

## TEAM Punta Gorda raises funds for interactive fountain at Laishley Park

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Thanks to the fund-raising efforts of TEAM Punta Gorda, the interactive fountain at Laishley Park is getting much-needed shade trees. According to Suzanne McCormick, TEAM's Beautification Committee chairperson, Powell Nursery has planted gumbo limbo and shady lady olive trees, as well as buttonwood and firebush shrubs near the newly completed interactive fountain. Geiger trees will be planted when the shade structure over the stadium seating is completed.

"We are very excited about our partnership with TEAM

Donors can still purchase an engraved paver for installation at the interactive fountain.

Punta Gorda on projects of this kind," said Dennis Murphy, city director of growth management. "The truth is, in the current economy, we simply could not afford to proceed with beautification projects of this type without TEAM's assistance."

Funding for the tree-planting project was derived

from money raised by TEAM Punta Gorda through its paver program. Donors can still purchase an engraved paver for installation at the interactive fountain.

TEAM Punta Gorda is an all-volunteer organization established in 2004 following the devastation caused by Hurricane Charley. The organization's mission is to serve as a collaborative resource uniting citizens in accelerating the revitalization of Punta Gorda.

For more information about TEAM or to purchase a paver, visit [www.teampuntagorda.org/](http://www.teampuntagorda.org/) or call the office at 941-637-8326.



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Suzanne McCormick, Team Punta Gorda Beautification Committee chair, watches Tony Sanchez and Noe Raimerez of Powell Nursery and Landscaping install a gumbo limbo tree near the Laishley Park interactive fountain.