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State President's Message



JD Wilson

Citizens,

What a year it has been! At the Circuit Live last week, Chairwoman, President and CEO Kim Greene highlighted a number of our successes: over 200 projects across the state, 20 separate business units planning events, 50,000 service hours recorded, with more to come. When considering the challenges we've faced this year, it only makes the results we've achieved more noteworthy.

While I couldn't be more proud of our accomplishments, what stands out to me is how we've approached our work. I continue to be moved by how you meet the needs of our communities. Whether that is building adaptive bikes so that differently abled children could enjoy the outdoors or stocking Little Free Pantries so that people could put food on the table, you heard the needs of our communities and you met them. I'm also proud of those that served in leadership roles for our chapters this year. For some of you, that was stepping outside your comfort zone and leading for the first time. For others, it was continuing to leave a legacy and showing others the importance of returning the blessing we have of working for this company. In any circumstance, you've inspired those around you. Our Citizens members are truly the best part of Georgia Power.

Next year, I'm excited to hand the reigns to Patrick Harris, Region Executive in Macon. His theme is "Hometown Heroes in Service" which I find fitting for someone like Patrick who has been focused on serving others as long as I've known him. We all have an opportunity to write the next chapter in how we serve, starting at next month's Martin Luther King day of service. As we close this chapter entitled "Leading In Service," it has been my honor to serve along each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing you at a service project soon.

In Service,

J.D.

Athens

Eleven hearty Athens Citizens and Ambassador members joined up at Adventure Bag in Winder to help with their yard sale fundraiser. Volunteers unpacked and sorted the items to sell. Adventure Bags helps children from infancy to 18 years old in emergency situations by providing necessities like toiletries, pjs, socks, blankets. Several Citizens members donated some baby wipes, bottles, bibs, and blankets for this great cause.



Plant Bowen

You know it's Christmas when you hear the bell ringing with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive! This year Plant Bowen Citizens had 13 volunteers who rang the bell to raise funds for this great cause. Through their efforts and a generous donation from Vulcan employees through Jack's Pot, they raised over \$5,318! Great job Bowen!





Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members finished up shopping and delivered Christmas today to 14 kids from Carroll County DFCS and Villa Rica Elementary School. Chapter treasurer April Hale said,

"Very proud of our generous coworkers, retirees, & their families and a company that supports our efforts!"



Cartersville

The Georgia Power Cartersville Citizens chapter held their annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Cartersville Country Club. The event hosted 15 teams. A great day for golf was enjoyed by all! Everyone who played and volunteered had a wonderful time and they raised almost \$13,000 for Bartow Advocates for Children.



Dublin and Vidalia

It was a big day for the Dublin and Vidalia chapters as they completed their Legacy Projects at Warrior Ranch. Volunteers had the opportunity to invest their sweat equity and GPC Foundation dollars in this great nonprofit that serves as support for veterans by "creating a sense of camaraderie and peace for veterans, first responders, and their families through counseling, peer support, and the Western Way of Life". At the Ranch, they complete this mission by offering counseling and therapy services to our veterans and others who have served our communities. Citizens volunteers installed wooden fencing at the entrance of the Welcome Center and helped with smooth out grading work completed for a new riding arena. Dublin Chapter President Jonathan Daughtry said they were so happy they were able to be part of a project that supports those who have given so much for our country and our community.



