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# HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE



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Newsletter

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# State President's Message

**Patrick Harris**



Team,

As I reflect upon my time as a recently graduated college student my goal was to find a job, be independent, and self-supportive. My education allowed me to work and experience different companies around various places in the United States. Even though I was able to have these experiences and jobs making good money and surrounded by good people, there seemed to be something missing. What was missing was a 'sense of purpose'. In other words, as an employee, I was missing a sense of connection with the community.

This reminds me of the Avengers Infinity Wars movie where the villain, Thanos, eliminated the superheroes he spent a lifetime trying to destroy. Once that goal was accomplished, he was unfulfilled because that had been his only mission in life. Even though his plan worked it didn't satisfy him. Encourage your co workers to not be like Thanos. Strive for a balance in your life through volunteering and being a 'Hometown Hero in Service'.

Having said all of that, aren't you glad we work for a company like Georgia Power (GPC)? Through the Citizens of Georgia Power, GPC shows that they can provide an outlet for you and I to make this connection to the community. The work you do for Citizens not only helps fulfill the community, but it fulfills you. Some of you may know that I recently relocated to the city of Macon, GA. I had a chance to volunteer with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter in restoring a house for a family in need. It feels so good providing solutions for housing while connecting with my new community and representing our company in a volunteer capacity.

There are many examples such as this from many of you, across the state. Thank you for being leaders in your community and thank you for being AWESOME 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

Patrick Harris



# Metro South

Metro South Citizens had 17 volunteers come together to sort clothing and help organize the warehouse at Bloom Our Youth in Fayetteville. Bloom's mission is to empower Georgia families and communities to transform the lives of children impacted by foster care. Great job Metro South!



# Metro West

Looks like Metro West Citizens needs their own edition of the Energizer this month! First up is their project at Sweetwater Mission. Metro West volunteers partnered with Sweetwater Mission for a food giveaway for low-income residents in the Austell community. The Citizens' members helped to unload food items, setup, and distribute food to over 200 families. Big thanks to Zoey Gaudion for supervising the whole operation!



THANK YOU SO MUCH to everybody who donated food items to support Clark Creek Elementary School students. Clark Creek is a Title One school, so 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch and on the weekends are at risk for not having a full meal. The pantry at the school provides 70 families, close to 200 students, with extra food to take home each weekend. The food drive was a huge success!

Metro West Citizens volunteered at Simple Needs Georgia in Marietta. This organization provides the basic necessities for homeless people. Volunteers sorted supplies, organized books, made 100 men's kits, compiled home kits, and built table and chairs. Thanks to the 11 hearty volunteers who chose to make a difference!



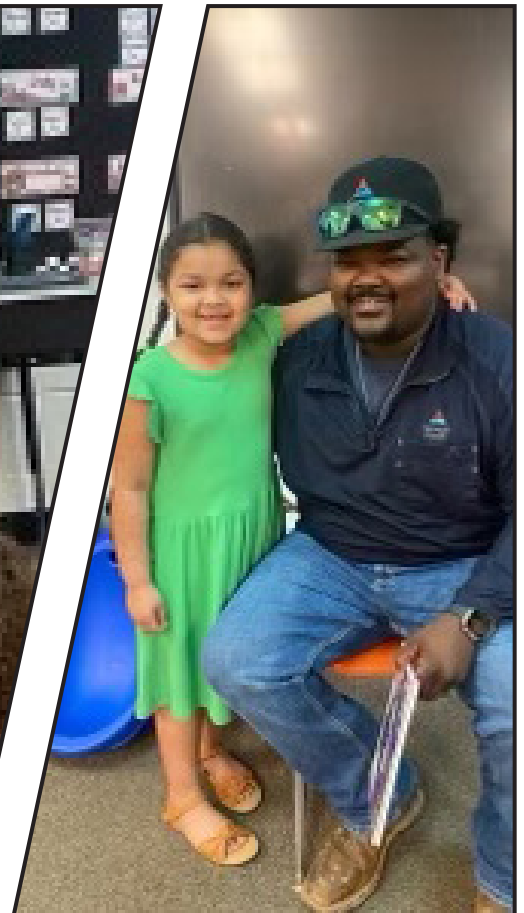
# Metro North Ambassadors

Metro North Ambassadors put the word out before their meeting that they were collecting can goods to support Metro West Citizens food drive for Clark Creek Elementary School. Clark Creek is a Title 1 school and each week; children are provided a backpack with food so they can have nutritious meals through the weekend. As usual, Metro North Ambassadors came through!



