



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# ***Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces that \$22,500 Was Raised During the Summer Donation Drive for the Pasco School District and Select Charter School's ABC Program***

**Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices collected donations this summer for the **Pasco County School District** and select charter schools' *ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) Program*. The program was created to provide financial assistance to students and their families who are experiencing economic hardship, especially when those needs interfere with the student's ability to be academically successful. In past years, the tax collector's office has donated thousands of dollars to Pasco schools to support this important program.

"These uncertain economic times can provide extra stress upon families who have already had to deal with COVID and other challenges," remarks **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Thanks to the *ABC Program* or its equivalent in many charter schools, funds can be designated to students and their families who are experiencing hardship or crisis. During the month of July our five offices collected monetary donations of **\$22,500** to help children and their families in their time of need."

Ten Pasco elementary schools each received **\$2,000** each to be used by its respective *ABC Program*. Additionally, five Pasco charter schools received **\$500** each. The following schools all received donations via personal delivery by **Pasco Tax Collector** staff or by letter:

**Cox Elementary School**, Dade City

**Lacoochee Elementary School**, Lacoochee

**West Zephyrhills Elementary School**, Zephyrhills

**Woodland Elementary School**, Zephyrhills

**Lake Myrtle Elementary School**, Land O' Lakes

**Mary Giella Elementary School**, Spring Hill

**Gulfside Elementary School**, Holiday

**Hudson Primary School**, Hudson

**Sunray Elementary School**, Holiday

**Calusa Elementary School**, New Port Richey

**Dayspring Academy**, Port Richey

**Athenian Academy**, New Port Richey

**Pepin Academy of Pasco**, New Port Richey

**Learning Lodge Academy**, New Port Richey

**Academy at the Farm**, Dade City

"On behalf of the staff, students and families of Lacoochee Elementary School, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000!" wrote **Principal Latoya Jordan**. "it is rewarding for us to know that there are people like you who want our children to succeed just as much as we do, and this donation will help us to be more effective with their success. Because of your kindness, our students and families will experience the wonderful gift of caring that our community has to offer."

"On behalf of the Athenian Academy of Technology and the Arts, I just want to thank you for the generous gift of \$500 to help provide uniforms for families in need at our school," remarked **Principal Evan Markowitz**. "With recent Hurricane Idalia, we have a family going through the FEMA process now. This is one of the families these funds will be assisting with uniforms. We are working with the Students in Transition Program as well, to help get the family some additional resources during this difficult time too. I just want you to know that this donation was a big help to this family in need and will support many other families too. Thank you, we appreciate you folks for your support!"

For more information about the **Pasco Tax Collector's** charitable giving programs in general, please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at 727-847-8179 or visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) Donations may also be mailed to the tax collector's office at the following address: **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**, P.O. Box 276, Dade City, FL 33526. You may also visit our website to make online donations to the featured charity by using the following link:

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