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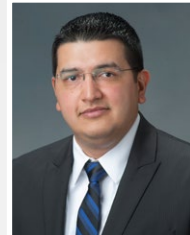
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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Citizens,

I want to start by saying Thank You for the awesome job you did with your King Day Projects! We had a total of 41 projects across the state, which is awesome. But I really wanted to highlight that we had 876 volunteers and a total of 3,433 service hours! This is an awesome start of the year and a great way to continue Bridging Our Past To Our Future. I hope you enjoy checking out the pictures of our members hard at work making a difference in our communities.



On February 19th, the state board hosted our Leadership Summit in the Arkwright Auditorium at 241. Chapter members and officers came together to discuss our vision for the year. We even made time to play a game of Jeopardy to learn more about our organization. We also heard from some of our ERGs and learned more about the Georgia Power Foundation. We heard some great success stories as some of our chapters shared Legacy Projects from last year. I want to thank all of the participants for their engagement during the day. I saw the passion you all bring to make a difference in your communities. I want to encourage you to continue planning your year and think about what partnerships may be out there your chapter can leverage to make a bigger impact.

Several chapters will be holding membership drives across the state. Please don't forget to renew your membership this year. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join a chapter and get involved to create your Legacy of Service.

Juan Madrigal





Plant Bowen Chapter

Kevin Farren made seven presentations to Woodland Middle School and taught over 200 students how to be SAFE around electricity using PowerTown.



Plant Wansley Chapter

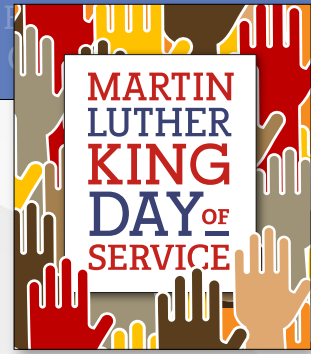
Plant Wansley's Chapter officers and leadership proudly received the platinum sponsor award at the West Central March of Dimes kickoff meeting.



Bowen Citizens members are constantly looking for ways to help children in their community. Chapter members proudly presented a check for \$10,000 to Advocates for Bartow's Children from the Georgia Power Foundation.



Bowen CGP hosted a Pancake Breakfast Membership Drive. The food was awesome, and the drive netted 34 members, bringing their membership total to 122! Great job Plant Bowen!



MLK Day Projects

Athens Chapter

Athens Chapter worked at Camp Twin Lakes, inside Fort Yargo in Winder Georgia. Twenty-nine hearty volunteers assisted the Wounded Warrior families that were hosted at the camp for the weekend to their cars with luggage, bedding and children. After the group departed, chapter members cleaned ten cabins, the dining hall and the gymnasium. What a great way to honor these special families!



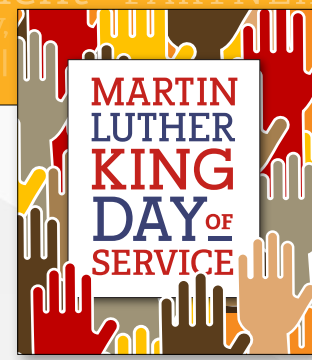
Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Chapter cooked and served breakfast and snacks to the Homeless at THS Emergency Shelter for MLK Day.



Plant Yates and Plant Wansley Chapters

Plant Yates and Plant Wansley volunteers sorted food items and did general cleaning at One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach.



MLK Day Projects

Heart of Georgia Macon Chapter

Macon Citizens members partnered with other community volunteers on a Habitat for Humanity build.



Chapter members assisted with sorting and folding clothes at the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

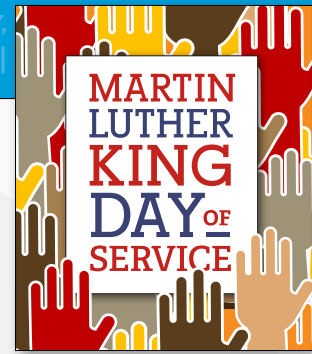


Cartersville Chapter Chapter members worked at Tranquility House Domestic Violence Center painting bedrooms and repairing damaged sheetrock.

Conyers Chapter

The Conyers Chapter hosted a workday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

at the Rockdale Emergency Relief Food Bank. Chapter members led volunteers representing Citizens, Rockdale Master Gardeners, Conyers Lions Club, Conyers Middle School, and RER Staff. Activities included reorganizing the food storage shelves, moving furniture and file cabinets, and cleaning.

