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Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message



JD Wilson

Citizens,

Every year, our work with Citizens of Georgia Power follows a similar rhythm: we start strong with the Martin Luther King Day of Service, get fired up at leadership summit and follow that up with a strong showing of Earth Day projects. If you've read the Energizer this year, you have probably noticed the impact our chapters are making. With everyone now a member of Citizens, we are filling our state with Good Energy.

What has me particularly excited about our work is that we're not slowing down. Our summers typically bring less projects as we enjoy vacations and holiday trips with family, but this year we've continued to receive funding requests of all sizes. Our [Service Project Funding](#) and [Legacy Project Funding](#) are structured to let you follow your passions and serve the needs of your communities as you see fit. These requests are reviewed by the State Board and Volunteer Services team and funds are moved so your impact can be felt quickly. If you have a project idea or are aware of a need in your community but aren't sure if it would qualify, please don't hesitate to reach out to your local Citizens leadership or a member of the [State Board \[soco365.sharepoint.com\]](#) for more information.

I love the quote from Bishop T.D. Jakes that, "If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." Let Citizens help you find a way to act on your purpose this month as we continue to make a difference where we live.

In Service,
J.D.

Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens members proudly supported the 2023 Polk County Special Olympics. The chapter's 12 volunteers supported 150 dedicated athletes in activities including running long jump, hippity hop, inflatables, baseball, and kickball. They also kept the athletes hydrated with a water station and made some smiling faces at the snow cone booth. Great job Plant Bowen!



In support of Teacher Appreciation week Plant Bowen CGP had six volunteers give up their lunch time to cover lunchroom duty so the teachers at Taylorsville Elementary could enjoy a kid free lunch on May 10th at Taylorsville Elementary. Four more volunteers worked to move cases of books so that they could get a room remodeled at the school. Great job investing in our future!!





Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members have a long history of supporting Red Cross Blood Drives but not sure any are longer than Chapter Treasurer April Hale.

April proudly made her 104 and 105 donations, for a total of 13 gallons, all since joining Georgia Power! Way to go April!!

As part of the chapter's twice a month commitment to keeping a safe and clean Greenbelt, members Larry and Donice collected two bags of trash.

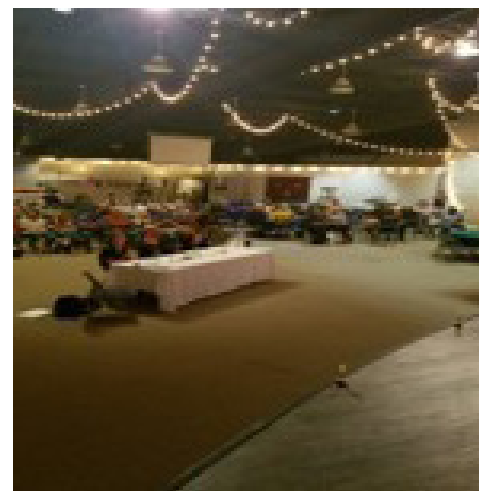


Customer Care Center

Members came together at American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to honor survivors and remember those who are no longer with us. CCC Citizens members had 32 walkers and their team raised more than \$2,383 for this great cause! Their passion and heart prove that we are all truly Citizens Wherever We Serve!



Our World School, a school for children with special needs, holds a pageant every year for all ages, babies to adults. This year's pageant was held on April 22, at Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church. It is a day to celebrate them, their families, and have fun. CCC volunteers were honored to serve at this most heartwarming experience and celebration.





Plant Scherer

Citizens of Georgia Power Plant Scherer Chapter held a charity golf tournament on Monday April 24th benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Central Georgia.

With a turnout of over 120 golfers and supporters, they were able to donate over \$31,000 to this great charity.

The tournament was held at River Forest Golf Club and included a 40+ item raffle, a ball drop and many other on course mini-games and competitions to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club. The CGP Plant Scherer Chapter is proud to be a part of such a giving community and seeks to continue being a source of positive change.

Southern Company Services and Georgia Power

Throughout March and April, Southern Company Services employees Charles Bythewood and Max Clavijo and Georgia Power employees Shaun Gunter and Kristen Wiekierak volunteered with 3DE by Junior Achievement of Georgia as business coaches and judges at Roswell High School, West Forsyth High School, and South Gwinnett High School. Collaborating in small teams, the 9th grade 3DE students at these schools were challenged to develop their own solution to a real-world problem: How can Delta Air Lines improve the gate experience? Charles, Max, and Shaun volunteered as coaches to work with the student teams midway through their case challenge. By providing feedback on each team's innovative ideas and sharing their career experience around problem-solving, our future leaders received firsthand guidance around the brainstorming process from seasoned professionals. Following the coaching sessions, four finalist teams were selected to present their unique solution in front of a panel of volunteer judges. In this phase, Kristen served as a volunteer judge to help choose the winning team at South Gwinnett High School. Thanks to all of you for choosing to make a difference in these students lives!





