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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. All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit CARES, and specifically its programs to ensure that area seniors have food to eat, access to health care and support for their caregivers.

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 three of the top programs offered by **CARES**. Donations will be used to help continue these important programs, including assisting caregivers who often have to give so much of themselves to care for an elderly loved one.

"CARES is very appreciative of this effort by the tax collector's office," states Jemith Rosa, CARES President & CEO. "Your generosity will help frail elderly people in Pasco County, who are facing illness, hunger and isolation. Your kindness will help families who need in-home health services, adult day care and break from the stressful demands of caregiving."

"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 important programs that **CARES** provides for our seniors is an integral part in the lives of so many in our community. Additionally, the services provided to caregivers is an important aspect of elder care that is often overlooked. I am once again excited about the potential these programs have 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 various services available to seniors and their loved ones please contact **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>