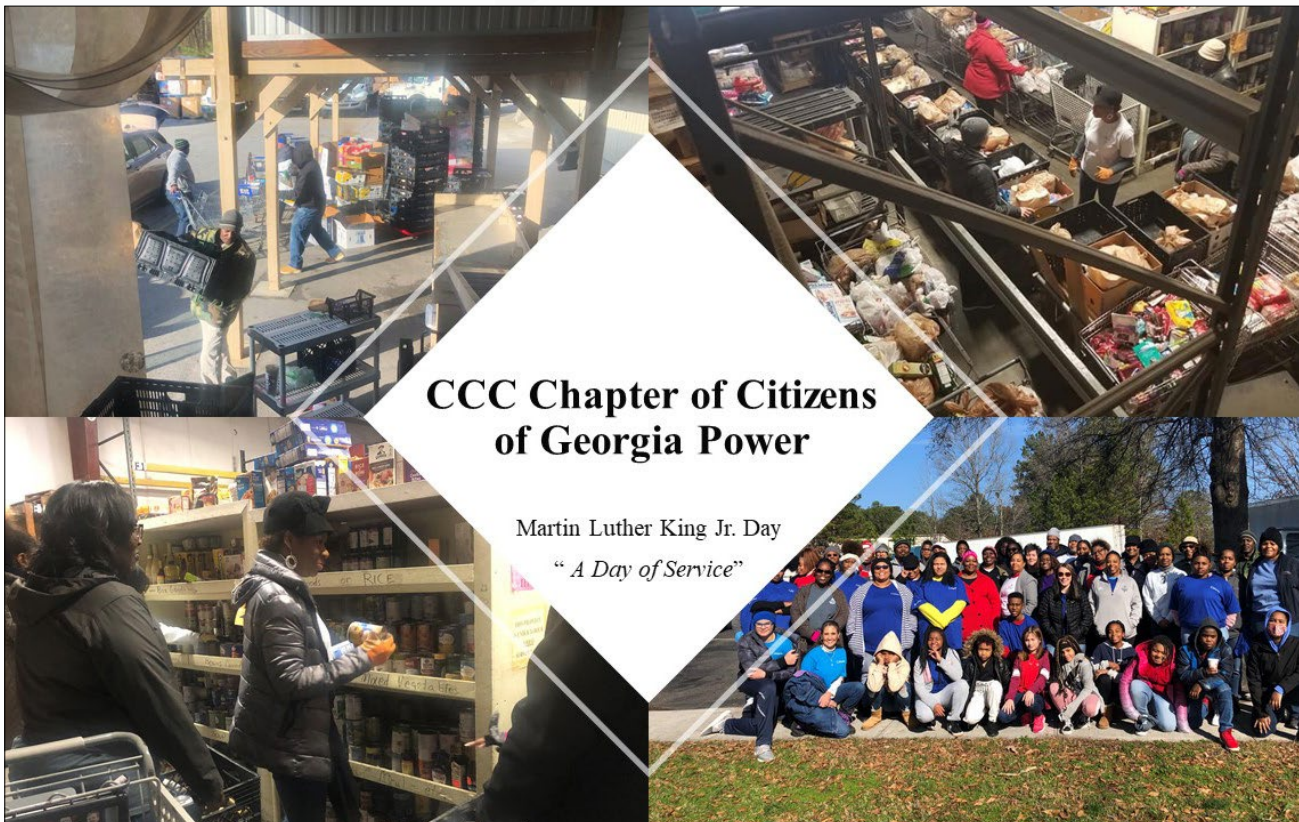


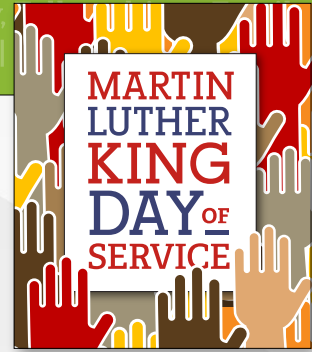
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Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC Chapter of Citizens showed up strong on King Day at Helping in His Name Food Pantry. More than 50 volunteers assisting with unloading, sorting, packaging and loading an assortment of meals that benefitted more than 70 needy families in Henry County. What a great way to spend a day on and be a citizen wherever we serve.





MLK Day Projects

Dublin Chapter

This year the Dublin Citizens elected to do a clean-up project at Rocky Creek in Laurens County for MLK Day. This is an area that members of the community use for kayaking, picnicking and swimming. The litter and debris disposed in the area have become an eyesore. The chapter cleaned up along the roadway, creek and woods to make the area more attractive and environmentally safe. Brian Smith, Utility Arborist Supervisor, and Brad Duke came up with the idea after kayaking down the creek with some friends in late December. Community members in the area have noticed how much better the area looks and have been very complimentary about the Citizens of Georgia Power taking on this project.

