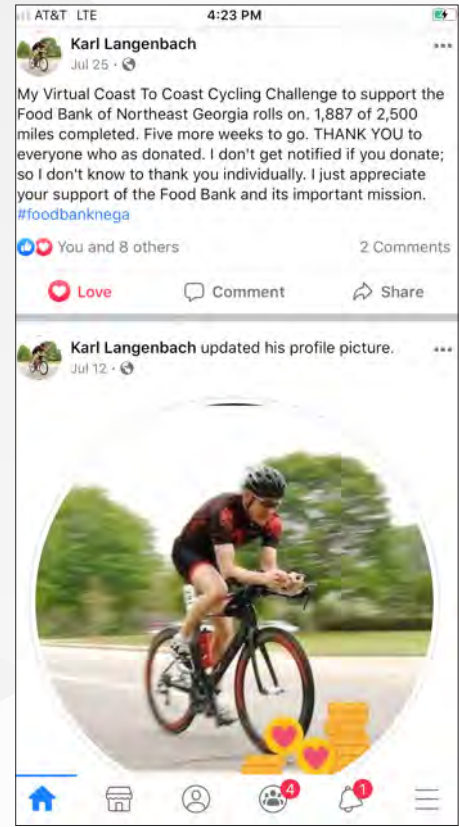


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Athens

Karl Langenbach is doing a virtual Coast to Coast Cycling Challenge by pedaling 2,500 miles to raise money for Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. Several members have donated to the food bank and so far, the total is at least \$2,000! Incredible job Karl to raise money during the Pandemic!

Starting in April, and occurring weekly on Wednesdays, the chapter hosts a food drive for City of Hope Athens. City of Hope assists the homeless and less fortunate children and families in Athens Clarke County. Chapter members have contributed trunks full of food each week for four months! Great job Athens!



Athens chapter members continue to reap the benefits and beauty from their Earth Day project efforts. Angie and Jason Brown along with their son Wyatt created a garden. Freddie and Leigh Crawford followed suit. Richard and Kathy Turpin planted flowers, did yardwork at their Church and get exercise by raking their magnolia leaves two to three times a day!!





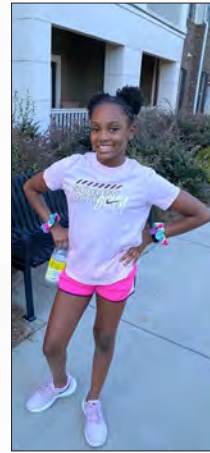
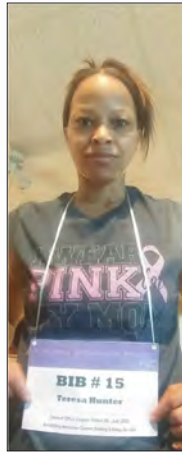
Athens *continued*

Lydia's Place assists young adults within foster care or homelessness to help with the basics for college. Jason and Jennifer Koberger headed up The Provisions of Hope Basket project for us and Athens CGP helped with donations. Big thank you to the Kobergers, and the rest of the team including Angie Brown, Nathan Luke, Linda Gantt, Shari Sykes and Jessica Alcorn for stepping up for these young people.



General Office

General Office Chapter held a virtual 5K Relay for Life in the month of July. There were 33 participants and, together with a donation from the chapter, General Office was able to write a check to the American Cancer Society for \$1,160 to be counted towards the 2020 Relay for Life!

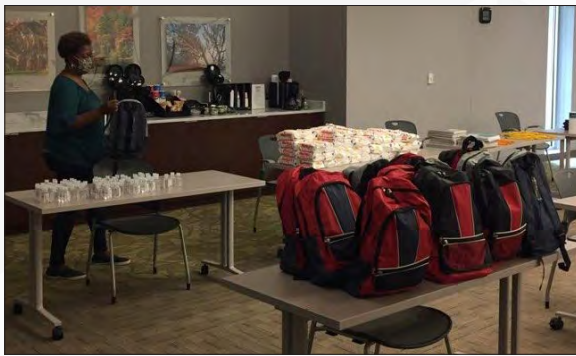


Earlier this summer, members of the General Office Chapter collected food items for summer lunches and communities in need to benefit two local agencies, Action Ministries and MUST Ministries. Gena and Mike Scott's children helped their parents shop and deliver items to MUST Ministries' collection barrels.



