



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# ***Tax Collector Mike Fasano Has Designated the YMCA of the Suncoast Swimming Lesson Program as the February Charity of the Month***

Pasco County **Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices will be collecting donations in February for the *YMCA of the Suncoast's* Swimming Lesson Program. Water safety is a high priority of the *YMCA* and it is a mission that is shared by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office. In a county that is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and neighborhoods that have swimming pools and countless lakes, the importance of preparing young people to navigate safely in the water is a top priority.

"Help save lives!" remarks **Julio Vega, District Vice President** for the *YMCA of the Suncoast*. "The *YMCA of the Suncoast* serves more than 7,000 children annually in our mission to eliminate drownings by providing life-saving swim skills in all counties, including Pasco, served by our Y."

“The *YMCA* is the premier agency to provide swim lessons to young people in our community,” comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “With drowning the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1-4 it is vitally important that they receive water safety lessons as soon as they are able. Unfortunately, Florida ranks as one of the highest states in the nation for infant and toddler drowning. We must do all we can to bring this number down. The funds raised through this campaign will help provide swimming and water safety lessons to children whose families may not otherwise be able to afford them. I encourage our community to support the *YMCA of the Suncoast* to provide this needed service to as many children as possible.”

Cash donations can be made at any of the five tax collector locations in Pasco County. For more information about the charitable giving program at the Pasco Tax Collector’s office please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at 727-847-8179 or visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) For more information about services provided by the *YMCA of the Suncoast* please call **Julio Vega, District Vice President** at 727-375-9622 or visit <https://ymcasuncoast.org> Donations may also be mailed 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 “YMCA.”

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