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Tax Collector Mike Fasano Has Designated the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired & Blind as the August Charity of the Month

Pasco County **Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices will be collecting donations in August for the *Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired & Blind*. The mission of the *Lighthouse* is to educate, empower and employ people who are visually impaired and

blind. The *Lighthouse* provides early intervention services for blind babies, programs for children, a teen school to work transition program, independent living skills training for adults and seniors and other services to help people become as self-sufficient as possible. Since services are provided at no cost to program participants, all donations received will help provide more services to more people.

“The odds of becoming severely visually impaired increases with age,” comments **Jonathan Fister, CEO** of the *Lighthouse*. “And, since Americans are living longer, we find ourselves serving more people every year. The reality is that supporting the *Lighthouse* may turn out to be an investment in your own future. Thank you for your gift. We are grateful to the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office* for helping us serve blind and visually impaired people today and tomorrow.”

“The *Lighthouse* has a long history of serving visually impaired individuals in Pasco County,” comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “It is estimated that over a half million Floridians are sight impaired, with over 27,000 living within the *Lighthouse’s* service area. The programs they operate, especially for blind babies and young children, are especially important to me as this funding was something I have supported throughout my career in public service. I encourage our community to support the *Lighthouse* either through making a cash donation or perhaps purchasing a specialty license tag which will help the *Lighthouse* for years to come.”

Cash donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. Individuals who may wish to switch their current tag for “A State of Vision” specialty tag may do so at any of the same locations. For more information about the charitable giving program at the Pasco Tax Collector’s office please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about services provided at the *Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired & Blind* please call **Patricia Porter, Director of Grants, Donations & Media** at 813-713-2492. Donations may also be mailed to the tax collector’s office at the following address: Tax Collector Mike Fasano, P.O. Box 276, Dade City, FL 33526. Please note on your check’s memo line “Lighthouse.”

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