Metro West

The Metro West Citizens chapter participated in a back to school backpack drive to support Dallas Elementary School in Paulding County and S.H.A.R.E House/Teen Center in Douglas County, a non-profit organization providing shelter for battered and homeless women and children. The chapter was able to prepare 100 supply-filled backpacks, 50 backpacks for each of the organizations. Thank you AGAIN to everybody who donated towards the backpack drive and a HUGE thank you to the Environmental Lab for assembling the backpacks, Jade Walker & Jeff Butterworth for assisting with delivering the backpacks to Dallas Elementary School, Christina Romano for ordering supplies and Lorrie Wallace for assisting to deliver the backpacks to the Teen Center in Douglasville.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens of Georgia Power Legacy Project to provide a greenhouse, raised planting beds, and outdoor tool sheds at K.B. Sutton Elementary School is moving along at a steady pace. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers that have participated in this gratifying project. Check out the progress in these pictures!!! GREAT JOB CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS!! Teachers and students alike are looking forward to utilizing these resources Georgia Power Citizens have provided. Student growth and learning is top priority in preparing them for the future.



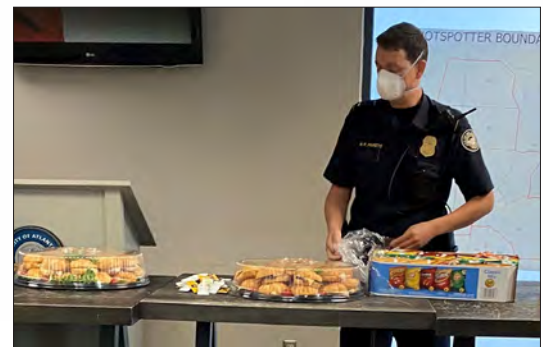
Columbus

Citizens members in Columbus participated in the Stay Safe Healthy Basket give away from the Adopt and Celebrate a 2020 Senior project. More than 120 graduating seniors submitted their names to receive a kit. Citizens supplies helped create 50 baskets for local seniors that will be moving into dorm housing in just a few short weeks. These kits contained cleaning items as well as personal hygiene items. Great job Columbus!



Jefferson Street

COVID 19 has provided many of our members the opportunity to work from home. However, first responders don't have that luxury. Jefferson Street showed their appreciation by providing lunch to Atlanta police and fire departments near their office. Major Kelley Collier from the Atlanta Police Department was very thankful to Jefferson Street Citizens for recognizing and appreciating them during this challenging time. The fire department 'sounded the alarm' for all employees to come enjoy a wonderful lunch spread. It was a great surprise on a hot day in July. Volunteers enjoyed the day delivering food while staying safe with masks on and air fives!

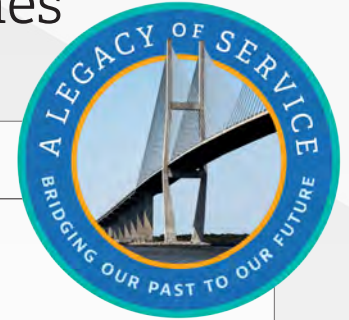


Savannah

The Savannah Citizens Chapter had another great service event Monday night assisting the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization for a second time. The chapter had 10 volunteers who helped clean Tybee Beach near the Tybee Pier by picking up trash left behind on the beach. Beach traffic has continued to increase throughout the summer, leaving more trash on the beach. Savannah Citizens had a great event with TCBV back in June. This event fits greatly into COVID volunteer guidelines, so members were thrilled to help TCBV again. Safety, as always, was at the forefront during this event. Social distancing and face coverings were the order of the day!



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
September 9	Virtual Citizens Annual Business Meeting registration emailed (Microsoft Teams meeting notice Chapter Presidents only)
September 11	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 25	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
November 12	Virtual Fall State Board Meeting
November 13	Virtual Citizens Annual Business Meeting
December 9	2021-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple