TEAM Punta Gorda
Volunteers For A Better Community

Our Community Just Survived Two Hurricanes
We're Full Steam Ahead as TEAM Stays Strong in 2025

By Betsy Spagnolo, TEAM board President

With two back-to-back hurricanes to contend with this fall, several TEAM events and programs had to be canceled or postponed. However, we at TEAM are staying strong and our volunteers have remained involved in the community; out in full force cleaning up gardens, parks and businesses all over town. We even found time to participate in the city's Haloween themed fall festival at the Cooper Street Recreation Center, a well-received alternative to trick-or-treating downtown.



We have had a few changes within TEAM leadership with the resignation of CEO Nancy Johnson. We wish her well and thank her for the time she led TEAM to become one of the most significant nonprofit organizations in our community. Her commitment was unwavering, and the results speak for themselves. TEAM carries forward that mission with engaged leadership by our board of directors and committee chairs.

TEAM is busy gearing up for 2025 with the re-opening of our office in the Charlotte Community Foundation building, which was flooded by the recent storms. We have been working remotely for the past few weeks.

Our bike loaner program is preparing to launch again hopefully as soon as the city clears the way for safe passage on streets, parks and bike trails. Our Friends of TEAM 2025 campaign kicks off this month and runs through March. Our History Park Community Garden is open. Punta Gorda is blooming again with new plants. We hope to see each of you at our February mixer, at Pedal and Play in March and TEAM's annual golf scramble in April. Be sure to check out all our activities and stay in touch with ongoing initiatives and projects on our website.

On behalf of TEAM's board of directors and our hundreds of volunteers, we wish all of you a festive holiday with friends and family.

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