



**Special
Olympics
Florida**



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Pasco Tax Collector's Office Raises \$6,888 for Special Olympics Florida of Pasco

Special Olympics Florida of Pasco was the featured charitable giving organization at the *Pasco County Tax Collector's* office this past February. **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** is a sports and training program for people with intellectual disabilities. In Pasco, 1500 students participate in **Special Olympics Florida**. Training in about 20 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 Florida 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 **\$6,888** was raised to benefit **Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** during this recent charitable giving drive.

"We are deeply moved by the generosity and dedication demonstrated by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office towards the athletes of **Special Olympics Florida**," remarks **Jessica Ott, Regional Director – West Coast Region**. "Mike Fasano and his team have significantly contributed to our mission of ensuring that individuals with intellectual disabilities are provided with the opportunities they deserve."

“**Special Olympics Florida of Pasco** continues to hold a special place in my heart and in the hearts of many of our team members,” 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 Florida 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 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 Florida of Pasco** please contact **Amy Selvey, Director of Special Olympics Florida – Pasco County Schools** at amyselvey@sofl.org or visit www.specialolympicsflorida.org

[Photo Attached – **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and student athletes at Cypress Creek High School, Wesley Chapel]

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