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Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation Pledges \$60,000 to the Walton County YMCA Initiative



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MONROE, GA (May 26, 2021) – The Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation announced a \$60,000 pledge to the newly founded Walton County YMCA over the next 5 years.

The “Building a Healthy Walton” campaign aims to bring a state-of-the-art YMCA facility to Walton County. The steering committee currently has a fundraising goal of \$10 million.

Gary Hobbs, Campaign Leadership Council Co-Chair, said “This is one of the most important initiatives we’ve undertaken for our county in many, many years.” The facility has five objectives: (1) to provide a safe venue and community gathering place, (2) health and wellness (including mental health and physical therapy) programs, (3) exercise and fitness facilities, (4) education (including lifeguard training), and (5) recreation and organized sports.

“We are so pleased to be a part of the first YMCA to be established in Walton County,” said C.A.R.E.S. Foundation President, Demitra Houlis. “In celebration of the credit union’s 60th anniversary, the Foundation is honoring our roots through the support of children, educators and school systems throughout our footprint. We look forward to supporting Walton County YMCA as they grow and provide this vital service to our community.”

About the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation

Peach State Federal Credit Union’s passion for helping their members and community guided them to create the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation. The Foundation is funded by the credit union’s C.A.R.E.S. VISA® Debit Card program and private donors. Since the inception of the C.A.R.E.S. VISA® Debit Card program in July 2019, Peach State has donated more than \$950,000 to charitable organizations, school systems and the arts in the communities that we serve. The C.A.R.E.S. VISA® Debit Card program was created to put these contributions on a sustainable path for the future. To learn more about how Peach State *cares*, visit <https://www.peachstatefcu.org/Stories/Peach-State-CARES>. Peach State is a \$734 million not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves more than 70,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina with a mission to provide quality financial services that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. For more information about products and services, visit www.peachstatefcu.org.

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