

PRESS RELEASE

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Tax Collector Mike Fasano & Staff Collected \$10,000 to Support Five Pasco County Schools' ABC Program

Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices collected donations in July for the *Pasco County School District's ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) Program*. The program was created to provide financial assistance to students and their families who are experiencing economic hardship, especially when those needs interfere with the student's ability to be academically successful. The cash collected will go into a fund that teachers can use when they see or learn of a need a child may have. In past years this office has donated thousands of dollars to Pasco schools to support this important program.

"The management and staff of each of the five tax collector offices in the county chose which school in their respective

community they wanted to donate their funds to," comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano.** "Each office earmarked **\$2,000** for a school in need, totaling **\$10,000** in donations countywide."

The schools chosen by each office to receive donations are as follows:

Gulf Harbors Office – **Sunray Elementary School**, Holiday Wesley Chapel Office - **Woodland Elementary School**, Zephyrhills

New Port Richey (West Pasco Government Center) Office – **Moon Lake Elementary School**, NPR

Land O' Lakes Office – Charles S. Rushe Elementary School, Land O' Lakes

Dade City Office – Pasco Middle School, Dade City

To maintain appropriate social distancing letters with checks were sent to the principal of each school identified.

"It was a great honor for our staff to work with a very generous community to collect these funds on behalf of students in need," comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "The strain of COVID only adds to the pressure families are under during these uncertain time. Children without food, adequate clothing or other unmet needs often suffer academically. The *ABC Program* was designed to help students and their families who are experiencing hardship or crisis. The assistance provided helps students get back on track and stay on track."

For more information about the charitable giving programs at the Pasco Tax Collector's Office, please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com If you would like to make a donation to this or any other featured charity please feel free to call or mail your donation to the tax collector's office at the following address: **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**, P.O. Box 276, Dade City, FL 33526. Please note on your check's memo line the name of the charity you are supporting.

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