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The Peoples Bank of Georgia Provides a Fifty-Thousand-Dollar Donation to Upson Regional Medical Center Through the Georgia HEART Hospital Program

THOMASTON, Ga., Sept. 14, 2026 — The Peoples Bank of Georgia's Thomaston location generously donated \$50,000 to Upson Regional Medical Center (URMC) in a display of its commitment to investing in healthcare in the community it proudly serves. Made possible through the Georgia HEART Hospital Program, this donation will support URMC's ongoing transformational projects to enrich patients' access to comprehensive care.

The Peoples Bank of Georgia City President Nathan Gaskin, Loan Officer Ben James and Loan Officer Levi Long presented the check to URMC Chief Executive Officer Dan Owens and Chief Financial Officer Jason Gassett.

"We are deeply grateful to The Peoples Bank of Georgia for this generous investment in the health of our community," said Dan Owens, Chief Executive Officer of Upson Regional Medical Center. "Their support through the Georgia HEART Program will help advance transformational projects that expand access to high-quality, compassionate care close to home. This gift reflects the power of local organizations working together to build a healthier future for Thomaston, Upson County and the communities we serve—and helps us continue delivering Excellent Care Rooted in Compassion for All."

Georgia HEART allows businesses and individuals to redirect their state income taxes to eligible rural hospitals. Through this program, businesses like The Peoples Bank of Georgia receive state income tax credits while partnering with local healthcare systems to strengthen patient services close to home.

The Peoples Bank of Georgia's donation through Georgia HEART ensures that URMC has the ongoing resources necessary to continue its purpose: Excellent Care Rooted in Compassion for All.

"The Peoples Bank of Georgia is a proud local bank, and donating to URMC was a way to show our commitment to serving our community," shares Loan Officer Ben James. "URMC is a pillar of Thomaston/Upson County and surrounding counties, and they provide a phenomenal healthcare service to our entire region. We are proud to support and partner with URMC in any way possible, and we are thankful that we can do so through the Georgia HEART Hospital Program. We look forward to many years of continued partnership."



Businesses and individuals interested in supporting URMIC through Georgia HEART can learn more and access the 2026 Tax Credit Form at georgiaheart.org.

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