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Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Offices Will Feature CARES' "Pet Project" as May's Charity of the Month

Tax Collector Mike Fasano's offices will feature **CARES** (Community Aging & Retirement Services) as the charitable organization for the month of May. As **CARES** celebrates its **50th Anniversary** serving seniors in Pasco County, all proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit programs run by **CARES**, and specifically the **Pet Project**, a program to help the elderly take care of their pets.

CARES provides programs and services that help older adults stay in their homes by providing support to them, their caregivers, and families. The May promotion shines a spotlight on the **CARES Pet Project** specifically. Donations will help supply pet food, pet care products and other support to assist the elderly in keeping their pets well cared for.

"**CARES** is very appreciative of this effort by the tax collector's office," states **Jemith Rosa, CARES President & CEO**. "For many elderly people, having a pet means they feel less lonely and socially isolated. A pet is a true companion that gives unconditional love and friendship."

"It is my belief that a public servant has a responsibility to do whatever he or she can to assist those who are less fortunate," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "It is my honor to congratulate **CARES** for 50 years of service to our community! The **CARES Pet Project** is an exciting program that has demonstrated its value to our vulnerable seniors. With this support they no longer must choose between buying medications for themselves or food for their pet. I am excited that we will once again be able to support the neediest seniors in our community."

For more information about **CARES** and the **Pet Project** please contact **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 Donations may be mailed to: **Pasco County Tax Collector's Office**, P.O. Box 276, Dade City FL 33526-0276.

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