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Pasco Tax Collector's Five Offices to Collect Donations for Sunrise of Pasco's Domestic & Sexual Violence Center's Pet Retreat

Pasco County **Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices will be collecting donations in October to assist *Sunrise of Pasco's Domestic & Sexual Violence Center's Pet Retreat*. The mission of *Sunrise of Pasco* is to end domestic and sexual violence by providing prevention and intervention services to those in need. The purpose of the retreat is so that victims of domestic and/ or sexual violence will have a safe place to bring their pets when they seek shelter from their abuser. Abusers often threaten or harm pets as a means of control, using them to manipulate victims into staying. The Pet Retreat is a safe haven which empowers victims to seek help without leaving their beloved pets behind.

"Thank you to **Mike Fasano**, the entire **Tax Collector** team, and our community members for standing with survivors," comments **Kelly Sinn, CEO** of *Sunrise of Pasco*. "Much gratitude to the **Pasco County Tax Collector's Office** for selecting *Sunrise of Pasco* as the October beneficiary of *Pasco TC Gives* charitable giving program. We are honored to be featured once again as the Charity of the Month!"

“*Sunrise of Pasco* has made a positive impact on our community for decades,” remarks **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “Our office is honored to once again help advance their efforts by including *Sunrise of Pasco* as part of our Charity-of-the-Month program. We know that every dollar raised will be spent to help families, mothers, their children, and their pets, right here in Pasco County. With the *Pet Retreat* as another tool to help survivors find safety without worrying about the security of a beloved pet, more victims will have the opportunity to escape what could be a deadly life with an abuser. We applaud *Sunrise of Pasco* for the excellent work and fine reputation they have earned over the years.”

Donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For those who would like to give online, the tax collector’s charitable giving arm *Pasco TC Gives* has a webpage through which donations 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.

The Charity-of-the-Month program is a year-round effort to bring as much attention to as many charities, both big and small, who serve those in need or are less fortunate. For more information about the charitable giving program at the *Pasco County 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 *Sunrise of Pasco* please call **Kelly Sinn, CEO** of *Sunrise of Pasco* at 352-521-3358.

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