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**4<sup>th</sup> annual “Local Celebrity Lunch” Raises \$7,250 for Donate Life Florida**

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (April 8, 2019)** – Area “celebrities” recently put on aprons and served up a heaping helping of awareness for organ and tissue donation at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Local Celebrity Lunch, hosted by the St. Lucie County tax collector’s office. The event also raised \$7,250 for Donate Life Florida, a nonprofit organization dedicated to motivating Floridians to register as organ, tissue and eye donors so lives can be saved through donation and transplantation.

Celebrity servers included St. Lucie County Tax Collector, Chris Craft, St. Lucie County Fire Chief Nate Spera, St. Lucie County Commissioners Cathy Townsend and Linda Bartz, St. Lucie County School Board Members Debbie Hawley, Troy Ingersoll and Kathryn Hensley and St. Lucie County Sheriff Major Brian Hester.

Event sponsors included the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Guettler Brothers Construction, FPL, Gehring Group, UBU Brands, Grant Street Group, Sunrise Ford, EDB Architects, the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office and Chuck’s Seafood, which donated all of the food served at the event.



*Tax Collector Chris Craft with Sharon Schwab Cohen, whose son saved three lives through organ donation, and Maria Gamboa, who received a life-saving double-lung transplant. Both women shared their stories at the Local Celebrity Lunch.*



*St. Lucie County Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky, School Board Member Kathryn Hensley and County Commissioner Cathy Townsend take orders during the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Local Celebrity Lunch on April 7. Photo Credit: Sara Craft with Sara Pedreira Photography*



*St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Major Brian Hester serves customers with a smile during this year's fundraiser benefitting Donate Life Florida. Photo Credit: Sara Craft with Sara Pedreira Photography.*

**About the St. Lucie County Tax Collector, Chris Craft**

The St. Lucie County Tax Collector, Chris Craft, has three offices located in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, Fla., open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 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, visit [tclsc.com](http://tclsc.com), call 772-462-1650, or email [taxcollector@tclsc.com](mailto:taxcollector@tclsc.com).