

PRESS RELEASE

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## ***Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Five Offices Features CARES as Charitable Organization of the Month in May***

**Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices will feature CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services) as the charitable organization for the month of May. "Do it Fur Love!" is the slogan of this month's campaign. All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit CARES, and specifically its program to help the elderly take care of their pets.

CARES provides programs and services that help older adults to 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 be used to supply pet food, pet care products and other supports 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 less fortunate,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “Over the years, whether in Tallahassee or locally, the proper funding of CARES was a top priority of mine. The CARES Pet Project is an exciting new program that will be an additional service that will help our vulnerable seniors to no longer choose between buying medication or pet food. I’m excited about the potential this program has to help our seniors.”

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For more information about CARES and the Pet Project please contact **Jemith Rosa** 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)