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Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation Awards \$60,000 to the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club in Habersham County



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Pictured (left to right): Scott Roland, Business Development for Peach State FCU; John Fair, Chief of Staff for Peach State FCU; Matthew Cooper, Superintendent for Habersham County Schools; Steven Mickens, CEO for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier; Wade Rhodes, Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club; Ryan Hawk, Executive Director of Business Development and Community Outreach for Peach State FCU; Richard Hagler, Chairman of Fundraising for the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club

CORNELIA, GA (April 20, 2021) – The Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation announced a \$60,000 commitment to the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club in Habersham County over the next 6 years.

The club's steering committee has a goal of raising \$1 million in combined one-time and annual financial commitments. According to Matthew Cooper, Superintendent of Habersham County Schools and a member of the steering committee, the long-term goal will be to operate two facilities in Habersham County. "We have already raised enough funds to operate an all-day summer camp which is projected to serve 100 students in grades 4-7 at no cost to our Habersham families," Cooper said. "I am personally very excited about the prospect of having a Boys and Girls Club here in Habersham County. I believe it has the potential to be the most significant community initiative regarding helping our at-risk youth outside of the school day." The Club is named after Tim Lee, the former Director of Habersham's Economic Development Committee.

The Foundation, launched in March, has a mission to help their neighbors with contributions throughout the credit union's service area. "We are so pleased to be a part of this important initiative in Habersham County," said Foundation President, Demitra Houlis. "Peach State was founded by educators 60 years ago and the Foundation honors those roots in education through our support of children, educators and school systems throughout our footprint. We look forward to supporting this organization as they grow and provide this vital service to the youth in our community."

For more information about the Foundation or to make a donation, please email <u>CARESFoundation@peachstatefcu.org</u>.

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 \$946,000 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 <u>https://www.peachstatefcu.org/Stories/Peach-State-CARES</u>. Peach State is a \$677 million not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves more than 67,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina with a mission to provide quality financial services that meet

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