

A volunteer driven organization like TEAM Punta Gorda can only survive with vigorous sponsor support. Platinum Sponsor Acme bicycle is just that kind of supporter.

Founded in 2003 and located in the Cross Trails Shopping Center next to the Starbucks, Acme Bicycle is a primary resource for cyclists in the Punta Gorda area. Owner Karen Freeman, and her capable team, sell a wide range of bicycles in varying price ranges while offering excellent service and repair. "Our customers run the gamut," Freeman says, "from highly experienced riders to people who come to us for their first bike."



Through their efforts at TEAM's annual community cycling event, "Pedal and Play in Paradise," as well as through their generous support of TEAM's Free Loaner Bicycle program, Acme has become a huge supporter of TEAM projects.

"The city of Punta Gorda is committed to being pedestrian and bicycle friendly," said Nancy Johnson, TEAM CEO. "We are grateful to have Karen and her staff as TEAM sponsors as they work to support cycling initiatives in our community."

Acme provides TEAM at their wholesale cost the yellow bikes used in Free Loaner Bicycle program. There are currently 34 bicycles available for use at four Punta Gorda locations. While routine maintenance on the yellow bikes is provided by TEAM volunteers, technicians at Acme perform more difficult repairs, again at cost.

Some ten years ago, when TEAM volunteers had the idea of creating a community bicycle event, ACME jumped right in. Initially a modest event as part of the Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival, the ride morphed into "Pedal and Play in Paradise" which now attracts over 500 participants and features activities for riders of all levels. Acme has been there from the start.

All of us at TEAM are grateful to Karen and her staff for their generosity and community spirit. Learn more about Acme at <https://acmebicycleshop.business.site/>