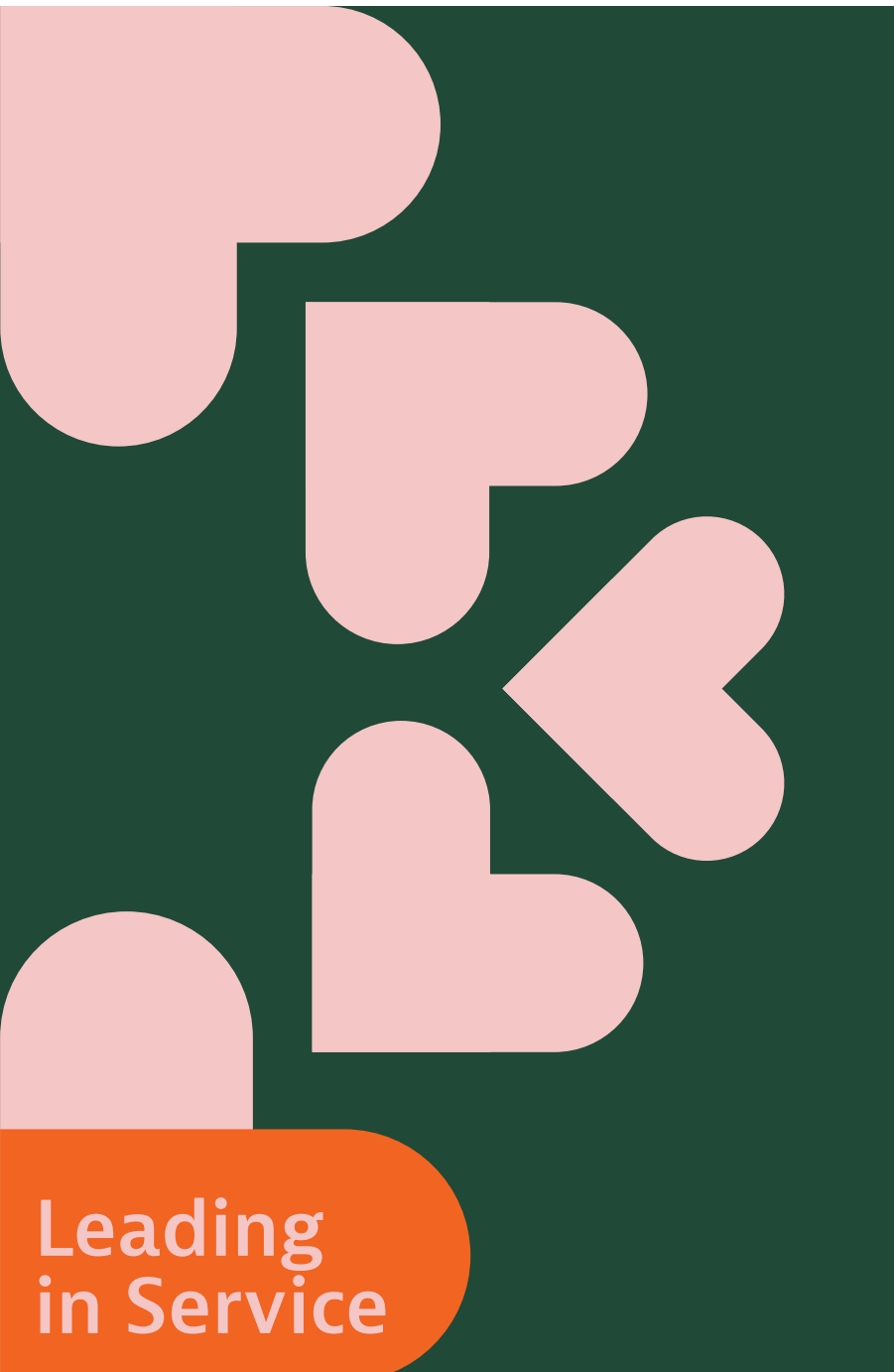


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State President's Message

JD Wilson



Citizens,

Last week, I was privileged to host our Leadership Summit in Alpharetta where chapter leaders from all over the state gathered to talk about how we can better serve our communities. We started with an inspiring keynote address from Mike Middleton, our Director of Safety and Health, who challenged us to make "2023 - The Year of Actively Caring." We discussed the mechanics of how we run chapters, lead service projects and communicate the successes we find in the community. During the day, I asked everyone to write down a few words about why they serve. My "why" is easy, especially when I get home from work every day and see my family - I serve because I want to return the blessings I've been given. Reading the "why's" from our chapter leaders was nothing short of inspiring, from those that serve because of the memories made with family to those that know what it's like to receive support and want to return the generosity they received. The inspiration I received from those make me proud to be a part of this great organization. Our Citizens of Georgia Power are the best part of our company!

Author Edward Everett Hale noted, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." I challenge you to find an event near you to get involved with or to share your passion with the chapter in your area. I suspect that you will find your "why" along the way.

In Service,

J.D.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members are proud of their Greenbelt and are honored to keep it clean and beautiful for all to enjoy! Big thanks to Donice and Larry Wood for leading the charge this month.



