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Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano Designates April as “Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco Month”

During the month of April ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco*** will be the featured charitable giving organization at the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office. ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco*** is dedicated to providing families in Pasco County with food, shelter and educational programs, with the ultimate goal of helping families get back on their feet and independent. Funds raised during the month of April will be targeted to help feed hungry children.

“For hungry families and children struggling to find their next meal, ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco*** is where you can help hunger to end and hope to begin,” states **Nancy Dougherty, Associate Director of Donor Relations**. “A donation of a \$1.96 feeds 2 hungry children! Thank you for being hope this Easter season!”

It is the goal of ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco*** to help children and families, no matter how serious their needs. Whether they need to get off the streets at night, or they are seeking education to help get a job, ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco*** can provide assistance. In the Tampa Bay area 32,000 homeless men, women and children have received services. In Pasco County housing is provided to families and singles. Additionally, educational, nutritional and other services are available to program participants that may need help to move into their own home.

“The success of **Metropolitan Ministries** in the Tampa Bay allowed this fine organization to expand into Pasco County, to offer help to the approximately 65,000 residents who live at or below the poverty level,” comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “It is our honor to dedicate April to raise awareness and funds for ***Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco***, the people they serve and the

programs they provide. Every dollar that is donated will be used to help feed hungry children in particular. I encourage anyone with a heart for children and those in need to stop by one of our offices and make a donation to this campaign. You may also mail in your donation with your auto registration if you prefer. Thank you for considering supporting this excellent program.”

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 **Metropolitan Ministries - Pasco** and the programs they offer please visit the website www.metromin.org or contact Nancy Dougherty at (727) 756-1926.