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Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Raises Over \$11,500 for

CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services)

Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces that **\$11,524.27** 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.

"This charitable program at the Mike Fasano Tax Collector Offices makes me proud to be a Pasco County citizen," states **Jemith Rosa, President & CEO** of *CARES*. "The staff members at all five offices were actively engaged in helping our cause and the people of Pasco County really responded! The result will help needy seniors and their pet companions. We are very grateful."

"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. The funds raised through the generous donations of a very giving public have made a huge impact on this program. 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."

For more information about *CARES* and the "Pet Project" please contact **President & CEO Jemith Rosa** at 727-863-6868 or visit the website <u>www.CARESFL.org</u> 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 <u>www.pascotaxes.com</u>