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Peach State Federal Credit Union Donates \$25,000 to Area Food Banks Amid Coronavirus Pandemic



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Lawrenceville, GA (April 23, 2020) – Peach State Federal Credit Union has donated \$25,000 to local food banks to assist with the increased need brought on due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The credit union has been making quarterly donations to food banks in their service area (north Georgia and southwestern South Carolina) since 2014. “We understand that hunger doesn’t just happen during the holidays, and that’s why we began this initiative,” remarked Peach State’s President/CEO, Marshall Boutwell. Non-perishable food items are collected in all branch locations including the corporate office year-round and donated quarterly.

“As more and more people find themselves unemployed during these uncertain times, the issue of food insecurity becomes of greater importance. That’s why we’re making these additional contributions directly to the organizations who support people in need in our communities,” said Boutwell.

The credit union serves more than 60,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina and contributions have been made regionally to benefit as many members as possible. Each of the following organizations received \$2,500 to provide food and essential supplies to those in need.

- Area Churches Together Serving – Bogart, Georgia
- Chattooga County Community Services – Summerville, Georgia
- Food Bank of Greenwood County – Greenwood, South Carolina
- Golden Harvest Food Bank – Augusta, Georgia
- Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministries – Lawrenceville, Georgia
- Lilburn Cooperative Ministries – Lilburn, Georgia
- Nigel’s Nest Food Pantry at University of North Georgia – Watkinsville, Georgia
- Towns County Food Pantry – Young Harris, Georgia

The credit union also made a \$5,000 contribution to Nothing But the Truth in Lawrenceville, Georgia. This organization supports students and their families through their ministry center and their weekend food bags for children who participate in the free/reduced lunch program at their schools.

Peach State contributed more than \$500,000 to support their communities in 2019 and with the launch of the Peach State C.A.R.E.S. VISA® Debit Card last summer, they have put these contributions on a self-sustaining path. For each purchase made with a Peach State VISA® Debit Card, the credit union will donate a nickel from their merchant interchange income toward non-profits, school systems, and the arts in the communities they serve.¹ To learn more about how the credit union invests in their community, please visit www.peachstatefcu.org/stories.

About Peach State Federal Credit Union

Peach State is a \$547 million credit union that serves more than 60,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina. Operating as a not-for-profit financial cooperative, Peach State’s mission is to provide quality financial services that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. For more information, visit www.peachstatefcu.org.

¹ \$0.05 per transaction of Peach State Federal Credit Union’s merchant interchange income from our VISA® Debit Card program is used to benefit the communities we serve. Peach State will determine where/how funds are disbursed. This does not affect

members' accounts nor will any member information be disclosed. You will not incur any additional fees or charges from this program. Merchant interchange income is derived from fees that a merchant pays to accept credit/debit card payments. The C.A.R.E.S program may or may not apply to ATM transactions, certain commercial transactions, or other transactions not processed by VISA®.