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James Gatlin had just secured a full-time job. After a brief stay at the Men's Emergency Shelter, he enrolled with Primavera Works. From the start, he demonstrated a real commitment to work. Sean Hughes, job coach with Primavera Works reports, "James always had an outstanding work ethic and enthusiasm about any and all tasks he over took."

With the support of the Works Job Developer, Evelyn Yecies, James found a job with AAA Landscaping at Romero and I-10. However, he lived on the east-side of town and needed to be at work well before busses even started running for the day.

James was willing to do anything to get to work; he even considered biking many miles and paying a taxi part of the way. Wanting to help him maintain gainful employment, the Primavera Works team picked him up and dropped him off every morning.

Then, as luck would have it, one of Primavera's 12,000 supporters, Don McKlelland, donated an electric bike. The solution was obvious: give James a way to keep his job by providing him with the bike. Now, James can get to work early in the morning.

Thanks to Don for making a big difference. Thanks to all of you, too, for the donations you give to Primavera. They all make a difference.

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Welcome to our new Chief Operating Officer, Beth Carey

Beth comes to us with 20 years of non-profit leadership, management, and oversight experience. She also has a wealth of experience developing, managing and overseeing government contracts for a variety of program services.

Beth most recently served as Director of Care Services at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). She has deep roots with Primavera, having served as a Program Director for Primavera at 5 Points from 1991 to 1994. She has been a Primavera donor for many years, and has served as an apprentice chef with Primavera Cooks! several times. She has strong experience working in collaborative partnerships and many Primavera staff already know her through Primavera's work in conjunction with SAAF and other community partners.

"I am thrilled to return to Primavera at this time! While we celebrate 30 years of making a difference in the lives of people in our community, I am honored to join the creative energy of Primavera's staff, participants, Board, volunteers, and community partners to implement strategies addressing poverty in our community."



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