



PRESS RELEASE

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Lauren's Kids and Pasco County Tax Collector's Office Unite for the "Walk in My Shoes" Event on April 11

Pasco County, FL – Lauren's Kids and the **Pasco County Tax Collector's Office** are coming together to raise awareness and support for child sexual abuse prevention through the **Walk in My Shoes** event on **April 11, 2025**. This collaborative event invites the Pasco County community to walk alongside survivors, advocates, and supporters in a show of unity and commitment to protecting children.

April is **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and the **Walk in My Shoes** event is part of a month-long, 1,500-mile journey across Florida, led by **Lauren Book** through **Lauren's Kids**, a time to recognize the importance of communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The **Walk in My Shoes** campaign, founded by **Senator Lauren Book**, a survivor and advocate, has been a powerful movement for over a decade, bringing together individuals and organizations across Florida to amplify the message of prevention, education, and healing.

Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano has been a longtime champion of child protection initiatives, supporting **Lauren's Kids** through programs like the "**Love and Healing**" specialty license plate and the **Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Voluntary Contribution Program**. These

initiatives provide critical funding for education, awareness, and survivor support services throughout Florida.

“The Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office is proud to stand with **Lauren’s Kids** in the fight to prevent child abuse,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “We encourage our community to participate in the **Walk in My Shoes** event on April 11, as we take a stand together to protect and support children and survivors.”

"Walking 1,500 miles across Florida is about more than just the journey—it’s about raising awareness, empowering survivors, and preventing abuse before it happens," said **Lauren Book**, founder of **Lauren’s Kids**. "We are also incredibly grateful to **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** for his unwavering support of this cause, from championing the 'Love and Healing' specialty license plate to advocating for the Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Voluntary Contribution Program. His dedication makes a true difference in the lives of children and families across Florida."

Lauren’s Kids and the **Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office** invite residents, businesses, and community organizations to join this meaningful event, demonstrating Pasco County’s dedication to **raising awareness and preventing child sexual abuse**.

Event Details:



Date: April 11, 2025, at 12:30PM (starting point)



Location: Starting Point Pasco Kids First 7344 Little Rd New Port, Richey, FL & **Ending Point** (at approximately 4:30 PM) Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office- Gulf Harbors -4720 U.S. Highway 19 New Port Richey



Purpose: To walk in solidarity, raise awareness, and support survivors

Join us in walking for **love, healing, and prevention**. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children and families.

For more information about the **Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office** and its charitable giving initiatives, please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com For more information about **Lauren’s Kids** or to participate in the **Walk in My Shoes** event, please visit [Lauren's Kids Walk in My Shoes 2025](#).