

PRESS RELEASE

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***Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano
Announces
\$6,722.31 Raised for Lauren's Kids***

During the month of May, the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* featured *Lauren's Kids*, a statewide organization that works daily to prevent childhood sexual abuse through education and awareness. *Lauren's Kids* was created in 2007 by **Lauren Book**, herself a victim of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of a trusted caregiver. **Lauren Book** has taken her own experiences and turned them into an opportunity to help children find hope and healing.

The five branches of the *Pasco County Tax Collectors Office* promoted the *Lauren's Kids* specialty license plate and the *Lauren's Kids* voluntary charitable donation check-off throughout the month of May. The value of 41 specialty tags sold and cash donations collected equals **\$6,722.31**.

"We are so grateful for Pasco County Tax Collector's Offices *Lauren's Kids* 'Love and Healing' specialty license plate promotion," says **Lauren Book**, Founder and CEO of *Lauren's Kids*. "The funds raised through this awareness campaign are vital in the prevention of child sexual abuse right here in Florida through education and awareness programs. A special thank you to **Mike Fasano** and his entire staff for their tireless efforts in joining this fight to prevent abuse and protect childhood."

"**Lauren Book** and her team have dedicated themselves to addressing one of the most heinous of crimes; childhood sexual abuse," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "It was an honor for our staff to work with the community to raise funds for the good work this organization does on a daily basis. Thank you to every customer who invested in *Lauren's Kids* by making a donation or purchasing a

license plate. Your financial support will go a long way towards changing the life of a child in a positive way.”

For more information about the services provided by *Lauren’s Kids* please contact Claire Van Susteren, Communication Director at 786-288-5045 or visit www.laurenkids.org For details about the charitable promotions sponsored by the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office* or any other services provided, please call Greg Giordano, Director of Customer Relations at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com