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State President's Message



JD Wilson

Citizens,

School has started back for the fall and with it has come a number of changes to our daily lives. For the Wilson family, our oldest recently began Pre-K and while it's been a change for our family to adjust to, I couldn't be more proud to watch my son grow up. Of course, he's not the only child around the state going back to school. Many others have had changes to their daily routines - making sure they catch the school bus, meeting their new teachers and buying school supplies.

While this time of the year can bring excitement, it can also be a tremendous burden for families around the state. According to Metro Atlanta CEO, over 16% of children between the ages of 5-17 are impoverished. Buying supplies and gearing up for the year can cost real money and that can create real stress. That's why I am so encouraged by what our Citizens chapters around the state accomplished in support of those families. Together, we packed over 5,000 backpacks full of school supplies and hope for a brighter tomorrow. That's a much needed boost for over 5,000 families that can now focus on helping their children be successful rather than worry about how to pay for supplies. If you took time to participate in this effort, please accept my sincere thanks.

If you have a moment, take a look at the **video** our Citizens 1st Vice President Patrick Harris created talking about the wonderful work going on across the state. Nelson Mandela taught that "Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world." Thank you for taking time to invest in our youth, our schools and our communities. Together, Citizens leads the way in making a brighter tomorrow.

In Service,
J.D.

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens member Joyce Price and her son James filled up two pantries in Carrollton. Both were completely empty on arrival, and people were waiting on them to finish dropping off their donations. Later in the day she dropped back by one of those pantries and it was already empty. The need is great, consider donating to a Little Free Pantry near you!



On Tuesday, August 1st, April Hale volunteered on behalf of the Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power at the Gettin' Ready to Go Expo for Centralhatchee Elementary School students. The event was sponsored by the Carrollton Baptist Association and Centralhatchee First Baptist Church. Carrollton Citizens members donated 21 backpacks filled with supplies! Approximately 160 kids came through with their families to receive their complete school supply list and around 80 more bags were taken to the school for the students that were unable to make it to the event. Great job Citizens!





Customer Care Center

CCC Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with the CCC Joy Squad for a Popcorn Social as CGP Presented the 2023 Back to School Book Bag Drive. Ketty Lora-Gonzalez and Nakee-ya Pyron chaired this successful event to support Connecting Henry, Restoration Community Ministries and A Friends House, where we stuffed and donated over 150 bookbags for students in Henry and Clayton Counties. Kimberly Allen and Ketty both bought their daughters and future Citizens of GA Power associates in on that day to help with our efforts.



Forest Park

The Forest Park Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter was excited to participate in supporting Huie Elementary's back-to-school supply drive! Volunteers said they are proud to be part of a company that gives them the opportunity to support the schools in their communities. The chapter donated 67 book bags filled with school supplies and 93 lbs of supplies. Thanks to all the employees who donated or volunteered their time to help make this possible. While delivering the backpacks, volunteers were able to check in on the garden they planted for Earth Day!





Valdosta

The Valdosta Citizens of Georgia Power worked on a Legacy project at the Boy Scouts Camp Patten in Lakeland on Saturday, August 5th. Camp Patten is considered a tremendous outdoor classroom where youth come to promote the ideals of Scouting. The Citizens partnered with the Boy Scouts to repair the dock that the Scouts use for fishing, boat training, and other activities. The project involved repairing and replacing the joists and removing and replacing the decking. More than 24 volunteers from GPC and the Boy Scouts helped complete the project.

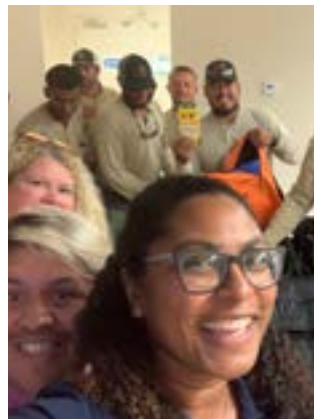


Tifton

Tifton Citizens braved the heat to help give out school supplies at the Community Family Resource Day in Nashville. Sara Paulk of Berrien Co Family Connections/Communities in Schools of Berrien Co. sent in her thanks with this note:

A huge thanks to each of you for showing up to help and bless our community at the community family resource day! It definitely takes a village and I appreciate all of the preplanning work that goes into making any event a success! I'm so proud of your team - your dedication, hard work, positive attitude and heart for the community is always inspiring! Today, We had over 95 volunteers with the 28 different organizations represented and we gave out over 400 backpacks plus numerous flyers and much needed resources to families! Walking around and giving lunch to the vendors at the end was the BEST! We were so thankful for that ice water & hotdog!

Thank you again for all you do!



Tifton Citizens Chapter partnered with Ruth's Cottage for a Latino outreach book bag drive. The Tifton distribution crew and Supervisor Jonathan Scheller prepped approximately 65 book bags with essentials needed for elementary, middle, and high school students. At the event we were met with over 150 people, waiting in line to receive back to school items. The items went fast! The outreach was held in the community, where community children attending could walk to the event, as it was within walking distance to their homes. Great job Tifton!