Bainbridge Chapter

Bainbridge CGP members trimmed shrubs and installed pine straw at The Friendship House Bainbridge Campus as part of their 2020 MLK Day of Service project. The Friendship House provides afterschool and summertime services, activities and programs to underprivileged children and teenagers.



Tifton Chapter

Citizens members in Tifton fed more than 70 people at the Tifton Area Soup Kitchen



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North Fulton Chapter



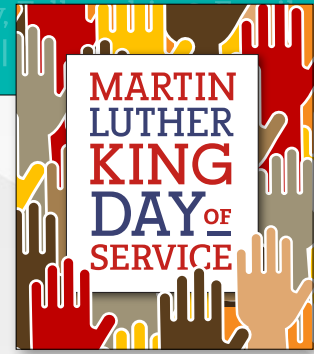
North Fulton Chapter served

at Amana Academy for MLK to prepare the ground for a low ropes course at Wills Park. Fifteen volunteers helped clear 4,500 square feet of underbrush. This volunteer work helped save the construction crew over eight-man hours on the overall production time. Amana Academy is a Title 1 STEM Public Charter School. Not only are they in the top 5% performing schools in the state, but their students come from over 40 different countries. This course will serve students and the greater Alpharetta community.

Savannah Generation Chapter

Savannah Generation volunteered at the Family Promise of Effingham by painting several interior rooms, cleaning up the exterior of the house, and installing shelving in the storage facility. The chapter was thrilled to assist Family Promise in their mission: "to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response."





MLK Day Projects



Plant Scherer Chapter

Chapter members volunteered at DePaul Daybreak Center, serving a hot breakfast to about 75 homeless people and participating in an MLK ceremony at the center.



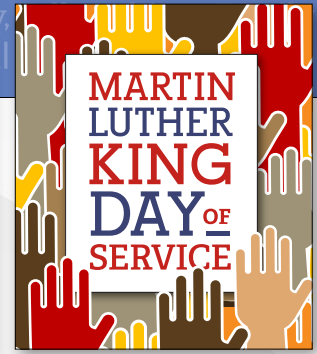
Thomson Chapter

Thomson Citizens members showed up in force to Camp Lakeside on a very cold MLK Day. Volunteers rebuilt a bridge and constructed a water table for the campers to use.



Statesboro Chapter

Statesboro Citizens and Ambassador volunteers sorted clothes and organized donations at Christian Social Ministries.



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Rome Chapter

Rome volunteers did some general housecleaning and handyman projects at the William S. Davis Men's and Women's Shelter.



Vidalia Chapter

Vidalia Citizens along with Ambassadors partnered with Habitat for Humanity to get the interior of a home ready for construction.

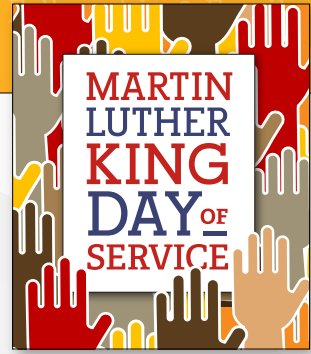


Milledgeville Chapter

Citizens members braved the cold at Church Central to replace a crumbling wheelchair ramp and paint new lines for the handicap parking area.

Metro South Chapter

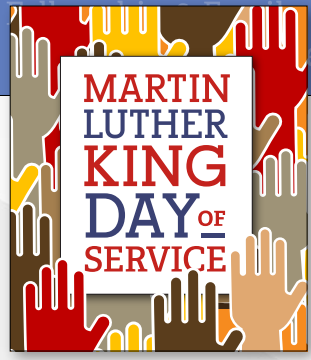
Metro South Citizens led the charge again this year and truly made King Day a "Day On"! More than 135 volunteers blanketed the area with projects at Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Coweta County, Bloom Closet in Fayette County, Southwest Christian Care in South Fulton, Backpack Buddies in Coweta, Operation Lunchbox in Henry County, and a Southern Crescent Habitat build in Clayton County.



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More Metro South Chapter



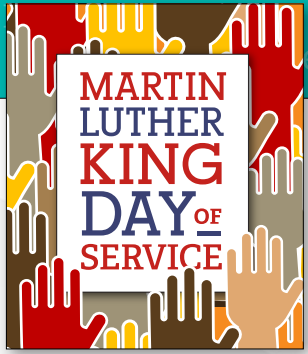
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Forest Park Chapter

Forest Park CGP hosted 16 volunteers at Calvary Refuge in Clayton County.





