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### C.A.R.E.S. in Action: Peach State FCU Completes Successful Toys for Tots Drive



*Pictured: Peach State staff posing with gifts generously donated by members and staff.*

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (December 17, 2025) – Peach State FCU recently completed a successful toy drive in support of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Every year, the credit union invites members and staff to donate new, unwrapped toys and bring them to one of its branch locations.

This year's drive comes at a time when many families across Georgia and South Carolina are experiencing heightened financial strain. Despite these challenges, Peach State has witnessed extraordinary generosity from its members and neighbors – proof that even in difficult times – the spirit of giving remains strong.

“We believe in coming together when it matters most,” said Ryan Hawk, Peach State’s Executive Director of Business Development and Community Outreach and C.A.R.E.S. Foundation President. “Through this annual initiative, people are prioritizing others even as they face economic uncertainty. It truly reflects our goal of giving back, especially in times of greatest need.”

As part of its longstanding commitment to service, Peach State continues to uphold its mission of improving the lives of its members and the communities it serves. The credit union’s philanthropic arm, the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation, provides an opportunity for members and outside donors to make a difference together and help in a bigger way. Positive impacts are made through meaningful contributions, volunteered time, and donated materials, helping to improve the lives of our Georgia and South Carolina neighbors. At the end of the third quarter, the Foundation had donated over \$670,000 to local non-profits, school systems, and the arts across the credit union’s service area.

To learn more about Peach State Federal Credit Union’s C.A.R.E.S program and how you can help support your local communities, please visit [www.peachstatefcu.org/Stories/CARES-Foundation](http://www.peachstatefcu.org/Stories/CARES-Foundation).

#### **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 Visa Debit Card program and private donors. Since the inception of the Peach State C.A.R.E.S. Visa Debit Card program in July 2019, more than \$3+ million has been donated to charitable organizations, school systems and the arts in the communities that Peach State serves. The C.A.R.E.S. program was created to put these contributions on a sustainable path for the future. To learn more about how Peach State *cares*, visit [peachstatefcu.org/CARES](http://peachstatefcu.org/CARES). Peach State is a \$1+ billion 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 their products and services, visit [peachstatefcu.org](http://peachstatefcu.org).

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