Columbus

Brock Barfield, Columbus Chapter President, sent a note to his chapter members and volunteers that said, "Today we had the privilege of completing the cleanup process for the Christmas wreaths placed on the graves of veterans at Andersonville National Cemetery during the Wreaths Across America initiative in December. Around 23,000 wreaths were placed for every grave of a veteran and surrounding memorials. Today every wreath was collected thanks to your help." From the looks of the picture, Columbus made it a family affair!



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Columbus Ambassadors

Columbus Ambassadors continue to support the Ronald McDonald House by collecting and donating pop tabs. Chapter members turned in more than 11 pounds of tabs!



Dublin

The Dublin Citizens chapter has been busy this week collecting donations to provide a new refrigerator for Bleckley County Elementary School. A director at the school reached out and informed us they needed a refrigerator because theirs had quit working and was unrepairable. The special needs students operate a coffee shop within the school. The proceeds from the coffee shop provide additional funds for projects, field trips and extra supplies. It also allows the children to interact with others and learn basic business operating procedures. The members of the Dublin Citizens chapter were more than willing to cover this cost and we were able to deliver it to them today. The students were very excited to receive the refrigerator and all the members had an awesome time interacting with the students.



King Day was a day on for Dublin Citizens members. Volunteers cleaned up around a local creeks and bridge crossings in their area. Their efforts netted over ten 55-gallon trash bags!



Chapter members were honored to present the fruits of their labor when they delivered the adaptive bicycles purchased for the handicapped children through the chapter's Legacy Project. Jonathan Daughtry writes "It brought joy to the children, their families and all the local members. It was truly a humbling experience, and we look forward to more projects like this in the future."



Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Ga Macon Citizens Chapter proudly presented a check to Jay's Hope. Jay's Hope mission is to improve the quality-of-life of children with cancer and their families in Georgia by extending HOPE through social, emotional, spiritual, educational and financial support.

The Heart of Ga-Macon Citizens members were honored to present a check to United in Pink! United in Pink is the breast cancer family resource provider of emotional, social, and financial support to individuals and their families in Central Georgia after a breast cancer diagnosis.



Metro East

Susan Houston, Interim Director of Development for the American Red Cross, sent a note of praise for the Metro East Citizens volunteers and their "Sound the Alarm" King Day project. "On Saturday, I attended a Sound the Alarm event in the Snapfinger area of Decatur. It is a vulnerable and at-risk community with many homes that we, at the American Red Cross, are working to make safer. Not only do we install free smoke alarms, but we also educate the residents about home fire safety and how to make an escape plan. I had the opportunity to meet several Georgia Power employees who came out to help us and were complete rockstars! As I was leaving, two of the Georgia Power teams were coming back to ask for more homes to visit. The local first responders in the area joined us and we all worked to install 61 alarms and visited 23 homes."



Metro South

Metro South Citizens volunteers continue to help in the aftermath of the tornados that hit Griffin. Chapter volunteers descended on Shoal Creek golf course to assist them with clean up. They did such a great job they were invited back for the following weekend!





Tifton

Tifton Citizens chapter partnered with 2nd Harvest of South GA Food Bank on January 18th for their annual MLK project. Twenty members of the Tifton CGP chapter from Tifton Distribution, Tifton Transmission, Community Relation and Region External team members showed up to volunteer. They assembled 100 boxes of food onsite at the 2nd Harvest distribution center in Tifton. Afterwards, the boxes were transported and delivered by employees to the Tift area House of Hope which provides emergency and transitional shelter for homeless women and women with children in the Tift County area.





Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation had 14 volunteers for the United Way-Read United MLK Day of Service. Chapter volunteers helped put stickers on books, sort, and bag books per classroom/school/county to help prepare for the READ UNITED project. This program focuses on childhood literacy. United Way will deliver a free book to every K-2 grade student in the Coastal Empire.



Savannah

Savannah Citizens President Justine Keller dropped a note to her members saying "Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication in attending Savannah Citizens Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteer Event! We were able to make a huge impact on preparation for the Read United Childhood Literacy project organized by United Way! They will be distributing over 19,000 books to children K-2 across Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties! We were able to get ALL the remaining books for Chatham County stickered and organized by grade level during our event! Your service to our community is truly inspiring!"



Georgia Power Delivery Operations

Danny Magwood, Senior Power Systems Coordinator at Georgia Power, was honored to represent all the great folks that were part of the Georgia Power Deliver Operations Center "No Shave November" team. Danny officially handed over the \$11,300 check to some very happy St. Jude Children's Research Hospital representatives! Awesome job by the entire team!





General Office

General Office Chapter members volunteered last month at the Midtown Assistance Center, helping to organize and stock the food pantry at its new facility in Midtown Atlanta (across from The Varsity). The Midtown Assistance Center opened in 1986 with the mission of helping to sustain the working poor through a temporary financial crisis by helping with rent, utilities, food, work shoes, tools, and public transportation.



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/21/2023	State Board Meeting
2/22/2023	Leadership Summit
3/3/2023	State Office will verify financials and service hours
6/15/2023	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/TBD/2023	Summer State Board Meeting
8/11/2023	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/12/2023	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
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/TBD/2023	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/TBD/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 monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/29/2023	All 2023 Service Hours entered into uBack