



**PRESS RELEASE**

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***Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Offices Feature  
CARES'***

***"Pet Project" as the Charitable Giving  
Campaign for the Month of May***

**Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices will feature **CARES** (Community Aging & Retirement Services) as the charitable organization for the month of May, 2021. "Do it Fur Love!" is the slogan of the month's campaign. All proceeds from the promotional effort will benefit **CARES**, and specifically the **Pet Project**, a program to help the elderly take care of their pets.

**CARES** provides programs and services that help older adults stay in their homes by providing support to them, their caregivers and families. The May promotion shines a spotlight on the **CARES Pet Project**. Donations will be used to supply pet food, pet care products and other supports to assist the elderly in keeping their pets well cared for.

“**CARES** is very appreciative of this effort by the tax collector’s office,” states **Jemith Rosa, CARES President & CEO**. “For many elderly people, having a pet means they feel less lonely and socially isolated. A pet is a true companion that gives unconditional love and friendship.”

“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 and continues to be a top priority of mine. The **CARES Pet Project** is an exciting program that has demonstrated its value to our vulnerable seniors. With this support they no longer have to choose between buying medication for themselves or food for their pet. I’m excited that we will once again be able to support the neediest seniors in our community.”

For more information about **CARES** and the **Pet Project** please contact **Director of Administrative Services Melissa Mathe** at 727-862-9291 or visit the website [www.CARESFL.org](http://www.CARESFL.org) 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 [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) Donations may be mailed to: **Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office**, P.O. Box 276, Dade City FL 33526-0276.

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