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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power,

As we continue down the path that 2017 will lead us I want to take a moment to make sure we are not only serving our communities but also educating our peers. As most of you know, Citizens has three registered charities that serve our members and other personnel. Due to several situations that I am aware of around our organizations (and many more I'm sure that I am unaware of) I want to take a moment and "spotlight" one of our charities – The Georgia Power Family House.



What is it?

We (Citizens) sponsor, manage, and operate two facilities and support a third one that is managed by Atlanta Medical Center. These were created to provide convenient, inexpensive, temporary lodging for families who must travel long distances for medical treatment in the Atlanta area. They are available for overnight (or extended stay). For 2016 we provided over 898 nights lodging at the homes managed by GPC Citizens. That's over a \$125k benefit to those needing lodging!!

How does it work?

You call 404-506-2828 to speak to the Volunteer Services staff member on call to ask questions or make reservations. That is it!! Easy enough in what may/will be a difficult time, right?

What are the requirements?

Two of the houses (Peggy M. Grubb and Hemby House) are reserved for Georgia Power and Southern Company employees, retirees and their immediate families. The other (Mary Ann Manley House) is managed by Atlanta Medical Center and anyone with a family member in any Atlanta hospital may use it. The patient must be at the hospital overnight.

How is it funded/How can you assist?

The homes are funded 100% by donations from employees via Citizen's donations, employees and their immediate families who have had lodging, donations from Ambassador Chapters, fundraisers and via the Club of Hearts! In addition, many of our chapters assist with donations of supplies and needed items for the homes.

Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power
SPOTLIGHT
on service

Plant Bowen Chapter

Plant Bowen Citizens President Ellen Floyd tripped the light fantastic in the 2017 Cartersville Dances with the Stars fundraising event. She and her professional partner Derrek Walters danced the International Rumba. With the generosity of Bowen Citizens members and others, Ellen raised over \$19,000! This annual event, a fundraiser for Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter and the Bartow Backpack Buddies Program, raised over \$171,000!! Great job Ellen!

[Catch the video!](#)



Plant Bowen Citizens members made their monthly visit to Felton Manor Assisted Living Center. They claim it's to brighten up things for the residents but it looks like the Citizens members get as much enjoyment as the residents!



Metro West and Jefferson Street Chapters

Members from Metro West and Jefferson Street Citizens helped clear trails on the Atlanta Beltline near Washington Park.



Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC CGP chapter had their first Lunch for Lunch on February 22.

The group

made 689 sandwiches and packed 450 snack bags. The lunches were taken to Operation Lunchbox, which helps the community by assisting schools in providing groceries to students in need. In the Henry County area alone, they feed 500-1,000 kids every week on Thursdays. Thank you to Tristen Alexander and Tenisha Brown for putting this together. Also, a special thanks to Seaborn Carter, Shawn Wilson, Quintin Harps and Tiffany Harris for helping to pick up supplies and deliver the meals.



The Customer Care Center Citizens held a very successful 2017 Relay for Life Kick-Off on March 7 with a Citizen's Arrest for bail money. Warrants for "Failure to Donate" were issued and Supervisors, Managers, Directors and VP's were arrested, handcuffed, booked, had mug shots taken, incarcerated and released once their bail was paid. The chapter collected in excess of \$3,500.

Columbus Chapter

West Region's Beth Costello and Chris Gray volunteered to work the Columbus Literacy Alliance's 12th Annual Trivia Bee. The Trivia Bee is Literacy Alliance's premier annual fund and awareness-raising event, and proceeds help pay for the programs and services they offer. Beth and Chris volunteered on behalf of the Citizens of Georgia Power – Columbus Chapter and The Columbus Chamber's Young Professionals.



Clayton Chapter

Clayton Citizen's member Greg Brown proudly presented a \$2,500 to Laura Lane from the FERST Foundation. The FERST Foundation works to address one of the most basic issues of childhood literacy, the availability of quality books in the home so that parents can read to their children.

