MORE THAN A MEAL
Meal teams are the heart of Primavera

90,000+
Total number of meals Primavera provides to men and women who stay in our shelters and transitional housing programs annually.

60,000+
Number of those meals that are purchased, prepared and served by generous and committed volunteer meal teams.

$500,000+
Value of the time and meals provided by the 115 meal teams each year.

The statistics on the left represent the annual value meal teams add to Primavera’s capacity to serve the community. However, they don’t begin to capture the true value and impact meal teams have on our participants (and visa versa).

“The difference they’ve made has been helping me feel good about myself when usually I don’t think anybody cares about me or the rest of us homeless for that matter!” said Shawn Caplan, a resident at the Men’s Shelter.
Interested in preparing meals for the men and women of Primavera? There are still 30 meal team opportunities available. Contact Jenny Cowen at 623-5111 x 102.

**AGENCY REPORT**

Richard Bradley, a former resident at the Men Shelter, agrees, "It is easy to feel invisible when you are homeless. Your homemade food and friendly eyes help me feel worthy to be alive. Thank you. I wish I had more and better words."

The meal teams feel the same way. It’s not about the food or the money they help Primavera save; it’s the chance to form relationships with the people they serve that keep volunteers coming back year after year. For over twenty years Holly Lachowicz and her friends fed residents at the Five Points Transitional Housing. When reflecting on her time there, Holly emphasized the emotional connections her team developed with the residents. “We have tremendous respect for the people in Five Points and the graduates in the Alamo. How fortunate for all of us to be able to make dinner and become friends with such kind and courageous folk, for so many years.”

Partners Shannon Mier and Sara Wilkinson, currently working on a meal team at the Men’s Shelter, are hoping to raise their son, Oliver, with a commitment to simple gestures that reflect consideration for all of humanity—the first time Oliver joined his parents at the Men’s Shelter he was only seven weeks old. “We think it’s important to make service a part of his life from the beginning,” Sarah Wilkinson says, “so he sees the value of everyone helping one another.” Without a doubt, Oliver’s smiles and service will make a difference in somebody’s life.
MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

ADRIANA COHEN
Adriana is a resident of South Tucson, a sociologist and journalist, and she teaches citizenship classes at Casa Maria.

“Living in South Tucson and realizing that organizations like Primavera and Casa Maria make an effort to serve poor families and homeless people inspired me to be a volunteer and participate in their programs and better our barrios.”

MICHAEL DUNNE
Michael is the Director of Media Relations in Southern Arizona for Cox Communications.

“I chose to serve on Primavera’s Board because I have spent my career telling the story of people and organizations. I can think of no other organization in Southern Arizona that deserves more recognition and awareness for the amazing work they do.”

DAVID LONGORIA
David is a Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Coordinator for Pima County and also serves as a board member for Pima Community College.

“To me, serving on Primavera’s Board means being involved with an organization which has enjoyed a long-standing history and exceptional reputation for providing crucial human services.”

JOSEPH SCOTT
Joseph is a retired community development administrator who previously worked for NeighborWorks® America and the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.

“Everything from emergency shelter, to workforce development, to transitional housing, to neighborhood stabilization, the Primavera Foundation does it all well. All of the stakeholders involved are strongly committed to the mission. I joined the Primavera Foundation Board to contribute my energy, passion, skills and knowledge to that mission.”

OUR FOUR NEWEST MEMBERS JOIN OUR CURRENT BOARD

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In August, Primavera participants and staff once again joined with Casa Maria to successfully oppose the transfer of Sun Tran from the City of Tucson to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The RTA’s August proposal contained the same objectionable elements that caused Primavera to oppose the original transfer proposal in May of this year.

**RTA Governance**

There are nine votes on the RTA and only one of them represents the City of Tucson, despite the fact that 92% of the ridership of Sun Tran comes from the City of Tucson. With this loss of accountability, fares could be raised, routes cut and low-income bus fares eliminated without the voice of the overwhelming majority of the riders heard and considered.

**Protecting low-income bus fares**

With a poverty rate that consistently hovers around 20%, many citizens of the City of Tucson rely on low-income bus fares to get to work, appointments and school. Without this vital resource, many people would find it hard to survive in this city.

**RTA sources of funding in question**

The RTA was not clear with the public about how it planned to financially support Sun Tran into the future.

We are happy to report that there is no active proposal to transfer Sun Tran. We encourage our supporters to join Primavera in thanking the Mayor and Council for recognizing the importance of Sun Tran to our community and for protecting the low income bus fares that ensure affordable and accessible bus transportation for all.
The Primavera Foundation has expanded its workforce development repertoire to target homeless Veterans across southern Arizona.

One of only 33 agencies selected nationwide, the Primavera Foundation received a $200,000 grant from the Department of Labor’s Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) to launch its Vocation for Veterans program.

Vocation for Veterans will assist 80 homeless veterans over the coming year to expeditiously reintegrate into the labor force by providing on-the-job training, job development, case management, and other supportive services. Veterans will also be linked to formal job training through higher education institutions, certification opportunities such as computer training and trade programs and job training in the green jobs sector.

“Unfortunately, we have always seen a large number of veterans among the homeless people we serve through Primavera Works,” said Karen Caldwell, Director of Workforce Development. “We are so excited to have dedicated resources through this grant to provide them with more assistance than we have previously been able to offer.”

This program comes at a critical time. According to recent CHALENG data, a national assessment of the status of homeless veterans throughout the country, there are 869 homeless Veterans on the streets of Tucson, a 9.2% increase since the last assessment four years ago. What’s more, Arizona has lost a higher proportion of jobs in this recession than any other state, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

“By working closely with the Veterans Administration and other veterans service providers, we will become part of a cohesive team to meet the needs of our veterans,” Caldwell said. “I believe this program will have a tremendous impact and will enable us to give back to those who so graciously served our country.”

“I can pretty it up when I need to and now I have a reason to... Now I really want to make it!”

Randy Ford - One of the first to sign up for the Vocations for Veterans program.
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2. Choose who you would like to buy your gift bags for: men, women, children
3. Call Jenny at 623-5111 x 102 to sign up for the gifts you would like to bring. At the time of your call, Jenny will give you a list of what can go inside the gift bags

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We can also use the following items for the holidays:
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