



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***Pasco Tax Collector's Offices Accepting Donations of New Shoes and Socks for Pasco School Students***

The **Pasco County Tax Collector's Office** is once again participating in the new shoes and socks collection drive to assist local students and families in need. A collaborative effort between Pasco County government and the school district, the **"Two Good Soles"** campaign, which is in its sixth year, is seeking to collect as many new pairs of shoes and socks as possible. The tax collector's offices in Pasco County will be collection sites for these donations between now and October 22, the final day of the drive.

"It is heartbreaking to know that children come to school without socks or shoes in good repair," states **Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "I am pleased that our office is once again part of this county-wide effort to collect as many pairs of footwear as possible. I encourage everyone who is able to please stop by one of our offices and leave a donation. Every item will go to a student in need who attends a school in Pasco County."

The need for shoes is primarily at the middle and high school level, although shoes for elementary school students will also be welcomed. While the tax collector's office will accept donations of shoes and socks that are new and unused, the school district reports that the sizes most in need are children's shoes 9 and up, adult shoes of all sizes and socks of any size. It is recommended that sneakers, shoes and socks be of a "neutral" color, but all donations of new items will be accepted. No flip-flops or open-toes shoes, please.

If you are interested in making a donation please visit one of the following offices in Pasco County and leave your donation in the labeled collection box near the door:

- New Port Richey - 8731 Citizens Drive, Room 120, New Port Richey, FL 34654
- Gulf Harbors – 4720 U.S. Highway 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652
- Land O' Lakes - 4111 Land O'Lakes Boulevard (Hwy 41), Land O'Lakes, FL 34639
- Wesley Chapel - 4610 Pet Lane, C 101, Lutz, FL 33559
- Dade City - 14236 6th Street, Room 100, Dade City, FL 33523

For more information about the **"Two Good Soles"** shoe and sock drive, or any other service provided by the tax collector's office, please contact **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector for Communications & Special Projects** at (727) 847-8179.

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