

PRESS RELEASE

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***Pasco Tax Collector's Office Raises  
\$6,924.93 for  
Community Volunteer Corps to Help  
Homeless Children in Pasco County***

**Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and his staff successfully teamed up with the *Community Volunteer Corps* to collect food, clothing and hygiene items for homeless children in Pasco County during the month of August. The *Community Volunteer Corps'* mission is to support Pasco County Students in the school district's Students in Transition Program by providing basic supplies that will allow homeless students to stay in school. Cash donations are used to purchase needed hygiene and related items. Donations of school supplies, clothing and personal care items are given, in conjunction with the Pasco County School District, directly to homeless students who are in need.

During the month of September a total of \$6,924.93 in cash and clothing/ supplies was raised at the five tax collector offices in Pasco. It is estimated that there are 2600 homeless children in Pasco County. For each \$5.00 raised the *Community Volunteer Corps* is able to assemble a complete hygiene kit for one child (wash cloth, bar soap, vented hair brush, shampoo, deodorant, tooth brush and tooth paste). These kits, as well as the clothing and other donations, are distributed to students three times throughout the school year. The *Corps* coordinates its charitable giving so that it does not overlap with other back-to-school drives. This ensures that the students have a steady supply of items throughout the school year.

"I would like to thank the Tax Collector's office for their efforts in supporting local charities," comments **Dan Dede**, founder of the *Community Volunteer Corps*. "Through their August donation drive for the *Community Volunteer Corps*, and the

generosity of the citizens of Pasco County, you have raised over six thousand dollars in cash and supplies for the *CVC's* continuing goal to support homeless students in the Pasco School System. This will go a long way in helping these less fortunate students succeed. Thank you.”

“Thank you to each and every member of our community who took the time to mail in a donation, drop off school supplies, or make a cash contribution in support of the excellent work that the *Community Volunteer Corps* does on behalf of homeless children in our county,” **Tax Collector Mike Fasano** states. “The homeless, especially children, face unfathomable challenges. The Corps’ mission to supply hygiene kits in particular is a noble one, and is unique among all of the community’s charitable organizations. I applaud former sheriff’s deputy **Dan Dede** and his staff of volunteers who work closely with school social workers and other staff to make sure the children discreetly receive their items.”

The Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office is committed to supporting as many charitable organizations as possible. For more information on the charitable giving program at the tax collector’s office please contact Greg Giordano, Director of Customer Relations at 727-847-8179. For more information about the *Community Volunteer Corps*, or to make a donation, please visit [www.FLCVC.org](http://www.FLCVC.org)