Dublin

Here's a great write up from Jonathan Daughtry about Dublin's final Legacy Project: The Dublin Chapter completed its final Legacy Project for the year this week and what a perfect ending it was. We presented two children, whose disabilities prevent them from riding traditional bicycles, with adaptive bicycles. These bicycles serve as a fun activity for the children, while also allowing them to complete physical therapy for their conditions at home. This is a project the Dublin Chapter has done for the last several years and one that we are honored to continue. As you will see in the pictures the children, family and chapter members had a blast at the reveal! We are so thankful for the opportunity to partner with Well Spring Wellness and Freedom Concepts to provide them with a bicycle that suits their needs and allows them to participate in activities they have been previously excluded from. If you have ever participated in one of these reveals, you know they are all special but yesterday was different in a lot of ways. We were fortunate enough to have "Santa" participate and contribute in an unexpected way. During one of the reveals, an older brother of one of the recipients was quickly noticed for his selfless attitude and supporting nature of his younger brother. We could not help but notice the love, bond, and connection that the brothers shared with each other. Members of our Chapter were so moved by this we decided to collect donations to purchase a bicycle to present to the older brother before the family's departure. Both boys could not believe they would finally be able to ride bicycles together – something often taken for granted. I am grateful to Georgia Power, the Citizens organization, and the members in our Chapter for helping us to provide services to those in need. We have accomplished so much this year through our work in Citizens and I could not be prouder of the accomplishments of our Chapter. I look forward to next year as we have more opportunities to invest in our communities.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens have been incredibly busy this year with a ton of projects. Somehow, they found time to host not one, but two golf tournaments! In their recent fall tournament, they raised \$32,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This was enough to grant three wishes including sending Colton to Disney World! All this generosity came from 120 golfers, dozens of sponsors, and Plant Scherer Citizens volunteers who helped make this happen. When you add up the proceeds from both golf tournaments, Plant Scherer CGP has donated \$63,000 to local charities! Wow, what a year!!! Congratulations Plant Scherer!

Meet Colton

I wish to go to Disney World

Just a few weeks shy of his 4th birthday, Colton was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer, T-cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma. With an aggressive tumor pressing on his airway, Colton knew that he had a big journey ahead of him. As Colton's Mom said, "Our baby was literally fighting to breath."

Shortly after his diagnosis, Colton's family and team of doctors had a plan in place. For the next 17 days, Colton used oxygen and helium to help him breath during his time in the ICU. During these long days, Colton had chemo via an IV and pills. After returning home, he continued treatment through scans and chemo injections.

As a family, they learned a new normal and worked as a team to help Colton. As wish mom explains, "our day-to-day life operated differently because we had one goal in mind: to save Colton's life."

After two years of strenuous treatment, Colton beat cancer this past July! His mom says it best, "When they say it takes a village, it's true!"

Colton and his family were able to celebrate Colton's journey with a trip to Disney World. During Colton's wish week, he was able to act like a kid again. Away from the doctors offices, the chemo treatments, and the stress of fighting for his life.



I wish to go to Disney World
Colton, 6
lymphoma

Thank you Georgia
Power Plant Scherer for
adopting Colton's wish!



"During trials like this, you learn so much about life and how precious it truly is." - Colton's Mom



Metro West

The Metro West Citizens embarked on a meaningful service project for JC Freedom House. The chapter collected coats, toiletries, shoes, clothing, handbags, linens, and gift cards for the women in crisis. Making a positive impact in the lives of the women was accomplished by the vast number of items donated to meet their needs. The support of the chapter members was truly felt. The chapter received a note of thanks from the women. One woman said,

**"I can fit one of the coats.
Thank you. It is a beautiful coat."**

JC Freedom House is a safe haven for women in crisis.



Gwinnett

Gwinnett Citizens members stepped up again this year for Angel Tree



Milledgeville

Milledgeville Citizens volunteers were honored to host a cookout for the residents at the Georgia War Veterans Home. More than 20 volunteers showed up to cook, visit, transport, serve and show their gratitude for the veterans and their service. Chapter President Pam Gaddie said, "It's an absolute honor to serve you!"



Savannah

Savannah must have some great chefs! Their annual Chili Cook-off event raised over \$2,100 that was used to purchase toys and goods for the CAT Stuff-A-Bus holiday toy drive. The goods were donated to children of all ages last week at different organizations across Savannah. Thanks to all who cooked, ate judged, and shopped to make this possible!





General Office

Again in 2023, General Office Chapter members supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program by adopting "angels" – needy Atlanta-area children and senior – who'd otherwise have a less than joyful holiday. Members volunteered their time (and money) by shopping for their angels, loading the delivery truck on December 4th at GPC corporate headquarters, and organizing bags on December 1st and 8th at the Salvation Army's warehouse in Tucker. Thanks to project chairs Chris Newton and Carolyn Johnston for another successful year!



Customer Care Center

Pam Williams with the CCC Chapter had the opportunity to read two of her favorite books to more than 60 students and meet eight teachers from two schools in Henry County. In one of the classrooms, the children sang a thank you song, and to her surprise, the little ones melted her heart with the biggest hugs. Pamela partnered with Decal and Voices for Georgia's Children to help reach the goal of reading to 10,000 students. She even received three invitations to come back and visit their homes.