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Augusta/Waynesboro and Plant Vogtle Chapters

More than 30 Georgia Power and Southern Nuclear employees and family members teamed up to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by completing a service project for a resident living near Plant Vogtle. The project was part of a company-wide initiative for employees to spend the company holiday as a "day on" in their communities. Participants spent the morning building a new front porch and pump house, cutting down trees and cleaning up the yard of a 69-year-old widow raising two teenage grandsons.



Plant Bowen Chapter

The Bartow County Bookmobile was the focus for Plant Bowen Citizens volunteers as they removed boxes from a warehouse, sorted all donations, moved books to the new Bookmobile office, took books back to the warehouse, and helped the two Bookmobile volunteers get ready for another great year. The chapter even found time to donate lunch to the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter!



MLK Day Projects



Metro West Chapter

Children's Haven in Canton was the beneficiary of more than twenty-five hearty Citizens volunteers on King Day. Volunteers sorted and organized donations for their "Caregivers' Closet" where they provide free clothing, toiletries, shoes, books, toys, and school supplies to hundreds of foster children in Cherokee County.



Metro West Citizens teamed up with Keep Douglas Beautiful to plant trees and mulch beds at Douglas County High School.

Statesboro Chapter

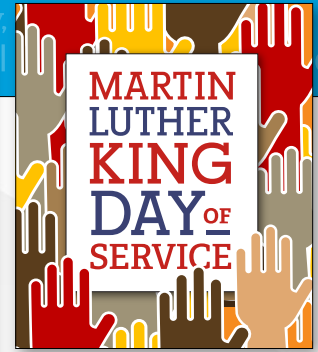
As part of their community service in honor of MLK Day, Hinesville members partnered with "Keep Liberty Beautiful" to clean and maintain one of their local reading gardens. Randy Mayfield, Stacy Bell, and Willie



Cato sorted, bagged, and tagged 300 trees and shrubs, that were given



away on Georgia Arbor Day February 14th. Other volunteers pulled weeds, put out new mulch, and planted several trees in the garden. KLB members, Liberty County H.S Beta Club, and a Cub Scout pack all joined together to make this a day of service that benefits others in the community.



MLK Day Projects



Savannah Chapter

Chapter members worked at Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency Shelter where they did everything from landscaping to painting to general cleaning.



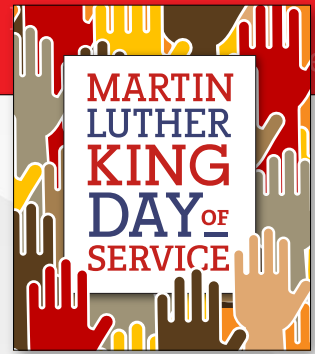
Metro East Chapter

Metro East volunteers invested their "Day On" at New Life Community Ministries. Members cut hair, sorted food, and spent time being a friend. Great job Metro East!



General Office Chapter

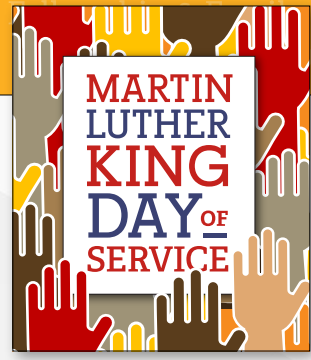
GPC employees and their children marked the observance of MLK Day with creativity. Vamos Chicos, an organization that uses a fusion of the arts, science and conservation, guided the children to create individual peace signs while teaching them the importance of the celebration. Re-loom, an organization that employs and empowers homeless and low-income individuals, provided weaving materials for the parents to prep. There was laughter from all ages, genders, and races during the day – our hope for every day!



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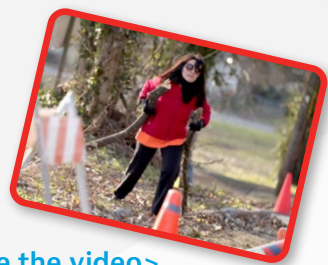
For the 13th year, General Office Citizens members brought laughter and love to the residents of Lutheran Towers. They presented a great King Day program and provide much needed companionship.



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General Office Chapter

General Office Citizens, in partnership with Environmental Affairs & Natural Resources, Trust for Public Land, and Trees Atlanta, joined forces to clean out some natural areas in the newly developed Cook Park. Cook Park, one of the crown jewels of Atlanta's emerging west-side, is one block from Dr. King's home. The passion of the volunteers and the proximity to such historical significance made this "Day On" very special.

