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Sunrise of Pasco – Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center Will be Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano’s October Charity of the Month

Pasco County **Tax Collector Mike Fasano’s** five offices will be collecting donations in October to assist *Sunrise of Pasco County’s Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center*. The mission of *Sunrise* is to prevent domestic and sexual violence before it ever happens. If it does, *Sunrise* is dedicated to assisting victims to escape those conditions and find safety and freedom in the community.

Sunrise has created the “Pet Retreat” so that victims, who are often forced into staying in a violent relationship due to threatened or actual harm that may befall a beloved family pet, will have a safe place to bring their pets. At its emergency shelter for women a pet haven has been added to house any pets that victims may have escaped with.

“**Sunrise of Pasco County** is truly honored to be named the Pasco County Tax Collector’s October Charity of the Month,” comments **Kelly Sinn, CEO** of *Sunrise of Pasco County’s Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center*. “We are deeply grateful to **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and his wonderful staff for this incredible opportunity to raise awareness and support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. With October being “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” this recognition is especially meaningful. The support we receive helps sustain vital programs like our Pet Retreat, which ensures survivors can find safety without having to leave their beloved pets behind. Thank you to the Pasco

community for your continued generosity and commitment. Your support empowers survivors, strengthens families, and truly makes a difference.”

“The *Sunrise of Pasco County’s Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center* is the premier agency in our county to help victims of domestic violence escape from that life,” remarks **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “During my many years in public service I have been continually impressed with the compassion *Sunrise* staff and volunteers demonstrate to some of the most vulnerable women and their children every day. It is humbling to know that the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office* is going to once again have this opportunity to help an organization that, since 1982, has helped countless women and children live their lives without the fear of violence and intimidation.”

For those who would like to give online, the tax collector’s office’s charitable giving arm **Pasco TC Gives** has a webpage through which donations for **Sunrise of Pasco** (Charity of the Month) can be made: <https://www.govhub.com/fl-pasco/tc-gives/donate> Donations may also be mailed to: **Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office**, P.O. Box 276, Dade City FL 33526-0276.

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 *Sunrise of Pasco’s Domestic Violence Center* please visit <https://www.sunrisepasco.org/> or contact **Kelly Sinn, Chief Executive Officer** at (352) 521-3358.

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