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Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

JD Wilson



Citizens,

I am honored to serve as your 2023 Citizens of Georgia Power State President. Our theme this year is "Leading in Service" because I believe our charge to be a Citizen Where We Serve makes us leaders when we step out to make the communities and people around us better. Our Martin Luther King Junior Day of Service was yet another fantastic example of how we are leaders in our communities. We brave the cold every year on a company holiday to invest time in the places we live. Your engagement was shown as we had a record number of projects set up around the state where you got out and made a difference. In Carrolton, you stocked food for those that might be hungry. In Columbus, you marched for unity in your city. At a project I attended in Atlanta, we painted murals to help encourage and educate our youth. The spirit of service was alive throughout the state, and I'm excited to see where it takes us this year.

In a 1964 speech to college students fighting for racial equality, Dr. Martin Luther King Junior reminded the crowd of the "urgency of now" saying, "The time is always right to do what is right." I invite you to read this month's Energizer and see some of the ways the Citizens of Georgia Power found time to do what was right this month.

In Service,

J.D.

Athens

As part of their Christmas Wish Project for Project Safe in support of the Women and Children's Shelter, Athens Citizens members dug deep and helped make Christmas special for a mom and her four kids. Gift bags were bursting at the seams thanks to chapter member's generosity!





Community & Economic Development

Last week, the Community & Economic Development team volunteered with Rise Against Hunger, a growing global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Guided by volunteer event coordinator Nifemi Owolabi, the C&ED team packaged 10,000 meals that will be sent all around the world. (That also means they got to hit the gong TEN times!) The team said it was an honor to roll up their sleeves and work together for this amazing organization!





MVP, Citizens, and Ambassadors

MVP member Demetrius Hamm penned a heartfelt thank you to all the folks who volunteered with Wreaths Across America:

All,

Thank you all for volunteering on Saturday for Wreaths Across America. This year's MVP partnership with Volunteer Services produced our largest turnout, well over 70 volunteers across 7 different cemeteries. Thank you, Citizens and Ambassadors, for your support!

Thanks!

In response to Demetrius' note, Director of Community Engagement Lea Clanton expressed her appreciation for MVP's leadership and shared some pictures of her kids laying wreaths!