Columbus Chapter Americus Area (CORRECTION)

The April edition of the Energizer contained a story about the work our folks did at Perfect Care, Inc. senior center in Americus. This story was wrongly attributed to the Albany chapter. This great effort was actually done by our crews in Americus. My apologies gentlemen! Thank you all for choosing to make a difference in Sumter County.



CCR Program Day of Service

On May 4, 2023, the Georgia Power CCR Program, in partnership with GPC Volunteer Services and the Friends of Georgia State Parks, hosted its first annual Day of Service. The GPC CCR Program includes team members from Georgia Power Environmental Affairs and Southern Company Technical Shared Services groups, who are working together on the Company's ash pond closure projects.

Over 30 volunteers from Georgia Power and SCS partnered to rebuild 10 picnic tables at the Chattahoochee Bend State Park, near Plant Yates. This effort, coupled with materials purchased by the Friends, saved the park over \$4,800. The Friends said it was their largest volunteer group so far and featured the project on their Facebook page. Thanks to all who were involved with such a great teambuilding and community engagement activity.



Walk MS Atlanta Georgia Power / SoCo Team

Brain DeFrates, Manager in SCS Enterprise Technology Solutions and MS Georgia Board member reported that a good time was had by all at the Atlanta MS Walk. As a matter of fact, he said a great time was had by all at the Marietta Walk, the Savannah Walk and the Augusta Walk as well! Georgia Power and Southern Company had 55 volunteers that came together to walk and raise over \$20,660 so far for this great cause! And the fundraising continues through August!





Heart of Georgia Macon

Macon Area Habitat for Humanity dedicated three homes on May 11, 2023. Heart of Georgia Citizens members were honored to take part in the builds as part of their MLK project this year. Cassandra Cox, External Affairs Manager and Dawn Burgamy, Executive Secretary attended the home dedication.

Ivey Hall, Executive Director Macon Habitat recognized all the volunteers at the dedication as two proud homeowners looked on.

*#GAPowerfulService,
#WeHelpBecauseItsHomeExternal,
#EnergizingOurCommunities*



Metro East

Metro East Citizens volunteers joined their efforts in support of the Empty Stocking Fund's education kit drive. Chapter members packed 1,200 kits that included paper, pens, rulers, and many other items for students in need.

These items will be passed out this summer along with 13,000 addition kits and back packs! Great job Metro East!



Metro West

Metro West Citizens chapter volunteered at the Make-A-Wish 2023 Walk/Run For Wishes 5k fundraiser event at Truist Park. The team was stationed at a water station along the route, passing out water bottles and cheering on the participants to keep on going. The funds raised will support the Make-A-Wish mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses, and a wish experience can truly change a child's life.





Jefferson Street

Jefferson street Citizens volunteers jumped at the opportunity to appreciate teachers on Teacher Appreciation Week at Hope Hill Elementary

Volunteers read to the students in PreK-K and thanked the staff for educating our rising stars with lunch. Love getting to reach out to the youth in the metro Atlanta community.

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- [#EnergizingOurCommunities](#)
- [#WeHelpBecauseItsHome](#)



General Office

The G.O. Chapter participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at North Atlanta High School on Friday, May 12th. The team, led by recent retiree Debbie Baker, organized a very successful on-site fundraiser by selling snow cones to participants on the warm May evening. Chapter members who couldn't attend the in-person event also had the opportunity to participate virtually again this year to raise much needed funds for the fight against cancer. Between snow cones and other fundraising, the team raised more than \$2,725 for the American Cancer Society!



The G.O. Chapter partnered with the Boyce L. Ansley School to give away toiletries to the mothers of the children who attend the school. The Boyce L. Ansley School is a private, tuition-free school for children experiencing homelessness across the street from GPC headquarters. On Tuesday, May 9th, chapter members packed bags of toiletries and wrote inspirational notes for the mothers at Café 241.

The G.O. Chapter sponsored a GPC Bike Drive for Free Bikes 4 Kidz Atlanta, a nonprofit geared toward helping all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. Members delivered more than 30 gently used bikes to be donated to Atlanta-area kids in need. Special thanks to Anthony Crawford and his team Building Management for all their help!





Metro East and General Office

Metro East and General Office chapter teamed up to transform the backyard of the Friends of Refugees Hospitality House. Volunteers created flower beds, built outdoor furniture, created privacy hedges, poured concrete, and did general yard clean up. Their efforts transformed the outdoor living space into a safe place for refugees to enjoy friends and family.