Rome and Northwest Mountain Chapters

Rome and the Northwest Mountain Chapters of the Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with the Northwest Chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers and the Rome Chapter of Georgia Power Ambassadors to host the 2017 MATHCOUNTS NW Regional Finals. The volunteers handled the registration of teams, the distribution, monitoring and grading of the tests. The "Mathletes" team from LaFayette Middle School won the regional finals of the MATHCOUNTS competition. A special thanks to Laura Buchanan for planning the event and another thank you to all of the volunteers who made this competition a success.





Jefferson Street Chapter

Jefferson Street held their annual Lunch for Lunch event to benefit Cross Roads Ministries. The volunteers packed a total of 1,064 lunches for this great charity!

Jefferson Street Citizens members found a fun, creative way to raise money to purchase food for their Lunch for Lunch project. They held a basket fundraiser with a his, hers, and couples basket packed full of great stuff!





Thomson Chapter

The Thomson chapter completed their Earth Day project Saturday, March 11th, putting the final landscaping touches on their community's newest Habitat for Humanity House. Chapter members and family members worked with the new home owners and Habitat volunteers to install 50 shrubs and pine straw. A total of twenty volunteers helped make this a successful event to benefit an extremely happy and excited first time homeowner!



Plant Hammond Chapter



Every week Plant Hammond Citizens supports 20 students from Coosa Middle School through the Backpack Buddy program. A bag of food is provided containing two breakfast meals and two lunch meals for these students to consume over the weekend. The chapter raises money to support the Backpack Buddy

program through their annual Valentine Rose sale. This great program shines a spotlight on childhood hunger and allows Plant Hammond Citizens to truly be "A Citizen Where We Serve".

Tifton Chapter

Tifton Citizens of Georgia Power held a drive to help assist the needs of their local community for the tornado victims. Toiletries, personal hygiene items, and blankets were among the many items collected. The generous donations were delivered to the Adel Chamber of Commerce and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.





General Office Chapter

The General Office chapter held its first Relay for Life Kick-Off event. The members were treated to presentations and general information from Joshua Menifee, Community Manager, Relay For Life of DeKalb County and Sarah Beth Todd, spokesperson for 2017 Run for the Reason. The meeting ended with the members excited about this year's American Cancers Society's events and putting together toiletry bags for the patients at Hope Lodge



Valdosta Chapter

During January and February, the Valdosta Chapter held a "Can Hunger" Campaign. As a result, the Chapter was able to present the Second Harvest Food Bank with a donation totaling 135 lbs. of food, ranging from canned goods to different nonperishable items. The Valdosta Chapter will continue the campaign throughout 2017 in efforts to bring awareness and support the work of the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Waycross Chapter

Jean Redmond, Director of the Ware County Nelson Green Sr. Citizens Center, proudly accepted a generous donation from Waycross Citizens of Georgia Power members Kevin Thomas, Richard Highsmith, James Willis, and Bobby Tippins. The chapter supports the center year round including its MLK Day project as well as food drive efforts to restock their shelves.



Valdosta Chapter

On King Day, the Valdosta Chapter was able to assist two great organizations in the Valdosta community. The day started with all 47 volunteers meeting at "The Tree House" Donation Warehouse to organize the warehouse and sort through donations which will be sold in their Thrift Store. The store's profits are then given back to benefit Hospice of South Georgia as well as the Langdale Hospice House. Part of the group headed to the Lowndes County Children's Advocacy Center to clean gutters, remove pine straw from the roof, pressure wash a small deck, and do some heavy duty hedge trimming. The CAC is an organization that provides support and a safe environment to children who have been victims of abuse. Due to recent budget cuts, the organization lost their funding for yard maintenance.



