Xochitl Carrillo didn’t need to use the down payment assistance of Primavera’s HomeOwnership program. When she came to us she already knew that as a veteran of the Navy she qualified for a very safe loan from the Veterans Administration. She came to Primavera for something much less quantifiable than a loan amount: she came to us to learn about how to be a savvy homebuyer.

Becoming a savvy homebuyer is fundamentally about education around how to build assets. Primavera’s HomeOwnership Program includes education on home buying, homeownership preservation, financial management, credit repair, and education about loan and financial systems, while also providing asset building opportunities like down payment assistance and saving incentives. When people learn how to build and manage their assets they can and will build a healthy financial future.

These were just the type of skills Xochitl knew she needed to acquire. As a long-time renter, she’d moved quite a few times over the past few years, but in 2011 she told herself, “The next time I move, I’m moving into a house that I own.” Then, while attending a Bible study meeting, a friend mentioned...
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At 34, she is already a homeowner; she is also financially literate enough to understand what that means. When the house was appraised for more than what she’d paid, she thought, “Good. Now I have equity.”

The education, financial planning, and lessons in saving, have all paid off in something you can’t quite put numbers on: Xochitl’s smile as she gets ready to paint the walls exactly the color she wants.

Do you have reward points accumulating on your credit cards?

Please consider donating your points to Primavera, like Briggs and Pat Ackert did. They donated their 95,700 points which we used to purchase household items for Casa Paloma, Primavera Works, Catalina, the Men’s Shelter and the Greyhound Family Shelter. We were able to purchase several items from the Vantage West Credit Union on-line catalog: a slow cooker, an upright vacuum, two electric can openers, a non-stick skillet and griddle, two 12-cup coffee makers, a four-piece utility knife set, a bowl set, and two down pillows. Our programs had great need for these items! It was such an innovative way to support Primavera Foundation. Thank you, Briggs and Pat, for your continuous support of Primavera and for your unique giving method!
PRIMAVERA’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS QUALITY HOUSING

Composting, community support, gardening, and a long-term permaculture plan are turning our affordable rental properties into premier places to live.

In the Spring 2012 Springboard we shared some exciting plans about a NeighborWorks® America grant that allowed us to complete some substantial rehabilitation and greening on several of our properties. Our article provided a greater overview of the structural changes happening at our properties, such as the 1,550-gallon rainwater harvesting cistern and a greywater system at our Winstel Terrace Apartments. We’d like to share in greater depth what it means for us to upgrade our properties—what it means for our residents, and for our community.

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PERMACULTURE

This is just the start. Primavera isn’t just turning unused, dirt-filled portions of properties into thriving, nourishing gardens—we’re also doing work over the next five years to transform outdoor spaces into beautiful and livable spaces. In March, Emma Stahl-Wert attended a permaculture course with the Sonoran Permaculture Guild. Permaculture is the landscaping philosophy that community space can be cultivated in ways to care for people, care for the earth, while also generating shareable resources. It made perfect sense during her training for Emma to develop a larger property plan for how to transform the space at Winstel.

The plan will require funds, hard work from volunteers, residents, staff, our community, and you. If the past year of our development and cultivation of garden resources is any indication, we’ll have no problem steadily transforming our properties into beautiful, sustainable places to live—something our residents deserve.

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Monday - Friday / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
To sign up for meal teams contact
Ashley Krogel at 308-3110

Thank you for supporting our participants through these hot summer months!

CLEAN

Disposable razors
Sun block
Deodorant
Foot powder
Toothbrushes
Bottled water
Vaseline
Bar soap

MEALS

Sack lunches
Breakfast meal teams
Lunch meal teams

CLOTHES

Socks
Men’s dress + casual clothing
Men’s shoes, sizes 10-14

Your generosity helps the women, men, and families of Primavera no matter where they are on their pathway out of poverty. Such small things as food, clothes, and toiletries make a big difference as people are living on the streets, as they’re setting up their new homes, as they’re outside doing hard work with Primavera Works. Thank you for supporting our participants through these hot summer months!