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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. **CARES** has served the elderly residents of Pasco County for over 50 years. All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit programs run by **CARES**, 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**. Donations will help supply pet food, pet care products and other support to assist the elderly in keeping their pets well cared for. Those most in need of support, individuals who are recipients of the **Meals on Wheels** food delivery program, are the primary beneficiaries of the pet food provided by **CARES**.

"**CARES** is grateful for the support of the **Pasco County Tax Collector's Office**," comments **Kristin Amato, Chief Executive Officer & President of CARES**. "Here at **CARES**, we treat our clients like they are family and that includes their pets. We appreciate your support in helping us care for our clients' pets, which are true companions giving unconditional loyalty and love to their owners!"

"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**. "The **CARES Pet Project** has been a top priority of **CARES** for the past several years. It is an exciting program that has demonstrated its value to our vulnerable seniors. With this support our seniors must no longer 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."

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For those who would like to give online, the tax collector's office's charitable giving arm **Pasco TC Gives** has a webpage through which donations for the **CARES Pet Project** (Charity of the Month) can be made:

<https://www.govhub.com/fl-pasco/tc-gives/donate>

For more information about **CARES** and the **Pet Project** please contact **CEO Kristin Amato** at 727-863-6868 or visit the website [www.CARESFL.org](http://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](http://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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