"Shop with Purpose: Feeding the Need through our Food Drive"

initiative aims to support Helping in His Name Food Pantry and their efforts in assisting families in need within Henry County and its surrounding areas. With funding from our state chapter, the CCC was able to recruit 15 volunteers who collectively spent a total of 46 hours shopping for non-perishable items as of the end of October.

The CCC showed out again with over 500 hours for Connecting Henry to make sure the boys and girls in Henry County wake up with a smile on their faces from our annual Toy Drive. We decorated our front office, brought in toys, and worked with Connecting Henry Toy Shop throughout the month. Our chairperson for this event was Jacqueline Taylor.



Property Accounting

Service projects are a great way for teams and business units to engage with each other in something other than work. Property Accounting enjoyed spending time with each other and making a difference as they spent time cleaning up Grant Park. Great job Property Accounting!



Financial Accounting & Reporting

The Financial Accounting and Reporting team volunteered at the Lost N Found Youth Thrift Store in Atlanta. Lost N Found Youth is one of the only agencies in Georgia that supports homeless LGBTQ youth. Their thrift store helps to both fund Lost N Found Youth programs, as well as offer homeless youth clothing and home furnishings as they build their new lives.

PEER and Work & Family Life

Members of the employee resource groups PEER and Work Family Life, along with employees from the Environmental Lab volunteered at the Empty Stocking Fund. Volunteers packed gifts for families and distributed them for pick-up. Empty Stocking Fund brings joy to the lives of disadvantaged children by proving toys and gifts during the holiday season and other core essential supplies throughout the year to support positive social and emotional developments and academic success.





MVP, Citizens, Ambassadors, & Volunteer Services

This year over 250 volunteers across the state from MVP, Citizens, Ambassadors, and Volunteer Services participated in Wreath Across America. Their efforts went to honor and recognize our veteran heroes for the holidays. Volunteer Services and MVP's campaign collected 599 wreaths through employee donations. Special thanks to the Brock Barfield and the Columbus Citizens Chapter for an additional 75 wreaths and volunteers supporting two veteran's cemeteries.



Citizens Celebrations

Thanks to the State Board, the Citizens Advisory Council, and Volunteer Services for finding a way to celebrate all our chapters' successes across the state. Citizens chapters across the state rolled up their sleeves for some incredible "sweat equity" service projects this year. Volunteers leveraged \$260,000 worth of GPC Foundation money in support of 30 Legacy Projects in our communities. These volunteers also invested \$100,000 of operational support funds to 60 service projects across Georgia. Celebration events were held in Savannah, Tifton, Augusta, Atlanta, Macon, Athens, and Rome. Thank you all for an incredible year!





Plant Bowen and Cartersville

Plant Bowen and Cartersville Citizens volunteers completed their Legacy Project with Hands Extended International. The work consisted of safely and securely assembling and placing the swing set poles in place, then assembling the enclosure edging, hanging the swings, and finally getting all the landscaping fabric and ultimately the mulch for the play area spread evenly. The work began on Monday December 11th and concluded on Wednesday Dec 13th. THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who came out and helped on the blistering 32-degree mornings. This project would not be as successful without your guidance and hard work. Also thank you to the Management Teams who allow us to get out there in the community to be good stewards of the "Citizens Wherever We Serve"!





Jefferson Street

The Jefferson Street Citizens chapter has been working closely with Beloved Atlanta for the past few years. Beloved Atlanta's mission is to support women escaping human trafficking in Georgia. Their staff are transforming Atlanta into a hub of healing by supporting brave women on their path to freedom. As part of the chapter's support, Jefferson Street volunteers transformed their main location with a beatification project.

DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/21/2023	State Board Meeting
2/22/2023	Leadership Summit
3/3/2023	2022 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
3/6/2023	State Office will verify financials and service hours
6/15/2023	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/25/2023	Summer State Board Meeting
8/11/2023	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/12/2023	Call to Annual Business Meeting (Virtual Teams Call)
10/5–6/2023	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2024
10/13/2023	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/27/2023	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/1/2023	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/9/2023	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/8/2023	2024-Chapter Officer information DUE
12/15/2023	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2023	All year-end donations distributed and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/29/2023	All 2023 Service Hours entered into uBack or Volunteer Hours Mobi form