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### ***One Community Now's Annual Hunger Walk is Featured Charity at Pasco County Tax Collector's Office***

During the month of February *One Community Now's* annual *Hunger Walk* on behalf of the *Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program* is the featured charity at the five locations of the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office. A supporter and sponsor of this program, **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** was more than happy to dedicate an entire month to raising funds for this organization that serves so students throughout the county.

"I applaud *One Community Now* and the organizers of the *Hunger Walk* for their commitment to fight hunger and food insecurity for students in our county,"

comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Since its inception we've been blessed to field a large team of staff and friends of our office to be a part of 'Team Tax Collector' to raise funds for this important charity. We encourage members of the community, who are already so generous in their giving to our charitable programs, to consider making a donation to this important program as well."

The *Hunger Walk* directly funds what is called *The Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program*, which is the keystone of the food relief efforts of the *One Community Now* organization. Children who live in danger of not having food on their dining room table are given a backpack full of healthy meals each Friday to ensure that they have food to eat over the weekend. The students return the empty backpack to their school on Monday, which is then refilled for the following weekend.

Since the first *Hunger Walk* 'Team Tax Collector' has raised over \$16,000 to help feed students who participate in the program. It is estimated that in Pasco County approximately 38,000 children live in homes that struggle to put adequate amounts of food on the table. 51% of students in the county qualify for free or reduced lunches. The need is great and the *Hunger Walk* helps meet that need.

For more information about the charitable giving programs at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office please contact **Assistant Tax Collector for Communications & Special Projects Greg Giordano** at (727) 847-8179 or visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com). For more details about *One Community Now's Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids Program* please contact **Patti Templeton** at 727-900-6280 or visit <http://onecommunitynow.com/>