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Community Aging and Retirement Services Inc. (CARES) is pleased to announce the establishment of the "CARES Agency Endowment Fund" with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that administers funds donated by individuals, corporations and private foundations to support the charitable needs of Pasco County. CARES wants to thank the Musunuru family, who founded the endowment through their generous gift.

"The community at large has an inherent responsibility to take care if its vulnerable: the children, the poor, the disabled and the elderly," said Dr. Rao Musunuru. "Supporting the needy elderly who, during their productive years, have contributed so much to better the lives of others, is the least we can do to fulfill our obligations and to pay our respect. It pays to remember that one day the present young and strong may need the same help and support."

Tax deductible charitable contributions, donations or bequests can be made to the "CARES Agency Endowment Fund" of the Community Foundation of Pasco County. For information, call CARES President/ CEO Bill Aycrigg at (727) 862-9291 ext. 226.

The Larry Tawney Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4412 in Hudson announced the installation of new officers on Sept. 8. The inaugural installation of the new Men's Auxiliary included: President Frank Tawney; Senior Vice President Harry Ciccarella; Junior Vice President Mike McDonald; Treasurer Glen Pliska; Secretary Chuck Shupe; Chaplain Bob Urie; First Year Trustee Tom Rose; Second Year Trustee Tad Trezise; Third Year Trustee Todd Ramson. The post is located on 13129 Colony Road, Hudson, and also has a Ladies Auxiliary. Interested in joining? Call (727) 856-0051.

Five young students received their yellow belt Aug. 28 from the Regis Lima Martial Arts School in Port Richey. Marty O'Donnel, Trey Johnson, Zachary Brown, Adri Delgado and Dylan Fawcett completed training under director Regis Lima with assistance from a young instructor, Starlite Connolly. State Sen. Mike Fasano was present and congratulated the youngsters. For information about martial arts training call (727) 849-6800.

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PHOTO, Photo courtesy of Tom Goldsworthy: FUNDS FOR FERAL CATS: Stripey, a young, affectionate female feral cat now available for adoption, is one of several that benefited from fund raising efforts of The Animal Coalition of Tampa (ACT). The local group recently sponsored a fundraising Italian dinner at Big Cat Rescue Lion's Lair Pavilion in Tampa. Money earned from this event goes to pay for spaying and neutering 26 feral cats now being fed by an elderly woman who uses a wheelchair. Tom Goldsworthy of Odessa says the low-cost services are available to citizens in Pasco and surrounding counties. For information about Stripey, who comes with a pre-paid certificate for spaying, or for information about ACT, call Linda Hamilton or Judy Hill at (813) 250-3900 or visit www.actampa.org. PHOTO, Photo courtesy of Mary-Ann's School of Dance: DANCE PROJECT: Mary-Ann's School of Dance, 9721 U.S. 19, Port Richey, recently performed in a community service project for Parent to Parent of Pasco County Inc. which helps bridge gaps in service for families of children with special needs. The event took place at Zephyr Park in Zephyrhills. For information, call Mary-Ann's School of Dance at (727) 848-2911 or Parent to Parent of Pasco County Inc. at (727) 514-4452. PHOTO, Photo courtesy of Joseph Baldyga: MARINE OF THE YEAR: The Marine of the Year Award and Medal was presented by Commandant Richard Young, left, to Harold "Tom" Mercer, right, who was recognized by his peers, more than 300 former Marines and Navy hospital corpsmen. Mercer's able assistant is Lucas Machowski, center. Mercer has been honored for his many hours of dedicated service in charge of building and grounds since becoming a member of the Holiday Detachment No. 567 of the Marine Corps League. Mercer joined the Marine Corps in 1966, trained in communications and was Ground Radar Technician on Red Beach, Danang, Vietnam. The detachment is sponsoring its well-known Toys for Tots program for 2007. The members raised more funds than any other organization for their ongoing Trykes for Tykes, which supplies specially equipped, hand-powered tricycles for challenged children with spinal injuries. Want to join? Call Junior Vice Commandant Bernard Troop at (727) 945- 0219. PHOTO, GAIL DIEDERICH - Times: 'PAWS IN THE PARK': Friendly, leashed pets and their owners, such as beagle Rocky and owner Laura Donaldson of Dade City, are invited to the third annual San Antonio Paws in the Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 29 in San Antonio City Park, 12202 Main Street, San Antonio. Admission is free.

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