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Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Raises \$8,000 for CARES Pet Project

Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces that **\$8,000** was raised to benefit the featured charity of the month in May. *CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services)* is a Pasco County-based organization that provides services to seniors so they can stay in their homes and be as independent as possible. The funds were raised through the hard work of the tax collector staff in the five offices located throughout the county. The CARES "Pet Project"

was created to help feed and support the animals who so often are the only companion older members of our community may have.

“A pet is a true companion that gives unconditional love and friendship,” states **Jemith Rosa, President & CEO** of *CARES*. “Thank you, **Mike Fasano**, for helping *CARES* provide this support to our vulnerable seniors in Pasco County.”

“During my tenure as an elected official I have worked to ensure that seniors in our community receive the services they need to live a full life,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “Supporting the *CARES* ‘Pet Project’ was a wonderful opportunity for our office to help those seniors whose pets are their primary companion. Thank you to everyone who gave to help our seniors continue to have the companionship they need to make each day a significant day for them.”

“**Mike Fasano** and the tax collector’s office has demonstrated its value to *CARES* and our vulnerable seniors,” commented ***CARES* Chairman of the Board Steven Spina**.

For more information about *CARES* and the “Pet Project” please contact **President & CEO Jemith Rosa** at 727-863-6868 or visit the website www.CARESFL.org For more

information about the promotional and charitable giving programs at the tax collector's office please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com

[Photo attached – from left to right –**Tax Collector Mike Fasano, Steven Spina, CARES Board Chair & Mike Neumann, CARES Chief Financial Officer**]

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