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Tax Collector Mike Fasano's Offices Raised \$8,000 for

Pasco Fire Rescue's Annual "Boot Drive" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Tax Collector Mike Fasano's five offices featured Pasco Fire Rescue's Annual "Boot Drive" as the charitable organization for the month of August. \$8,000.00 was raised during this promotional effort. This annual event benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), which is a key organization supported by Pasco Fire Rescue/ Pasco Firefighters Charities.

"It was an honor to assist **Pasco Fire Rescue** once again with the annual **MDA Boot Drive,"** comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "In the past our staff and a very generous community have come together to support this important organization. The "Boot Drive" brings back memories of the late Jerry Lewis' Labor Day Telethon and the images of firefighters collecting donations for the MDA with their firefighter boots. It was a blessing that we were able to devote an entire month to helping raise funds for the MDA. We are proud to assist Pasco's first responders as they work tirelessly to help fund research and treatment for individuals afflicted with this dreaded disease."

"In Pasco County, the partnership between the Tax Collector's Office, led by Mike Fasano, and the Firefighters Charities of Pasco stands as a true testament to community commitment," says Lisa Brekke, Director of Firefighters Charities of Pasco. "For the past four years, their unwavering support has bolstered our Charities efforts, raising significant funds for a cause that matters deeply. Reflecting on this incredible journey that began in 1954, we honor a legacy of compassion, strength, and generosity that has touched countless lives. The Fill the Boot program remains a symbol of hope for those affected by neuromuscular diseases, demonstrating the profound impact a united community can make."

Tax Collector Mike Fasano and Chief Deputy Tax Collector Tim Couet presented the donations to Lisa Brekke, Director of Pasco Firefighters Charities at a recent firefighters' event (see attached photo). For more information about the promotional and charitable giving programs at the tax collector's office please contact Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com For more information about Pasco Fire Rescue/ Pasco Firefighters Charities please contact Lisa Brekke at (813) 244-8619.

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