

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Hello Citizens,

It's hard to believe that I am writing my last message of the year. It has been an honor to serve as your state president this year. I hope my message this month portrays how great of a year we had despite all the challenges. When people refer to 2020, you will often hear the words unprecedented, challenging, interesting, different and several others. For Citizens, it began as a typical year with a lot of energy at Leadership Summit. We talked about this year being all about legacy, developing a plan for your chapters and building partnerships as we played 'Citizens Jeopardy'. The winning table walked away with a gift card, but we all walked away with many new ideas and more informed about the history of Citizens. Shortly after our meeting, the pandemic started, and it seemed like the world was put on pause. As we worked through the new normal and were trying to figure out how to navigate it, we also witnessed social unrest in our communities due to the senseless death of George Floyd. With so many challenges, it would have been reasonable to expect that our members would slow down their efforts. But we all know what really happened, our members pushed through and used the challenges as an opportunity to adapt their efforts to the evolving needs of their communities.



One of our continued focus areas this year was Legacy Projects. The pandemic certainly made it very challenging to do projects in large groups as we wanted to keep our members and those we serve, safe. Many of you even had projects that were canceled due to safety concerns. But in the end, your innovation prevailed, and you found ways to do several projects while following all pandemic guidelines. Your efforts put well over **\$200,000** into our communities at a time when the agencies we support needed it most. Your unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in your communities is the reason our organization continues to be successful year after year. I want to thank the board, the state office, the advisory council and the Legacy Project Committee for their support and engagement this year. I also want to thank the chapter presidents for their leadership as they led their chapters through a lot of changes this year. Finally, I want to thank our members for their patience and flexibility as we worked through some never seen before opportunities.

Our members helped us **Bridge Our Past To Our Future** by overcoming many obstacles and making 2020 **A Legacy of Service**. I can't wait to see what 2021 has in store for us. But one thing is certain, at Citizens, we know how to do unprecedented, challenging, interesting and different, so no matter what the future holds, I know this group is innovative and resilient and will continue to figure out ways of being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve".

I can't wait to **Unmask the Opportunities for Service** next year with Mary Norris. Thanks to all who joined our virtual celebration on December 9. If you could not make it, no worries, you can watch the replay [here](#). If you are not a member of this wonderful organization, I encourage you to join a chapter near you. I want to leave you with a quote from Albert Pike that resonates with the legacy you built this year "What we have done only for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal." Thank you for a great year!



Juan Madrigal

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members wanted to make sure children in Heard County had something under their tree on Christmas morning. Chapter members collected and donated over 30 toys to Toys for Tots in Heard County. Great job!



As part of their partnership with PASS (Partners Advancing Student Success) and because of funding from their Legacy Project for 2020, Carly Lovvorn and April Hale sorted clothes and organized the hygiene products in the CARES closet at Carrollton High School.

Rome

Santa came early in Floyd County! The Rome chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power donated, collected, and delivered toys for the annual Toys-For-Tots event.



Metro East

Toni Hannah, Area Manager, and ChiQuita George, CGP Metro East Chapter Treasurer presented Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) a donation of \$1,300 to offset parent expenses toward the GPTC Remote Learning Center. The “learning pods” are for children who are in remote learning environments – e.g. DeKalb, Rockdale and Newton County schools. Children attend the learning center instead of staying at home. They have a little more (socially distant) interaction with a handful of other students (pods) and have aides there on-hand to assist them with questions and schoolwork. This program is a great resource for parents that may be frontline workers and unable to stay at home to support virtual learning.



Metro West

Metro West held two drive through food and clothes drives during December in support of MUST Ministries and the Center for Family Resources. Volunteers safely unloaded cars as they drove up. Their efforts brought in over 260 clothing items and more than 15 bags of groceries. As you can tell, chapter members were virtually glad to see each other!



Plant McDonough

With many families struggling this holiday season, Citizens members and employees at Georgia Power's Plant McDonough combined cycle (CC) adopted 37 families through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree to provide holiday gifts for local families. This year, the 37 families included 34 kids and three senior citizens, and every wish was met because of Plant McDonough team's commitment and dedication to the community. The plant has been sponsoring an Angel Tree for more than ten years, adopting more than 350 local families within that time.