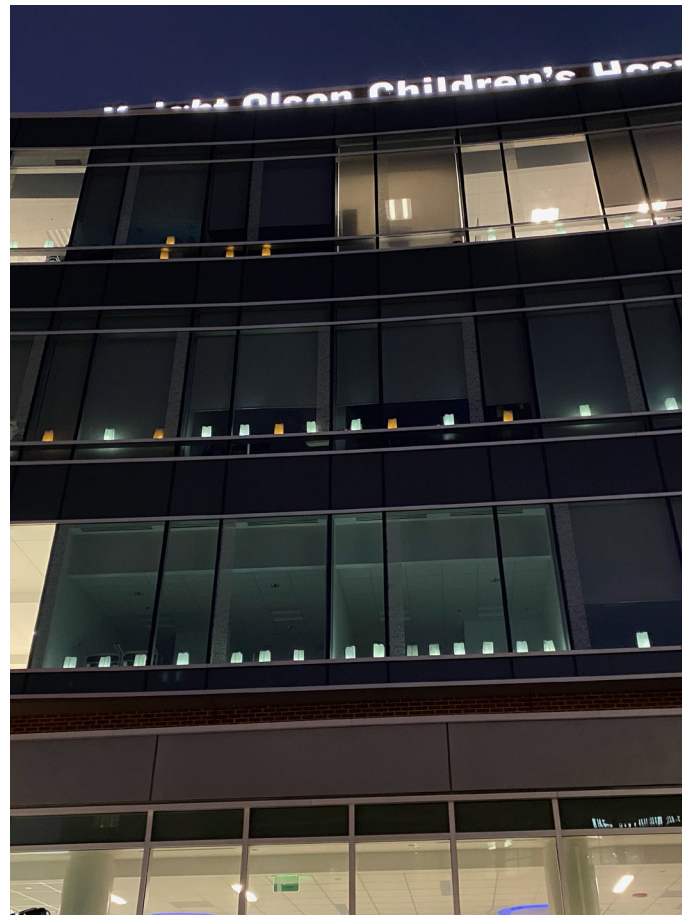




Heart of Georgia

As part of their continuing support of Wellsprings Wellness Center, Heart of Georgia members assembled two more adaptive bikes. Thanks to Freedom Concepts for jumping on a Teams call to guide them through assembly. Stay tuned for a big reveal soon!

Heart of Georgia participated in "A Night of Lights" by getting the luminaries ready and in the windows at the Children's Hospital. Simona Vickers accepted the recognition from Dr. Finely, CEO of Atrium Health Navicent.





Tifton

Sabrina Rouse dropped a note telling us about her favorite group of elves in Tifton. She said "Our guys did a phenomenal job again this year buying bikes for our local foster children Hope for Kids. The chapter purchased several bikes and delivered them to the State Patrol office to deliver to the children." Big thanks to Ronald Shawver, Kareem Romulo-Perez, Lance Dell, Manteos Despain, Stuart Jones, Keven Mcdowell, Wes Blease and Duncan Adams for all their efforts!



Carrollton

Chapter Treasurer April Hale sent a note about the chapter's on-going support of Little Free Pantry project. She said, "Wow! One year of loving our neighbors! In celebration of our one-year anniversary, January 15, 2022, I am dropping off 19 Meal Kits this week at the Centralhatchee Little Free Pantry! Thanks to Sabrina Rouse for helping me make this possible with her donation."



Power Delivery Safety

State Second Vice President Jason Bennett was proud to report that the Power Delivery Safety team delivered 115 bags to the Children's Cancer Treatment Center at Memorial in Savannah before Christmas. What a great way to brighten up the holidays for these kids!



Martin Luther King Day Projects





Carrollton

Chapter members showed up in force, 28 to be exact, to help stock 19 Little Free Pantry sites across Carroll County. They reported that most of the pantries were empty when they arrived, but well stocked when they left. Other members stopped by afterwards and stocked the Bremen and Centralhatchee pantries as well.



Customer Care Center

As part of a larger initiative in Metro South, 50 Customer Care Center members volunteered at Helping In His Name Food Pantry where they sorted food items and helped fill orders.



Columbus

For several years Columbus has celebrated the MLK holiday by participating in a unity procession and celebration. The event was a vision of the mayor in Columbus to bring individuals together. On Saturday, January 14th many families, companies, fraternities, and other organizations came together in harmony. Georgia Power was proud to join in the celebration! On Monday, chapter volunteers jumped in for a park clean-up project at Theo McGee Park.





General Office

General Office volunteers were everywhere on King Day!! Volunteers worked at Agnes Jones Elementary, Lutheran Towers, Midtown Assistance Center, and Empty Stocking Fund. Now that's what I call making it a Day On!



Metro West

Metro West Citizens volunteers gathered at Belmont Hills Elementary in support of their Discovery program. The program offers STEM, social-emotional learning, fitness and health activities to some of metro Atlanta's Title 1 elementary school youth. Volunteers helped with set up, registration, leading students through exercises, and being all-around cheerleaders!



Gainesville

The Gainesville Citizens had an excellent turnout for their MLK Day service project at the Georgia Mountain Food Bank (GMFB). The chapter had 21 volunteers (a mix of GPC employees and their family members) spend Monday morning packing and sorting food at GMFB, the only food bank in their 5- county service area. These food supplies will be distributed to a variety of community-based partner agencies who help get the food into the hands of families and individuals in need. What a great Day On!



Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia had 18 volunteers for our MLK Day Project. We worked from 7:30 a.m. to noon on two Habitat houses to build a door for the crawl space, install doorknobs, mailbox, closet shelving and bathroom accessories in each house. Big thanks to our two Plant Scherer volunteers!

