



**Special  
Olympics**



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# ***Pasco Tax Collector's Office Will Spotlight Special Olympics of Pasco in February***

**Special Olympics of Pasco** will be the featured charitable giving organization at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's* office in 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.

Funds raised last year helped the Pasco team attend the *2022 National Special Olympics USA Games* in Orlando. The Pasco County flag football team, the Dolphins, won gold. All funds raised during this charitable giving effort will support the improvement of athletic programs for participants and will help offset costs of trips to Special Olympics games.

“Fundraisers like **Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano’s** are essential for equipment and uniforms along with training for volunteer coaches who create joy on the court and fields,” remarks **Amy Selvey, Pasco Special Olympics Director**. “We will be able to send athletes to county, area, and summer games over the next 3 months and with those experiences, our athletes will grow personally. We appreciate every donation, but we also appreciate the exposure to our Pasco programs. We don’t want athletes to miss out, so public awareness is how we reach them all. We are grateful for the partnership with **Tax Collector Mike Fasano.**”

“**Special Olympics of Pasco** has long held a special place in my heart,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “I’m proud that our staff and our community supports this 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. So many of the athletes have intellectual challenges that make life difficult. To see the joy on the face of an athlete as they cross the finish line is indescribable. **Special Olympics of Pasco** provides a respite from the difficulties many face daily. It also provides a place to be with others who also 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](http://www.pascotaxes.com) . For more information about **Special Olympics of Pasco** please contact **Amy Selvey, Pasco Special Olympics Director** at 727-492-8413 or visit [www.specialolympicsflorida.org/westcoast](http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org/westcoast)

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