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# ***Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces Over \$3100 Raised for The Volunteer Way***

During the month of December, 2014 the Pasco County Tax Collector's office raised over \$3100 on behalf of **The Volunteer Way**. **The Volunteer Way** is a local non-profit dedicated to feeding the hungry and homeless of our community and surrounding areas. Founded by **Lester Cypher** over 20 years ago as a church food pantry, it has grown into a multi-county program that distributes food and personal care items to over 20,000 families per month. In addition to its food pantry **The Volunteer Way** runs two thrift shops, a soup kitchen in the Moon Lake community, a brown bag program for seniors and a hydroponic garden.

The funds raised through the promotional campaign with the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office came through the generosity of community members who donated cash and spare change into collection jars. The jars were located throughout the five tax collector offices in Pasco County. The funds will specifically help purchase food through **Mike Fasano's** annual **Volunteer Way/ Farm Share** holiday food giveaway. During the 2014 holiday season, in one day 600 families received meals to help make their holidays nicer.

“Thank you, Mike, for caring so much for the hurting people of Pasco,” states Lester Cypher, CEO of The Volunteer Way. “You are truly a blessing.”

“There is not an individual more dedicated to feeding the hungry and the homeless in our county than Lester Cypher,” **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** states. “Lester, his assistant executive director **Martha O’ Brien**, and the dedicated staff and volunteers of **The Volunteer Way** work tirelessly to ensure that people in need of food have a place to go to be fed.”

For more information about **The Volunteer Way** please visit [www.thevolunteerway.org](http://www.thevolunteerway.org). For more information about the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office please visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com)

(Photo of check presentation is attached. From left to right West Pasco Government Center Tax Collector’s Office – Assistant Office Manager Linda Campos, Chief Executive Officer of The Volunteer Way Lester Cypher and Tax Collector Mike Fasano).