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MLK Day Project
Heart of Georgia



Milledgeville

Milledgeville chapter started early at the Baldwin Grows Learning Garden to build a third set of terrace steps accessing the garden. The Learning Garden benefits the students and the community - vegetables grown there are harvested and sold to raise money or handed out to families in need.





Athens

Thank you to ALL the volunteers from Athens Chapter so very much for your support at Adventure Bags on King Day! Adventure Bags supports children during crisis and provides essentials they may need within the first 24-48 hrs of finding necessary assistance. The 27 hardworking volunteers said it was an honor to pack backpacks for such a heartwarming cause!





Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen CGP Chapter continued the efforts of beautification at the Euharlee Black Pioneer Cemetery on Monday January 16th. It was a chilly day but with 15 volunteers worked on removing leaves, limbs, and other debris that had fallen on the cemetery grounds.



North Fulton Area

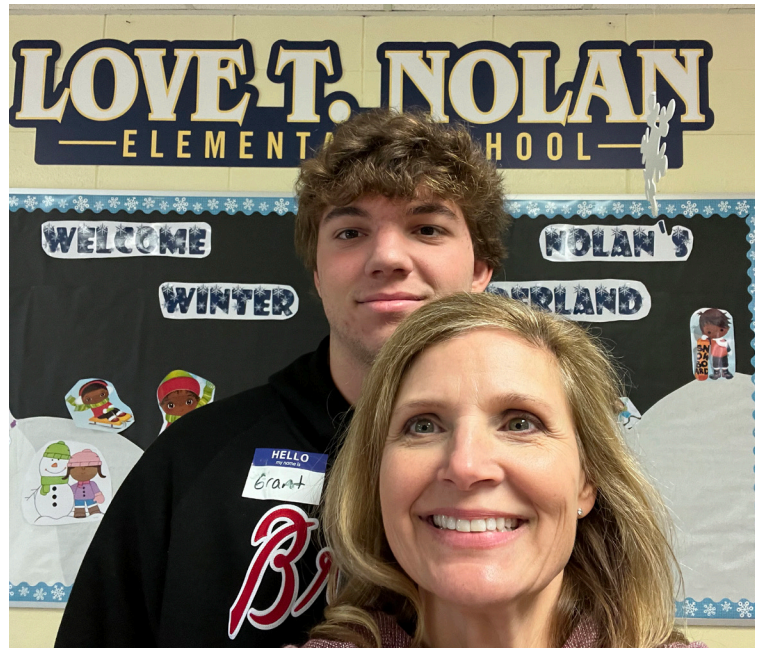
Volunteers from North Fulton showed up in force at Mary Hall Freedom Village in Sandy Springs to help move into their new Day Care and Afterschool Facility. Activities included helping set up classrooms, stock cabinets, assemble toys, arrange furniture, clean, and organize the new space for all the children. Special thanks to David Meiselman for bringing this great charity to the chapter's attention!



North Fulton Area chapter members volunteered at Bald Ridge Lodge sorting, organizing, and cleaning up storage areas, sheds, and the kitchen. They hauled off unwanted items for donation and items damaged by their recent water leak were taken to the dump.



New member and Recording Secretary Amy Shemwell, along with her son, volunteered at Love T Elementary School, in support of their Discovery program. The program offers STEM, social-emotional learning, fitness, and health activities to some of metro Atlanta's Title 1 elementary school youth. Fun fact, Amy attended elementary school at Love T. Nolan!! Great job!





Plant Hatch

Hatch employees and DE&I members joined together for a day of service on Jan. 16, to beautify the flower beds and grounds in front of the Baxley City Gym where the Gents and Glam mentoring program and Camp GROW members attend. This was great positive exposure for Hatch DE&I and a great benefit to the community. Thank you to all who participated!



