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Pasco Tax Collector's Office Raises \$6,000 for Special Olympics Florida of Pasco

Special Olympics Florida of Pasco was the featured charitable giving organization at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's* office this past February. **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** is a sports and training program for people with intellectual disabilities. In Pasco, 1500 students participate in **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco**. Training in about 20 different sports is provided free of charge to participants.

The *Pasco Tax Collector's Office* spotlights a charity-of-the-month in the five offices across the county. Whenever **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** is featured, the funds raised are used to support the Pasco team's attendance at the national *Special Olympics USA Games*. A total of **\$6,000** was raised to benefit **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** during this recent charitable giving drive.

“Special Olympics Florida is truly grateful for the remarkable generosity and commitment shown by the **Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office,**” remarks **Jessica Ott, Special Olympics Florida Regional Director – West Coast Region.** **“Mike Fasano,** his team, and the community all have played an essential role in advancing our mission to ensure that individuals with intellectual disabilities receive the opportunities and support they deserve.”

“Special Olympics Florida of Pasco continues to hold a special place in both my heart and in the hearts of many of our team members,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano.** “I am proud that our staff and our community pulled together to support this fine organization that helps bring purpose to so many lives. The athletes, and the volunteers who work with them, are some of the kindest, most positive people I have ever met. **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** provides a respite from the difficulties many students with intellectual challenges deal with daily. It also provides a place to be with others who aspire to be their best.”

For more details regarding the charitable giving program, or services provided by the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office,* please contact **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** please contact **Amy Selvey, Director of Special**

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[Photo Attached – **Tax Collector Mike Fasano, Chief Deputy Tax Collector Tim Couet, Pasco Director Amy Selvey** and student athletes at Cypress Creek High School, Wesley Chapel]

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