

## HOMETOWN BANK BOASTS 34 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



Like many local businesses, TEAM gold sponsor Charlotte State Bank & Trust has had to make some adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, the bank transitioned the majority of branch lobby

operations to the drive-thru lanes at its six full-service offices in Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor, Port Charlotte (3), and North Port. The lobbies were opened for a time in January but had to resume altered operations due to a spike in local cases of the disease.

Despite the virus, the bank never missed a step in providing hometown, personal service to all its customers and continuing to make banking easy, secure, and convenient. Lobby access is available by appointment for those needing to discuss a loan or other banking concerns, including access to their safe deposit boxes. The bank also offers curbside service for customers requiring a notary, a new debit card, or to sign new account paperwork.

The bank shares TEAM Punta Gorda's commitment to economic development and community involvement and has supported TEAM programs with financial contributions and volunteer hours. Bank Vice President Eric DeYoung, a former board president of TEAM Punta Gorda, remains a board member. Eric recently was named Loan Operations Director for the entire Crews Banking Corporation family of banks, which includes Crews Bank & Trust, Englewood Bank & Trust, and Wauchula State Bank, in addition to Charlotte State Bank & Trust.

The bank started in Port Charlotte in 1987, establishing a tradition of high-quality products, service and customer support that made it a leader among area financial institutions. In addition to helping customers with their banking and financial needs, the bank prides itself on community service, providing direct support in the form of contributions and gifts. The bank's dedicated staff volunteers time and talent to many local causes.



Charlotte State Bank & Trust is proud to have been voted Best Bank 10 years in a row by readers of the Charlotte Sun newspaper and Best Bank eight years in a row by the readers of Harbor Style magazine. In the 2020 Charlotte Sun Readers' Choice poll, the bank was voted Best Bank, Best Estate Planning (through its local Trust and Investment Management Services division) and was a finalist for Best Mortgage Company.

The Punta Gorda office is located at 2331 Tamiami Trail near Airport Road. Call 941-639-2511 for an appointment. Each Charlotte State Bank & Trust branch has a 24-hour ATM, 24-hour telephone banking, and offers mobile and online banking.

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