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Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces that \$8,463.32 was raised on behalf of “Metropolitan Ministries – Pasco” During the Month of April

During the month of April **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** was the featured charitable giving organization at the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office. **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** is dedicated to providing families in Pasco County with food, shelter and educational programs, with the ultimate goal of helping families get back on their feet and independent. Funds that were raised during the month of April will be used primarily to help feed hungry children.

“We are thrilled to receive this support from Pasco citizens to help fellow Pasco citizens in need,” states **Tim Marks, President & CEO of Metropolitan Ministries**. “We appreciate the leadership of **Sen. Mike Fasano** and the entire Tax Collection leadership team to engage the community to help 12 different non-profits each and every year. As **Metropolitan Ministries** prepares to expand services in Pasco to care for 7000 families at the holidays, expand our outreach programs, and serve more families in Dade City and Land O’ Lakes, we appreciate the additional support.”

It is the goal of **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** to help children and families, no matter how serious their needs. Whether they need to get off the streets at night, or they are seeking education to help get a job, **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** can provide assistance. In the Tampa

Bay area 32,000 homeless men, women and children have received services. In Pasco County housing is provided to families and singles. Additionally, educational, nutritional and other services are available to program participants that may need help to move into their own home.

“Our staff was honored to work with the very generous members of our community to raise over \$8,400.00 for this wonderful charitable organization,” comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “The success of **Metropolitan Ministries** in the Tampa Bay Area allowed this fine organization to expand into Pasco County, to offer help to the approximately 65,000 residents who live at or below the poverty level. Please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for your kind and giving hearts. The funds that were raised will be put to good use.”

For more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the Pasco Tax Collector’s Office please visit www.pascotaxes.com or call **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector/ Communications & Special Projects** at 727-847-8179. For more information regarding **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** and the programs they offer please visit the website www.metromin.org or contact **Nancy Dougherty, Associate Director of Donor Relations** at (727) 756-1926.