

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Pasco Tax Collector's Office Sponsors CARES Senior Health Clinic in June

Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices will feature CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services) as the charitable organization for the month of June. "Desperate for your help..." is the theme of this month's campaign. All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit CARES, and specifically its program to help uninsured adults who have slipped through the cracks of the health care system.

**CARES** provides programs and services that help older adults to stay in their homes by providing support to them, their caregivers and families. The June promotion shines a spotlight on the **CARES Senior Health Clinic**. Donations will be used to provide limited primary care services to Pasco County residents, 55 and over, who are facing illness with limited resources.

"CARES is very appreciative of this effort by the tax collector's office," states

Jemith Rosa, CARES President & CEO. "Life does not always happen the way we
plan or desire. Being poor, elderly or ill is not a crime nor is it shameful. It is the
result of endless human possibilities which we all share. Donations made through
the month of June will help many of these individuals maintain their dignity and
receive the health care they so desperately need."

"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 Senior Health Clinic** has been operating for over eight years without state or federal support. It is run entirely through doctors, nurses and other caring people who volunteer their time and expertise to provide medical care to this fragile population. I encourage everyone who steps into one of our offices during the month of June to make a donation to this more than worthy program."

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For more information about **CARES** and the **CARES Senior Health Clinic** please contact **President & CEO Jemith Rosa** at 727-863-6868 or visit the website <a href="https://www.CARESFL.org">www.CARESFL.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.pascotaxes.com">www.pascotaxes.com</a>