



PRESS RELEASE

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Tax Collector's Office Accepting New Shoes and Socks for Pasco School Students

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office is participating in the new shoes and socks collection campaign to assist local students and families in need. A collaborative effort between Pasco County government and the school district, the "Two Good Soles" campaign, is seeking to collect as many new pairs of shoes and socks as possible. The tax collector's five offices in Pasco County will be collection sites for these donations between now and October 25, the final day of the collection.

"It is heartbreaking to know that children come to school without socks or shoes in good repair, if they have them at all," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "I am pleased that our office is part of this 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. 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 and adults 5 and up. Socks of all sizes are welcome. It is recommended that sneakers, tennis shoes and socks be of a "neutral" color, but all donations of new items will be accepted.

If you are interested in making a donation please visit one of our five offices in Pasco County and leave your donation in the labeled collection box near the door. The offices are located as follows:

- 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

All offices are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (with the exception of New Port Richey, which is closed on Saturday).

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.