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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ST. LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR RAISES NEARLY 7,000 FOR DONATE LIFE FLORIDA**

FORT PIERCE – The St. Lucie County Tax Collector’s Office raised nearly \$7,000 at the sold-out third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefitting Donate Life Florida. The event was hosted at Chuck’s Seafood Restaurant, where Owner Peter Angelos graciously donated all of the food and local celebrities served the crowd.

Donate Life is a nonprofit organization dedicated to motivating Floridians to register as organ, tissue and eye donors so lives can be saved through donation and transplantation. The organization designates April as Donate Life Month.

Local celebrity servers included St. Lucie County Tax Collector Chris Craft; St. Lucie County Property Appraiser Michelle Franklin; St. Lucie County Commissioners Frannie Hutchinson and Cathy Townsend; St. Lucie County Superintendent of Schools Wayne Gent; St. Lucie County School Board Members Debbie Hawley and Kathryn Hensley; St. Lucie County Fire District Chief Nate Spera; Fort Pierce Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson and Captain Brian Hester with the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office.

Event sponsors included A&G Concrete Pools, Aztec Graphix, FAU Harbor Branch’s Specialty License Plate Program granted through the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Edlund Dritenbas Binkley Architects and Associates, P.A., FPL, Guettler Brothers Construction, High Tech Ductworks, Grant Street Group, St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Matula Electric, the Peter W. Busch Family Foundation, St. Lucie County Clerk of the Circuit Court Joseph Smith, Oculina Bank and Sara Pedreira Photography.

“I am incredibly proud of my team for their tireless fundraising efforts in support of Donate Life Florida and the 117,000 people on the organ donor waiting list,” Craft said.

Visit [www.tcslc.com](http://www.tcslc.com) to support Donate Life Florida or to become a registered organ donor.

For more information on the St. Lucie County Tax Collector's Office, please visit [www.tcslc.com](http://www.tcslc.com), call 772-462-1650 or email [taxcollector@tcslc.com](mailto:taxcollector@tcslc.com). "Like" the St. Lucie County Tax Collector on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StLucieCountyTaxCollector](http://www.facebook.com/StLucieCountyTaxCollector) and follow the office on Twitter @SLCTaxCollector.

### **About the St. Lucie County Tax Collector's Office**

St. Lucie County Tax Collector Chris Craft has two offices located in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, Fla., open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Driver license services end at 4:30 p.m. The office handles property taxes, tax certificates, tourist development, motor vehicle registration, driver licenses, motorized vessel registration, mobile home registration, disabled parking, hunting and fishing licenses, and local business taxes. For more information on the St. Lucie County Tax Collector's Office, please visit [www.tcslc.com](http://www.tcslc.com), call 772-462-1650 or email [taxcollector@tcslc.com](mailto:taxcollector@tcslc.com). "Like" the St. Lucie County Tax Collector on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StLucieCountyTaxCollector](http://www.facebook.com/StLucieCountyTaxCollector) and follow the office on Twitter @SLCTaxCollector.

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### **Suggested photo captions:**

celebs.jpg: (From left to right) St. Lucie County Tax Collector Chris Craft, St. Lucie County School Board Member Kathryn Hensley, St. Lucie County School Board Member Debbie Hawley, Chuck's Seafood Restaurant Owner Peter Angelos, St. Lucie County Property Michelle Franklin, St. Lucie County Commissioner Cathy Townsend, St. Lucie County Sheriff Captain Brian Hester, St. Lucie County Fire District Chief Nate Spera and Fort Pierce Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson at the third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefiting Donate Life Florida Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Chuck's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Fla.

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Platts.jpg: St. Lucie County Tax Collector Communications Specialist Jayne Platts thanking guests, sponsors and local celebrity servers at the third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefiting Donate Life Florida Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Chuck's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Fla.

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Johnson\_Hensley.jpg: St. Lucie County School Board Member Kathryn Hensley greeting Fort Pierce Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson at the third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefiting Donate Life Florida Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Chuck's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Fla.

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Hester.jpg: St. Lucie County Sheriff Captain Brian Hester taking guests' lunch orders at the third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefiting Donate Life Florida Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Chuck's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Fla.

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Guests\_frontviewofroom.jpg: A sold-out crowd at the third annual Local Celebrity Lunch benefiting Donate Life Florida Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Chuck's Seafood Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Fla.

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