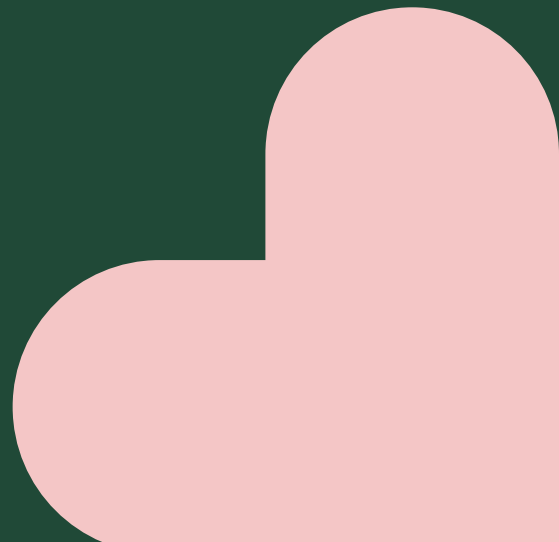
Helen Shuford, 2022 Community Impact Award winner and tireless volunteer for Friends of Refugees in Clarkston sent a note of thanks to all the volunteers who came together for an incredible Legacy Project.

Helen said: *"Thank you for giving the Friends of Refugees Hospitality House love. We worked sooooo hard. I am proud of the work ethic my Georgia Power colleagues' display every day even on a Saturday." Chapter President and project organizer Andre Person also chimed in, "I wanted to echo what Helen said...you guys are absolutely outstanding and did some amazing work today. I know that the Friends of Refugees greatly appreciate all your work. I would hire you all any day to transform my yard."*





Earth Day Projects



Plant Bowen

In support of Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful and their Earth Day clean up event, Bowen CGP donated a \$150 Home Depot Gift card to buy supplies. Hannah Bagley Program Coordinator for Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful proudly accepted the donation from Plant Bowen CGP Chapter President Tari Whiteman.



Forest Park

For Earth Day, Citizens of Georgia Power-Forest Park Chapter, in collaboration with AMIGOS ERG, supported Huie Elementary School with an Earth Day Project. A total of 33 volunteers worked together to plant a rose garden, butterfly garden, and raised flower beds with colorful flowers. The group also planted a few small trees in front of the property and building entrances.

They got the school a couple of picnic tables with benches that were placed around the playground area for students and teachers to have seating. The Citizens of Georgia Power-Forest Park Chapter would like to thank AMIGOS and all the volunteers that made this all possible. It was a great to see the students' excitement with the finished project and to see them enjoy the picnic tables.

Thank you all for being a 'Citizen Wherever We Serve' and helping to enhance the outdoor environment for the students at Huie Elementary School!

Heart of Georgia — Macon

Volunteers from Heart of Georgia Macon chapter had a great day at the Earth Day event at Amerson Park. Thanks to all the chapter members and their families who came out to make this event special!



Customer Care Center

As part of their observance of Earth Day, Chairperson Octavia Newkirk and nine CCC Chapter members showed up ready to work with great energy to clean up Patrick Henry Parkway on Saturday, April 29th. Octavia summed up the event as, "we came, we fought, and we conquered!"



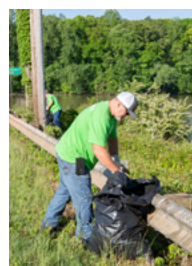
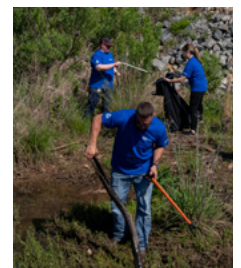
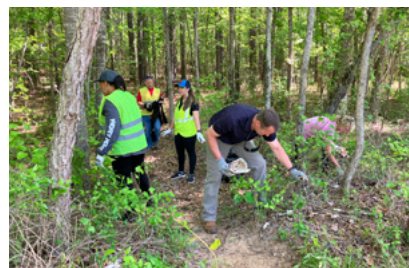
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Check out these impressive stats:

- ▶ 60 volunteers at Jackson
- ▶ 45 volunteers at Harding
- ▶ 54 volunteers at Sinclair
- ▶ Over 20,721 lbs of trash collected including multiple dilapidated docks and an abandoned boat

Thanks to all for making such a huge impact at these lakes!!



Savannah TMC

Savannah TMC employees and their families came together for an Earth Day beach cleanup at Tybee Island. Great turnout for an awesome event!



Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street Citizens Earth Day event was at Panola Mountain Park in Stockbridge. It was a great day of service helping beautify the nature trail and children's area. We loved seeing the hikers while we serviced the park. #GAPowerfulService.

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General Office

In honor of Earth Day/Arbor Day, the G.O. Chapter partnered with Park Pride to assist with cleanup at McDaniel Branch Wetlands adjacent to Langford Park on Friday, April 28th. Volunteers worked on cleanup and beautification projects identified by the community park stewardship group, and they had the option to take part in a “Bioblitz” using a smartphone app to identify wildlife species as part of the City Nature Challenge.



Metro East

Metro East volunteers partnered with Trees Atlanta to remove invasive plant species from the West End Beltline. They also did general clean up in the area.



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
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
11/2/2023	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