Georgia Power Family House

Kelly Knock, a member of the Human Resources Team at Target in Sandy Springs wanted to honor the services provided to her fiancé, GPC Engineering Supervisor Brian Williams, who stayed at the Peggy M. Grubb House when his father was in the hospital. Kelly and her HR Executive Team Lead Kela Haly proudly presented a carload of supplies to use at both the Family Houses. Since their store is so close to the house on Highpoint Road, Kelly and other Target associates will be partnering with North Fulton Citizens volunteers for a project at the house later in the year. Thank you Kelly and thank you Target!



Citizens of Georgia Power

We are pleased to announce the launch of the official Citizens of Georgia Power Company Facebook page. To join, simply search for Citizens of Georgia Power Company and ask to join the page. Once you are a member, you can post your project updates, upcoming events and fundraisers. Membership is open to employees, Citizens members and retirees. Just another way to shine the spotlight on what you are doing in your community. Join today!



EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Athens Area Citizens of Georgia Power Golf Tournament	Athens	April 10	Angie Brown ACKINLEY@southernco.com
Savannah Generation MOD Golf Tournament	Savannah Generation	April 14	Lonnie Shaw LOSHAW@southernco.com
Cartersville Charity Golf Tournament	Cartersville	April 17	Ryan Poole/Vickie Adcock RPOOLE@southernco.com VDADCOCK@southernco.com
March of Dimes 5K Run	Gainesville	April 22	Charles Henley CWHENLEY@southernco.com
North Fulton RFL Motorcycle Ride	North Fulton	April 29	Don Bailey DGBAILEY@southernco.com
Lightning Dash 5K Run/Walk	Carrollton	April 29	April Hale ALHALE@southernco.com
Mountain Clays	Northwest Mountain	April 29	Tabitha Stewart TDSTEWAR@southernco.com
Tallulah Falls Sporting Clays	Tallulah Falls	April 29	Brittany Spivey BASPIVEY@southernco.com
Plant Wansley MOD Golf	Plant Wansley	May 5	Julie Arp JULIEARP@southernco.com
GoodBoats: Dragon Boat Races	Augusta	May 6	Linda Goble/Tammy Moore LCGOBLE@southernco.com TMMOORE@southernco.com
15th Annual Golf Tournament	Forest Park	May 12	Tom Stewart TGSTEWAR@southernco.com
Metro South Transmission Construction Charity Golf Tournament	Metro South	May 19	Joe Dixon JDDIXON@southernco.com
Roopville Ramble Bike Ride to benefit Camp Sunshine	Plant Wansley	May 20	Ashley Getwan AGETWAN@southernco.com
"Cast for a Cause" Bass Finshing Tournament	Columbus	May 20	Jay Holt JAYAHOLT@southernco.com
Hee-Haw Motorcycle Ride	Clayton	June 3	Tenille Barrett KTBARRET@southernco.com
Miracle League Softball Tournament for Special Needs Children	Augusta	June 3	Linda Goble/Brenda Wolfe LCGOBLE@southernco.com BGWOLFE@southernco.com
March of Dimes Golf Tournament	Plant Hammond	June 16	Rebecca Theakston RTHEAKST@southernco.com
3rd Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Sept. 14	Tina Daniel/Jessica Ricketson TDDANIEL@southernco.com JRICKETS@southernco.com
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Sept. 15	Tony Westbrook TLWESTBR@southernco.com
Golf Tournament	Customer Care Center	Oct. 2	Don Martin DVMARTIN@southernco.com
Jefferson Street Citizens 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Oct. 11	Kimberly Allen KKSTARRE@southernco.com
Vogle Clay Shoot	Plant Vogtle	Oct. 20	Stephen King SKING@southernco.com

2017 Target Dates and Deadlines

15 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
July 13 & 14	Summer State Board Meeting
August 11	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 1	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 1	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form
September 22	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 3-6	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2018
October 3	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due
October 3	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office
November 10	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
November 11	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
December 1	2017 chapter officer information due
December 8	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 15	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 15	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2017 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple