

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



***TEAM Punta Gorda has accomplished a great deal in the past year thanks to the vigorous efforts of hundreds of volunteers, sponsors and contributing members. We continue to initiate, facilitate, and collaborate with both the public and private sector. A sampling:***



- At the City's request, we surveyed residents on the future use of the Gilchrist Park Activity Centers.
- We created, placed and maintain decorated bicycles on display at 35 locations around the City.
- At the City's request, TEAM provided post-Hurricane Irma cleanup crews at vegetation-damaged parks, assisted the City in building a new garden on Virginia Street and the County in selecting paint colors for the event center.
- Our operating budget was bolstered by \$11,000 from the sold-out 12<sup>th</sup> Annual TEAM Golf Tournament, held in honor of our late CEO Judy Brentano. The 2018 outing is scheduled for April 21.
- We initiated a discussion on the need for attainable workforce housing. A spin-off effort, under the heading Peace River Community Housing Partners, is now underway.



- TEAM hosted several "Mixers" at various Punta Gorda establishments for volunteers, members and the community at large, and continues to participate in Punta Gorda's monthly "Alive After 5" downtown festivities.
- We hosted a Yoga Sanctuary fundraiser for the Charlotte Community Foundation in the beautiful History Park garden.

# TEAM Works Hand-In-Hand With The Community

## Pedal and Play in Paradise

Southwest Florida's premier biking event attracts more than 600 cyclists each spring to Punta Gorda's waterfront. TEAM Punta Gorda and The Isles Yacht Club join forces to sponsor a weekend of events, raising thousands of dollars for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and TEAM's Bicycle Friendly Community initiatives, including its popular Yellow Bike Loaner program. The 2017 two-day bicycle festival kicked off Friday evening with the popular City Manager's Tour, followed by a sunset Tiki Party. Saturday began with breakfast and entertainment at Laishley Park followed by four bicycle tours. Riders returned mid-day to the waterfront for lunch, ice cream, beer, entertainment and raffle prizes. Learn more about the 2018 March 9 – 10 event at [www.pedalandplayinparadise.com](http://www.pedalandplayinparadise.com).



## Stewards of the Waterfront

Maritime Committee volunteers are developing a network of eight educational "*Harborwalk*" signs, an interactive "*Trails that Teach*" program along the Punta Gorda waterfront. Two have been installed. This has been a productive collaboration between TEAM, the Charlotte Harbor National Estuaries Program (CHNEP), the City of Punta Gorda and the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC). Maritime volunteers, in partnership with Keep

Charlotte Beautiful, also recruited nearly 200 volunteers to clean up miles of the Punta Gorda waterfront in October as part of International Coastal Cleanup Day. This year's event was particularly meaningful as it came in the wake of Hurricane Irma. They are also working with City designers to develop kayak launching facilities.



## Paint Your Heart Out

More than 140 dedicated volunteers painted their hearts out in February to provide eight Punta Gorda homes with a much-needed facelift. This important partnership between TEAM and Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity has literally transformed neighborhoods. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, local business, civic organizations and



Signature Sponsor Charlotte State Bank, \$10,000 in exterior repairs were completed before painting began. One home was selected at random to receive a landscape makeover by TEAM's beautification committee. PYHO celebrates its fifth anniversary on February 3, 2018, funded in part by new Platinum Sponsor, The Rotary Club of Punta Gorda.



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## Thriving Community Gardens

Volunteers have worked tirelessly over the last five years to bring community gardening to Punta Gorda. With three TEAM-initiated community gardens and eight school gardening programs in place, residents can grow their own healthy food, while learning about sustainability. The Community Garden team plans to install additional beds in the History Park Garden and regularly offers seminars on organic gardening.



## Pedal for Free in Punta Gorda

Energetic volunteers keep TEAM's fleet of 44 yellow bikes ready to ride at all times. More than 5,000 people a year use these bikes. With such heavy usage, some bikes must be replaced every two years.

Over the past two years, the entire fleet has been replaced. Businesses and individuals can sponsor a bike in exchange for having their advertising displayed as bicyclists pedal Punta Gorda. This loaner program, a partnership between TEAM and the City, was the first to be initiated in the State.



### TEAM Punta Gorda 2017 Income

Grants & Restricted Funds	\$ 25,987.50
Special Events	\$ 27,760.65
Membership & Donations	\$ 2,476.88
Fundraising	\$ 15,275.00
Sponsorships	\$ 12,050.00
Project Revenue	\$ 11,062.02
Interest	\$ 140.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 94,752.08</b>

### TEAM Punta Gorda 2017 Expenses

Pedal and Play	\$ 19,624.01
Paint Your Heart Out	\$ 13,070.06
Community Gardens Mosaic	\$ 4,242.53
Golf	\$ 4,181.90
Bicycle Programing	\$ 2,965.26
Maritime	\$ 2,244.65
Restricted Fund Spending	\$ 10,064.88
Programing Operations	\$ 11,418.71
Administrative	\$ 16,462.44
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 84,274.44</b>

# Reflections on 2017

## CEO Nancy Johnson

TEAM Punta Gorda was formed by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to ensure that the unique character of our City was not lost in the recovery process following Hurricane Charley. This stewardship of the growth and development of our town has been a guiding principle of our organization throughout its history.

The Citizens Master Plan was written in 2005 as an expression of what our citizens wanted to see as the town was rebuilt. Punta Gorda's existing land development regulations were guided by this document. Thirteen years later, it is time to update our understanding of the needs and wishes of the community. In 2018 we plan to seek opportunities to begin a new conversation on the topic of development.

Volunteerism is a way of life in Punta Gorda. If you want to work with others who care, we'll be glad to put you to work building gardens, helping to preserve the harbor or supporting a long list of community projects. We have 20 working committees and hundreds of dedicated volunteers. Their accomplishments never cease to amaze me.



## Office Administrator Corinne Carson

*I cannot tell you how much I enjoy being a part of TEAM Punta Gorda and its continued success. It's provided me the opportunity to meet new people and be a working part of our community, a part of this wonderful group of people whose goal is to make our community a better place to live.*



## Board President Eric DeYoung

It has been a great pleasure and honor to wrap up my first year as President of the TEAM Punta Gorda Board of Directors. Working with TEAM's committed volunteers and community leaders remains a highlight of my personal and professional life. Let me take a moment to thank all of the amazing volunteers, our dedicated board and entire leadership team. This organization could not

do all the amazing things it does without the contributions of so many. I look forward to the year to come, and encourage everyone to get involved in a TEAM project they find magnetizing.

We welcome all to take part in shaping the future of Punta Gorda!

## 2017 TEAM Punta Gorda Board Of Directors

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