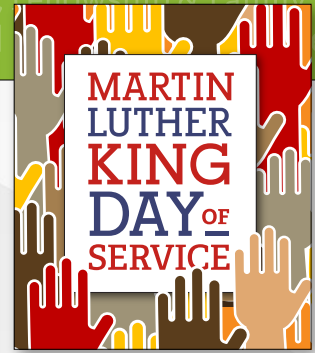


[<See the video>](#)



Citizens volunteers worked with other Westside Future Fund volunteers at Hollis Innovation Academy. The result was some bright and beautiful murals to greet the students.





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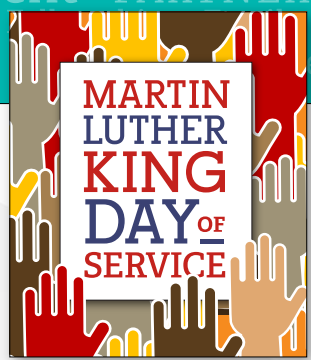
Gwinnett Chapter

During this year's MLK Day of Service the Gwinnett Citizens Chapter celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by giving back to their community. Gwinnett chapter partnered with Hi-Hope Service Center in Lawrenceville and painted the inside of the service center.

Brunswick Chapter

Brunswick Citizens and their families installed new landscaping around Queens Square in downtown Brunswick.





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Gainesville Chapter

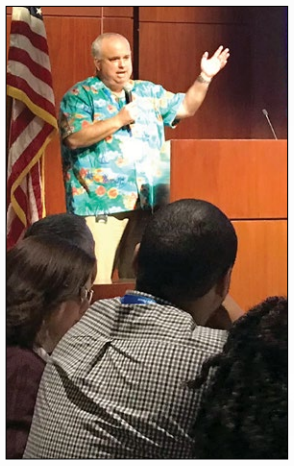
The Gainesville Chapter of Citizens volunteered at the Georgia Mountain Food Bank sorting groceries and putting together bags of food for food insecure families. The bags of food put together will feed families in Hall and surrounding counties of Northeast Georgia.



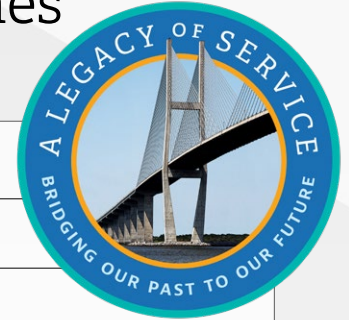
Leadership Summit



More than 160 Citizens members gathered in Arkwright Auditorium for the 2020 Leadership Summit. State President Juan Madrigal's theme of "A Legacy of Service Bridging Our Past to Our Future" was underscored by every presentation. A rousing game of Citizens Jeopardy truly set a tone of fun and learning for the day! The room was loaded with a new energy! Looking forward to an incredible year.



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
February 18	State Board Meeting-241 Ralph McGill Blvd
February 19	Leadership Summit-241 Ralph McGill Blvd
March 18	State Office will verify service hours and financials in SmartSimple to process first chapter incentive check of \$300
March 23	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 10	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 23	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
October 7	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms DUE
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
December 9	2020-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	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 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple

2020 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Lightning Dash 5K Run/Walk	Carrollton	Sat., March 28	Carrly Lovvorn clovvorn@southernco.com
Athens Area Citizens of Ga Power Golf Tournament	Athens	Mon., April 13	Angie Brown ackinley@southernco.com
"Cast for a Cause" Bass Fishing Tournament	Columbus	Sat., April 18	Amy Evans adevans@gmail.com
Tallulah Falls Sporting Clays	Tallulah Falls	Sat., April 25	Scott Wilson scmwilso@southernco.com
PowerClays	Metro South	Fri., May 1	Matt Goff dmgopff@southernco.com
18th Annual Golf Tournament	Forest Park	Fri., May 8	Tom Stewart tgstewar@southernco.com
Plant McDonough Clay Shoot	Plant McDonough	Fri., May 15	Michael Wacker mswacker@southernco.com
Golf Tournament	Thomson	Fri., May 15	Chris Rogers cmrogers@southernco.com
Savannah Generation Golf Tournament	Savannah Generation	Fri., May 29	Lonnie Shaw loshaw@southernco.com
10th Annual Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton	Mon., Sept. 14	Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Relay for Clay Shoot	Plant Bowen	Fri., Oct. 23	Jonathan Blair jlblair@southernco.com