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Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces

\$8,468.04 Was Raised for Lauren's Kids

During the month of June, the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* featured *Lauren's Kids*, a statewide organization that works daily to prevent childhood sexual abuse through education and awareness. *Lauren's Kids* was created in 2007 by **State Senator Lauren Book**, herself a victim of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of a trusted caregiver. **Senator Book** has taken her own experiences and turned them into an opportunity to help children find hope and healing.

The five branch offices of the *Pasco County Tax Collectors Office* promoted the *Lauren's Kids* specialty license plate and collected cash donations through the entire month of June. The value of 52 specialty tags sold and cash donations collected equals **\$8,468.04**.

"I can't thank **Senator Mike Fasano** and his staff enough for the continued support and involvement in raising awareness and funds," comments **Senator Lauren Book**, Founder and CEO of *Lauren's Kids*, a 501(c)(3) organization that works to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors heal. "This dedication truly makes the difference! Raising these funds for the foundation is meaningful and will help make a difference. We are deeply grateful for the *Lauren's Kids* "**Love and Healing**" specialty license plate promotion and fundraiser throughout your offices. Your offices did a tremendous job, as they always do. Your team went above and beyond to raise awareness on this dark issue throughout your county."

“**Senator Lauren Book** and her team have dedicated themselves to addressing one of the most heinous of crimes; childhood sexual abuse,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “It was an honor for our staff to work with the community to raise funds for the good work this organization does each and every day. Working with partners such as *Pasco Kids First* to help implement the educational and awareness pieces of the *Lauren’s Kids* mission, we are grateful for the opportunity to play a small part in this important program. Thank you to every customer who invested in *Lauren’s Kids* by making a donation or purchasing a license plate. Your financial support will go a long way towards changing the life of a child in a positive way.”

For details about the charitable promotions sponsored by the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office* or any other services provided, please call **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector/ Communications & Special Projects** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com For more information about the services provided by *Lauren’s Kids* please visit www.LaurensKids.org