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Tax Collector Mike Fasano Presents Check for \$5361 to Florida Breast Cancer Foundation

During the month of October Pasco County **Tax Collector Mike Fasano's** five offices partnered with the **Florida Breast Cancer Foundation** to help raise funds and awareness of breast cancer, its symptoms and treatments. October, which was national *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, was the perfect time to feature the sale of the Foundation's "End Breast Cancer" specialty tag. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in Florida (excluding skin cancer). It is estimated that about 12,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

The five branches of the Pasco County Tax Collectors Office promoted the sale of the "End Breast Cancer" license specialty license plates as well as the voluntary check-off donations on automobile registrations. 46 plates were sold in October. Combined with cash donations, a total of \$5,361.10 was raised to help fight this deadly disease.

"The Florida Breast Cancer Foundation is grateful for all of the support the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office has given us during the last two years," states **Russell Silverman**, Executive Director of the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation. "The efforts of all who work for the Tax Collector's Office have resulted in a record 562 total "End Breast Cancer" license plates on vehicles in Pasco County.

Coupled with the voluntary check-off contributions from license plate and driver license renewals in October, more than \$18,000 will be contributed to education and research this year in an effort to end breast cancer.”

“It was our honor to once again team up with the *Florida Breast Cancer Foundation* to help shine a spotlight on the needs of breast cancer patients,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “The *Foundation* works tirelessly to fund institutions that work on finding a cure for breast cancer as well as creating better treatment options for breast cancer patients. Additionally, the *Foundation* helps raise awareness of the disease and encourages regular screenings to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. The proceeds from the sale of this plate will go a long way towards ending a disease that afflicts so many.”

For more details regarding charitable promotions or services provided by the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office please contact Greg Giordano, Director of Customer Relations at 727-847-8179. For more information about the *Florida Breast Cancer Foundation* and how you can support its efforts please visit www.FloridaBreastCancer.org