

PRESS RELEASE

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Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Raises \$6,000 for CARES Pet Project

Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces that **\$6,000** was raised to benefit *CARES*, the featured charity of the month in May. *CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services)* is a Pasco County-based organization that provides services to seniors so they can stay in their homes and be as independent as possible. The funds were raised through the hard work of the tax collector staff in the five offices located throughout the county. The *CARES* "Pet Project" was created to help feed and support the animals who so often are the only companion older members of our community may have.

"A pet is a true companion that gives unconditional love and friendship," states **Jemith Rosa, President & CEO** of *CARES*. "Thank you, **Mike Fasano**, for helping *CARES* provide this support to our vulnerable seniors in Pasco County."

"During my tenure as an elected official I have worked to ensure that seniors in our community receive the services they need to live a full life," states **Tax**

Collector Mike Fasano. "Supporting the *CARES* 'Pet Project' continues to be a wonderful opportunity for our office to help those seniors whose pets are their primary companion. Thank you to everyone who gave to help the elderly members of our community continue to have the companionship they need to make each day a significant day for them."

For more information about *CARES* and the "Pet Project" please contact **President & CEO 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>

[PHOTO ATTACHED – **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** present both a ceremonial and a "real" check to *CARES* **President & CEO Jemith Rosa** and members of her staff and board at the *CARES* main office in Hudson, Florida.)