Metro South

Metro South performed a special project for the Butts County Senior Center in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day. The Butts County Senior Center provides services for citizens ages 50 and older, that promotes, enhances, and supports senior adults and helps them remain independent and feel safe, healthy, and happy in their homes. Seven volunteers helped to clean gutters and roof, clean debris around the front/back yard and porches and replace an outdoor wheelchair ramp at a senior citizen's residence. General Manager Jason Manley led the construction of the wheelchair ramp.



Metro South Citizens Chapter partnered with Christian City, located in Union City, GA. Christian City provides many programs for their community, including a senior living community, a children's living community for victims of abuse and abandonment, an adoption program to match children with a loving family, and so much more. More than 25 Metro South Citizens were in attendance and performed duties such as assisting seniors with light housework/cleaning, removing Christmas decorations from the campus, cleaning/sorting the food pantry, and cleaning up the communal garden area.





Metro South and Jefferson Street

Metro South and Jefferson St Chapters performed a Legacy Project at Conley Hills Elementary School in honor of MLK Day. Conley Hills Elementary School is a Title I school located in the city of East Point. All students receive free/or reduced lunch and all are considered economically disadvantaged. The school is comprised of 460 students; 62% Black or African American, 34% Hispanic, 2% Multi-Racial, and 1% White. The school building is the oldest building in the district and is scheduled to be replaced if property can be secured. 20 volunteers revamped, including cleaning, organizing, and painting, a classroom and outdoor space to provide students an opportunity for a fun experience in school while being celebrated for meeting academic goals, taking a mental break, or during recess time.





Plant Yates

Plant Yates Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter honored MLK Jr day by volunteering at the One Roof food pantry, located in Newnan, Georgia. The chapter had 23 volunteers show up and they worked tirelessly to unpack, sort, and organize pallets of food. The group did an amazing job at putting a big dent in the donations. One Roof employee stated, "It's nice to have floor space again." The volunteers enjoyed helping One Roof so they could continue to serve the community. #energizingourcommunities #Wehelpbecauseitshome #GAPowerfulService



Valdosta

Twenty-three hearty volunteers from Valdosta Citizens worked at Raintree Village on MLK Day. They helped them sort through their food pantry and kitchen, discarding dated produce and cleaning the areas. Volunteers also helped clean and clear the gymnasium of old furniture and removed old furniture and the existing flooring from a children's dormitory as well to help prepare the unit for renovations.



Statesboro/Hinesville

Statesboro/Hinesville Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter had a "day on, not a day off" in honor of MLK Jr. Day on Saturday, January 14th, volunteering at the Statesboro Soup Kitchen. We prepared food, set up the facility, and served meals to community members in need. "This was a great opportunity for our families to volunteer and make a direct impact in our community" said Dennis Reddick, Statesboro/Hinesville Chapter President. "This was an extremely eye-opening experience to be able to serve hot meals on a cold day to families in need." We served over 190 hot meals and had 12 Georgia Power volunteers and their families take part in the event.



Power Delivery Safety

The Power Delivery Safety department and their families made sure they supported those in need across the state. For King Day, 19 employees and family members delivered 300 bags to the Hope Lodge in Decatur. The bags had hygiene items, blankets, snacks, socks, and other items patients can use while at Hope Lodge receiving treatment.



Hands on Atlanta Partnership

For the second year, Volunteer Services is an annual partner with Hands on Atlanta. That partnership was kicked off in a big way on King Day! Westside Future Fund Development Director Ashely Collier sent a follow up note saying, "First, many thanks to you both and your team at Georgia Power for your remarkable support of Westside Future Fund's MLK Day of Service! We are so grateful for your efforts to make our community a better place. This year's day of unity engaged over 900 participants at 8 projects during a time where we needed support more than ever. Participants were able to join essential volunteer projects from school beautifications to park cleanups and bicycle builds to urban farming. We so appreciate you being part of this urgent work!

Highlights

2,700

hours of service

9 community

partners served

Over \$120K

in economic impact



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