



**Special
Olympics**



PRESS RELEASE

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Pasco Tax Collector's Office Raises Over \$7200 for Special Olympics of Pasco

Special Olympics of Pasco was the featured charitable giving organization at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's* office this past February. **Special Olympics of Pasco** is a sports and training program for people with intellectual disabilities. In Pasco, 1500 students participate in **Special Olympics**. Training in almost two dozen different sports is provided free of charge to participants.

The *Pasco Tax Collector's Office* spotlights a charity-of-the-month in the five offices across the county. Whenever **Special Olympics of Pasco** is featured, the funds raised are used to support the Pasco team's attendance at the *National Special Olympics USA Games*. A total of **\$7,225** was raised to benefit **Special Olympics of Pasco** during this recent charitable giving drive.

“We are incredibly grateful for the amazing generosity of our friends in Pasco County,” said **Special Olympics Florida President & CEO Sherry Wheelock**. “Their support for our mission and for the athletes of **Special Olympics Florida** is truly inspiring.”

“Again, thank you!” comments **Amy Selvey, Director of Special Olympics – Pasco County Schools**. “We look forward to a continued partnership with **Mike Fasano** and his office!”

“**Special Olympics of Pasco** has long held a special place in my heart,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “I am proud that our staff and our community support this fine organization that helps bring purpose to so many lives. The athletes and the volunteers who work with them are some of the kindest, most positive people I have ever met. **Special Olympics of Pasco** provides a respite from the difficulties many athletes deal with daily. It also provides a place to be with others who aspire to do their very best.”

For more details regarding the charitable giving program, or services provided by the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office*, please contact **Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector** at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com . For more information about **Special Olympics of Pasco** please contact **Amy Selvey, Director of Special Olympics – Pasco County Schools** at amyselvey@sofl.org or visit www.specialolympicsflorida.org

[Photo Attached – **Tax Collector Mike Fasano, Amy Selvey – Director of Special Olympics – Pasco County Schools**, volunteers and student athletes and staff of the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office* were all on hand for the check delivery]

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