Augusta

Augusta and Waynesboro members also sponsored 30 children through the Augusta Salvation Army Angel Tree and Waynesboro Primary School's Angel Tree Programs. The support of over \$3,000 in toys, clothes, and gift cards was overwhelming. What a great way to brighten up Christmas!



Citizens members from Augusta and Waynesboro held a food drive and delivered the food to Golden Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers collected 315lbs of food for this group that supports a large portion of eastern Georgia and western South Carolina.



North Fulton

North Fulton Chapter joined in the system wide food and coat drive at both North Shallowford and Wills road as the holiday project this year. Volunteers collected donations for both North Fulton Community Charities and Los Vecinos de Buford Highway. This year has been a rollercoaster for our company but one thing that has remained consistent is our members drive to be a 'Citizen' wherever we serve!"

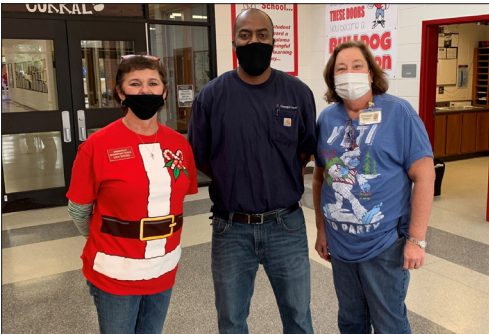


Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation Citizens members stepped up big in their food drive for God's Mission Food Pantry in Springfield. They blew by their goal of 600 items by donating over 800 items during this holiday season.



Even though the Covid-19 pandemic had a negative effect giving this year, the Savannah Generation chapter was proud to provide the March of Dimes and the Shriners Children Hospital both donations of \$1,150. In appreciation of their efforts, the Savannah Generation Chapter was awarded with a plaque from the Alee Shriners Hospital Crusade.



The Savannah Generation chapter partnered with schools in their community to help provide students with school supplies and other items that would help with their continued progress. Through chapter members generosity, they were proud to provide Rincon Elementary and Springfield Elementary a combined total of \$900. Savannah Gen Citizens hope to be able to continue their partnerships and giving with schools in their community.

Gwinnett

Gwinnett Citizens members made sure that kids in their area were sure to have a Merry Christmas. The chapter adopted 35 children through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.



Thomson

Thomson Citizens held a hugely successful holiday coat drive to benefit McDuffie Manna. McDuffie Manna's mission is to provide temporary and emergency aid to persons in need living in McDuffie and Warren Counties. They serve an average of 420 families, roughly 1,000 individuals, per month. The Citizens drive brought in 325 coats and even had a visit from Santa!



Plant Wansley

Christmas came early with help from Plant Wansley Citizens members! Through their generosity, they supported 20 children in Carroll County and 20 children in Heard County as part of Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Awesome job Plant Wansley!!



Plant Scherer

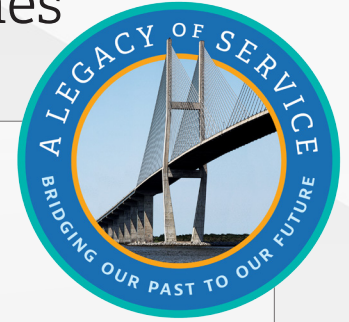
Plant Scherer Citizens Chapter members, in partnership with the Salvation Army, will be putting a smile on many young faces this Christmas! Through their generosity they are supplying Christmas for 125 children this year. As always Scherer Citizens stepped up to show how much they care for others especially in this season of giving.

A Citizen Wherever We Serve Community Impact Award

Christina Newton proudly accepted the 2020 A Citizen Wherever We Serve Community Impact Award during the Citizens celebratory livestream meeting in December. Her years of service to the community in both Augusta and Atlanta embody the meaning of this award. Christina, along with finalists Lynn Lovett and Tina Stevens continue to make their communities better. Thank you, ladies, for your dedication and passion to help others.



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



December 31 All 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple