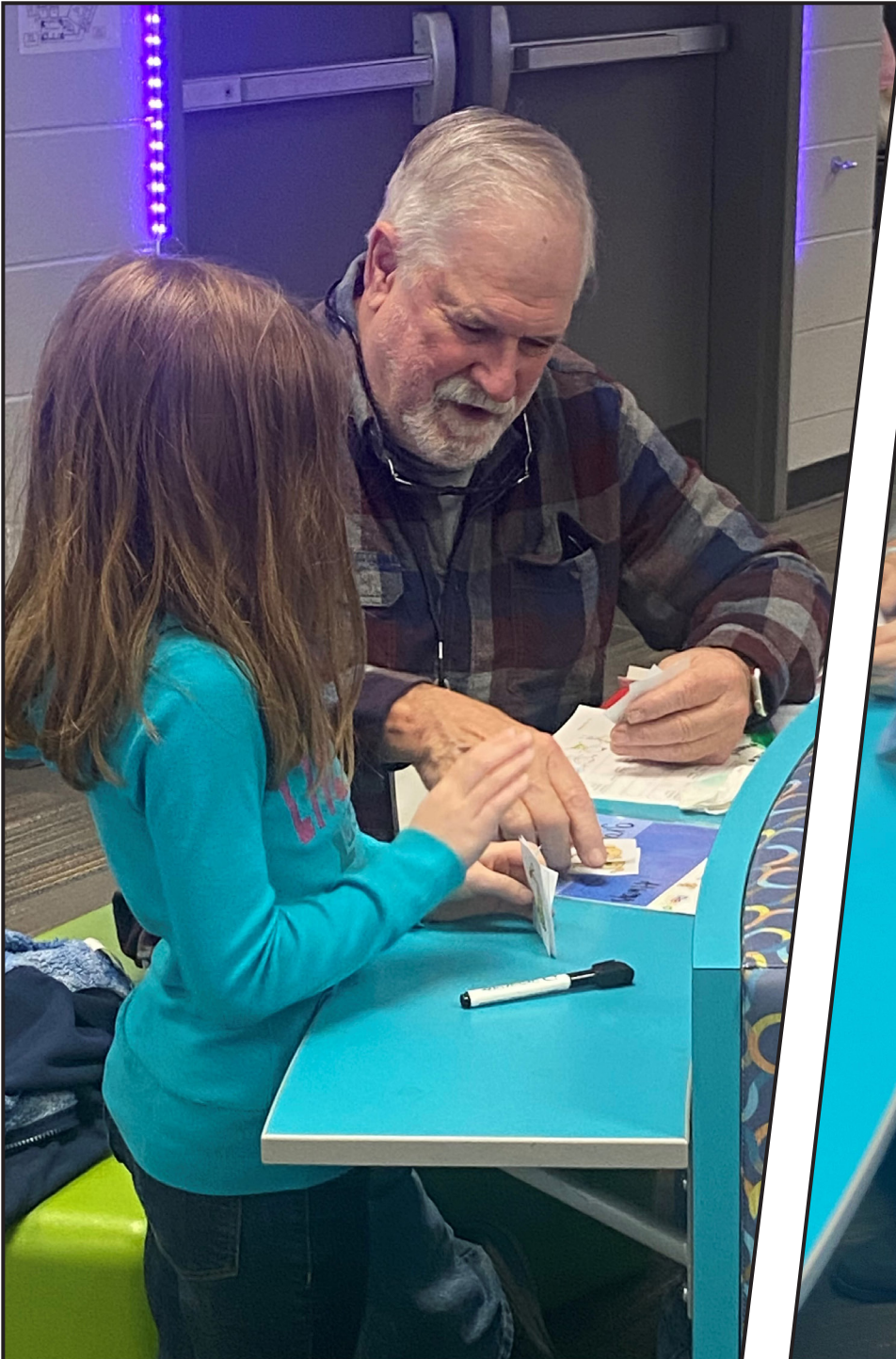
# Carrollton

As part of the chapter's ongoing support of educational projects in schools and Read Across America, Carrollton Citizens volunteer Chris Johnson made time to read to her daughter Kennedy's 1st grade class and her son Karter's kindergarten class.



# Augusta Ambassadors

Augusta retirees continue to be Citizens wherever they serve! Ambassador members Tony and Susan Saxon, along with Alice Smith, read and worked with children in a local elementary school. Great job Augusta Ambassadors!



# Metro Central Ambassadors

The Metro Central Ambassadors welcomed Chelsea Folds, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Clinic as their speaker for their recent meeting. The Good Shepherd Clinic is a faith-based non-profit organization that provides access to quality medical care for those in need. Located in Morrow, GA, their services include primary care, prescription assistance, lab services and specialty clinics. The chapter presented Folds with needed supplies for the Clinic at the end of the meeting.



The Metro Central Ambassadors donated needed items to the Atlanta Community Food Bank this month. Members brought in requested items such as, organic peanut butter, canned chicken, brown rice, and other assorted items that will help so many food insecure people in our community.



# Carrollton Citizens and West Georgia Ambassadors

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members, along with West Georgia Ambassadors and their families joined together Saturday with Keep Carroll Beautiful for the Great Greenbelt Cleanup 2024. These volunteers did two sections of the trail that totaled 2.25 miles. Their efforts collected 10 bags of trash, metal molding, pvc pipe, 5-gallon bucket, 5-gallon glass aquarium, hubcap, and a large box. They also found a kiddie pool on the trail! Thanks to everyone that joined in on the effort. After the event, April Hale was able to donate all the leftover snacks to one of the Little Free Pantries. Excited to see lots of new faces for this event!





## Savannah Ambassadors

The Savannah Ambassadors recently donated 89 lbs. of food for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. America's Second Harvest serves as the food safety net for tens of thousands of people who are at risk for hunger throughout Coastal Georgia.

# Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles chapter of Ambassadors recently donated items to House of Hope. The Brunswick nonprofit aids the victims of sex trafficking.



# Customer Care Center

Barbara L. Tatum, affectionately known around the CCC as “BLT”, was the esteemed recipient of our 2023 Mamie K. Taylor Award. BLT consistently demonstrates the profound impact our hours of service can have. As a committed citizen, she goes above and beyond to aid seniors in our community, whether it’s through providing groceries, transportation to doctor appointments, meals, house cleaning, or engaging in home improvement projects. The list of her contributions is long, and what we’ve mentioned is just a snippet of her efforts this year. It’s her passion for giving back to others that truly sets her apart. Having BLT on our leadership team is a blessing. Her actions inspire all of us to embrace community service and contribute to making a positive difference.



# Sinclair Oconee Ambassadors

The Sinclair Oconee Chapter collects food items monthly at the meetings for the Putnam County Christian Outreach. The chapter donated over 100 lbs. of food this month.



# West Georgia Ambassadors

The West Georgia chapter of Ambassadors welcomed Kelly Hines from the Coweta Samaritan Clinic as their speaker for their recent meeting. The Coweta Samaritan Clinic is a local, nonprofit organization that provides free medical care in a faith-based environment to qualified adult residents of Coweta County who lack health insurance. The chapter members presented Hines with several donations from the Clinic's wish list at the end of the meeting.

# Gwinnett

Citizen's members from the Gwinnett Chapter delivered ninety-one handmade Valentine's Cards and goodies to Hi Hope Center of Lawrenceville. The Hi Hope Center is a non-profit organization that; "Empowers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to define and live a meaningful life." Alpharetta Distribution Area employees used their creative talent to handmade special Valentine's cards. Quentin Dunnell, Storekeeper at N. Shallowford Operating Headquarters was chosen for having designed some very thoughtful, heartwarming, and creative Valentine's cards. Great job all!



# Plant Yates

Plant Yates citizen members present a Power Town demonstration to three classes at Western Elementary School for Career Day.

Plant Yates Citizens purchasing non-perishable food items preparing to restock the little free food pantries located throughout the community. Being involved in the community makes a difference. There is something magical about doing for others without the expectation of reward.



Giving Hearts food pantry is in Carrollton, GA and gives families the opportunity to come in and pick the food they want once a month by appointment only. Plant Yates chapter voted to use their incentive and social media checks to purchase \$650 worth of most needed items. While delivering the supplies chapter members took a tour of the facility and learned about Giving Hearts new "Pack A Snack" volunteer program. No doubt Plant Yates volunteers will dive right in the middle of that!

Yates chapter members clean and restock the Little Free Food Pantries located throughout the community.

Yates volunteers were invited to A. Phillip Randolph Elementary School to host another PowerTown presentation. The kids were excited to go on an "in house" field trip to the library to learn about who we were and what we do at Georgia Power. After the demonstration the young scholars were asking questions, thrilled to try on the PPE, and couldn't wait to touch the hands-on model.



# General Office

Project Chair Rhonda Millsaps sent a heartfelt note to all the General Office volunteers who helped make another Hope Lodge dinner a huge success.....

"I just wanted to give sooo many thanks and accolades to all of you who donated food and other items, gift cards and money and your time! Whether you attended or took the time to get your items to me or to get money to me...it all adds up to what always happens....a wonderfully successful dinner:) The cancer patients and their care givers all smiled big smiles while they did beautiful artwork with Amanda, Amber, and Courtney. You should have seen some of the talent! Thank you all for providing everything to make the art activity a favorite among the patients at the Hope Lodge!"





# Heart of Georgia

The Citizens of Georgia Power Company Heart of Georgia chapter had a great time competing in the 42nd Cherry Blossom Festival Bed Race. Unfortunately, they were not able to defend their 2023 title and ended up with the 2nd place trophy, 0.5 seconds off from the eventual champion. Thanks to the Heart of Georgia chapter president, Travis Gross, and bed race coach Corey Underwood for their support. Bed race participants included Caleb Olson (Central TMC Supervisor), Alton Mitchell (Plant Scherrer Operations Specialist), Blake Collis (UAL 1 – Manchester), Patrick Harris (Region Executive – Macon), and Addison Reagan (Columbus CGP President and P&C Test Engineer).



# North Fulton

North Fulton CGP Chapter members and their families had a fun time supporting the Unique Individual Ranch (UIR), an organization which provides individualized care, socialization, learning opportunities, support for parents, and safety and security for children with unique needs. GPC Engineer and UIR board member Taylor Elliott partnered with CGP Chapter President Zakhia Thompson to coordinate the activity. Participants had fun stuffing 1000 "Easter Eggs" with candies for an upcoming egg hunt.



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## 2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	<b>October 11</b>	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
<b>February 7</b>	State Board Meeting	<b>October 30</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
<b>February 8</b>	Leadership Summit	<b>November 6</b>	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
<b>March 1</b>	Financials uploaded in electronic folder	<b>November TBD</b>	Citizens Annual Business Meeting Virtual Teams Meeting
<b>March 5</b>	State Office will verify financials and service hours	<b>December 8</b>	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	<b>December 13</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>July 25</b>	Summer State Board Meeting	<b>December 16</b>	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
<b>August 12</b>	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	<b>December 29</b>	All 2024 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
<b>September 12</b>	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		
<b>October 6–7</b>	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2025		