



PRESS RELEASE

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***One Community Now's Hunger Walk is
September's Charity of the Month at
Pasco County Tax Collector's Office***

During the month of September *One Community Now's* annual *Hunger Walk* on behalf of the *Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program* will be the featured charity at the five locations of the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office*. A supporter and sponsor of this program, **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** was more than happy to dedicate an entire month to raising funds for this organization that serves so many students throughout the county.

"I applaud *One Community Now* and the organizers of the *Hunger Walk* for their commitment to fighting hunger and food insecurity for students in our county," comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Since its inception we've been blessed to field a large team of staff and friends of our office to be a part of 'Team Tax Collector' to raise funds for this important charity. We encourage members of the community, who are already so generous in their giving to our charitable programs, to consider donating to this important program as well."

The *Hunger Walk* directly funds what is called *The Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program*, which is the keystone of the food relief efforts of the *One Community Now* organization. Children who live in danger of not having food on their dining room table are given a backpack full of healthy meals each Friday to ensure that they have food to eat over the weekend. The students return the empty backpack to their school on Monday, which is then refilled for the following weekend.

It is estimated the *Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program* feeds more than 1,600 children each weekend. Since the advent of COVID the number of kids in need has grown to the point where 1 in 4 kids in our county do not have enough to eat. A majority of those students also qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. The need is great, and the *Hunger Walk* helps meet that need.

If you would like to donate to the *Hunger Walk* or perhaps even join *Team Tax Collector*, please visit www.onecommunitynowhungerwalk.org/taxcollector or stop by one of our five offices to give in person. The *Hunger Walk* will be held October 2, 2021 at Sims Park, New Port Richey. The event is currently scheduled to begin at 10 AM.

For more information about the charitable giving programs at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com

For more details about *One Community Now's Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program* please contact **Executive Director Patti Templeton** at 727-900-6280 or visit <http://onecommunitynow.com/>

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