Metro East

Volunteers from Metro East Citizens attended the National Night Out Event presented by ATL Cares and Renaissance Park Neighborhood. This community building event had over 45 exhibitors including several different branches of the Atlanta Police Department, the GBI, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), Emory Hospital, Georgia Tech and Georgia State Police, Fulton County Police Departments, US Army, and so many more! Special thank you to our metro East Citizens member, Sam Morris, in the Distribution Forestry organization, for being the liaison on this special community event.



Heart of Georgia

Citizens members from Heart of Georgia came together to make their community a better place and to provide encouragement to students returning to school at Adopt A Role Model. The chapter had a blast interacting with the students and gave out 100 backpacks.



Plant Yates

The Plant Yates chapter collaborated with the principal and teachers of Whitesburg Elementary to host a Back-to-School event today! Families were able to shop for clothes and shoes. They were also provided book bags, school supplies, and a lunch prepared by our Citizens group! The event couldn't have gone any better. More than 30 volunteers and were able to serve over 100 students today.



Metro West & Ambassadors

Metro West members were excited to be able to support the STEMulate Your Mind Back to School Jamboree at Jessie Davis Park in Douglas County. The Citizens and Ambassador members helped to stuff 500 backpacks with school supplies that were purchased with donated funds by the Citizens organization. The members were super excited to help setup, breakdown and assist with a STEM project too. The students learned about solar energy and were able to make a solar bracelet and get a pair of cool solar shades. The team distributed the shades and helped students tie their bracelets. This was truly a great collaboration between the Ambassadors and the Citizens of Metro West.



Metro West & MVP

The Metro West Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with MVP and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity to help build a house for a local veteran. In one day, the team wrapped the outside of the house, installed the windows, built, and installed the frames for the inner walls, caulked the entire inside, installed 2 tub/shower units, and installed all the joist hangers for the inside of the house. The twenty volunteers made the work look easy. We really made an impact in the lives of the veteran mom and her son who will live in the house as well as the community. Great partnership, great job!

Savannah

In preparation for the new school year, the Savannah Citizens chapter donated over \$5,000 in school supplies to the single moms of Shelter from the Rain Inc. Employees got out of the heat and came together to assemble 140 backpacks loaded with age-appropriate school supplies for elementary, middle, and high school students in Chatham County.





General Office

The General Office Chapter recently partnered with the Technology Organization to provide laptops to 45 students at the Boyce L. Ansley School, a tuition-free private school near GPC Headquarters that supports families who are overcoming homelessness. The laptops were distributed by volunteers to the second through fourth grade students during a fun-filled day of empowerment, education, and giving on August 15 as part of Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens' Year of the Youth.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens members got started on a great Legacy Project at Monroe County Hospital. The project will create a handicap assessable outside sitting area for patients and families. This is a long-term project that started with pressure washing and site prep work. The before and after pictures on the pressure washing tell the tale. Off to a great start Plant Scherer!



Scherer Citizens volunteers came together to help kids in Twiggs and Monroe Counties start the school year of right with a full backpack. The backpack assembly line was a fine-tuned, well-oiled machine! Their efforts put a smile on the faces of over 220 children!

Parents and students were all smiles as Plant Scherer volunteers handed out school supplies at an event sponsored by the Twiggs County PTA.



Students at K.B. Sutton School in Monroe County were the recipients of some Plant Scherer Citizens generosity with fully stuffed backpacks for the start of the schoolyear!

Citizens Summer State Board Meeting

Citizens of Georgia Power State Board hosted their summer meeting at 241 and virtually for all board members and advisory council. For the first time, the board also participated in a service project during their meeting. The Board assembled hygiene kits supporting City of Refuge, a non-profit in Atlanta focused on getting families and individuals out of times of crisis. While we work in the community, your Citizens of Georgia Power state board is Leading in Service to support you! This was truly a great collaboration between the Ambassadors and the Citizens of Metro West.



Metro North External Affairs Power Delivery Appreciation Cookout

Metro North External Affairs hosted a Power Delivery Appreciation Cookout at Wills Road Operating Headquarters. Senior Region Distribution Support Rep and Ambassador Chapter Coordinator Regina Sinclair took the opportunity to combine it with the Metro North Ambassadors meeting. Our retirees were so excited to be able to engage with the distribution crews! Big thanks to John Asbell for his continued support!made the work look easy. We really made an impact in the lives of the veteran mom and her son who will live in the house as well as the community. Great partnership, great job!



Make A Wish Georgia Support

Lea Clanton, Lisa Tolliver, Deanna Moultry, Rosa Marroquin, Brandon Moore, and Cindy McLeroy from Community Engagement, along with Amy Hall from Charitable Giving took their support for Make A Wish Georgia to new heights by participating in their "Over the Edge" event. "Over the Edge" is an annual fundraiser for the Make a Wish Georgia chapter where participants raise money and rappel down the 22 stories of the InterContinental Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, GA. The money raised will support the vital funds needed to help grant wishes for children battling critical illnesses located across the state of Georgia. Our GPC team was the first-place fundraiser, raising over **\$10,000** for Make A Wish.



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