Primavera's staff, volunteers, and board members don't need to open the newspaper to find out how people are struggling these days.

Our homeless outreach worker, who visits homeless camps throughout Pima County, reached his annual goal for number of people served, 500, after only seven months into the year.

At Primavera's Homeless Family Shelter, from Oct-Dec 07 we received 38 requests we were unable to handle due to capacity limits. In that same period this year we had almost 15 times that number, 539 requests, we were unable to serve.

We are currently seeing 25 families every week in need of mortgage foreclosure intervention or mitigation, five times the number we saw last year at this time. We have recently added another mortgage foreclosure counselor to handle the overload.

While we continue to respond to the demand for our programs and services, our government partners at the State, Pima County, and City of Tucson have been forced to cut our contracts over $30,000 so far in 2009. The economic recession has impacted our rental income (residents have had hours cut or lost jobs) and Primavera Works (fewer businesses can afford to hire temp workers).

Uncertain times remind us of the importance of our generous volunteers and donors who continue to dig deeper and share abundantly at this critical time. Uncertain times also require creative and bold strategies. Here's what we're doing:

Practicing good stewardship - No programs have been cut. We have restructured staff positions, frozen some rehiring, and continue to realign staff in order to continue to provide quality services at minimal cost. Several Primavera employees have generously offered to take voluntary unpaid time off.

Planning for uncertainty - We expect additional cuts in State, County, and City contracts. We have designed a variety of scenarios for program scale back or closure depending upon the cuts in government contracts.

Being bold - We are designing some new exciting partnerships with both for-profit businesses and not-for-profit agencies that will enable us to address critical needs such as: health and wellness for homeless individuals and families, equity and opportunity for women and girls living in poverty, neighborhood stabilization in the midst of massive home foreclosures.

Investing in our Future – We are moving ahead to fulfill our 2008-2012 strategic plans, taking advantage of new opportunities and readjusting time lines for some future projects.

Each day our program participants remind us of what really matters: Primavera's mission. Families like the Trejo-Ortiz family, who found themselves homeless after losing good jobs twice in two states over the past year.

Gina, David, and their five children and two nieces were facing the prospect of living out of their car when they found Primavera and moved into the Greyhound Family Shelter.

“Sometimes you feel like it’s you. Something’s wrong with you. But it’s not. I have to remind myself of that,” says Gina, who with her husband, has been looking for full time work for months.

“This is only supposed to be temporary. There is a waiting list to get into this place [the Greyhound Family Shelter.] I know there are other families that need this help.”

When a reporter asked Gina what she needed, she said, “A job! I want to work.”
Government Support: A Key Partnership in Primavera Programs

Government agencies play a major role in the ability of Primavera to provide much needed local services. Public contracts are a core foundation of program opportunities and services, providing approximately 65% of Primavera’s annual budget.

Who are these governmental partners? Primavera’s mission is supported by local governments such as the City of South Tucson, the City of Tucson, and Pima County. The state of Arizona provides resources through the Department of Economic Security. Partnerships at the national level include; the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Labor Employment Training, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and NeighborWorks America®. Quite a list!

Why are these partnerships with government agencies so critical to Primavera?

Quite simply, each of these governmental partners collects-directly or indirectly-and spends your tax dollars. Now there is no limit to the good ideas and requests organizations and people have for financial support from the government. So, each of these agencies, in their various processes, has to prioritize funding requests and make funding decisions among competing interests.

All of these governmental partners receive many funding requests, almost always in excess of the money available for expenditure. The choices the public agencies make is difficult, as there are many demands for service and different people have different priorities.

We thank our public governmental partners for funding Primavera, making our programs and services to homeless and those in need possible. Without their support, demonstrated by funding decisions, Primavera services and opportunities would be greatly diminished.

How are funding decisions made? And why does Primavera get support at so many levels of government?

Governmental officials are concerned with meeting the needs of people, while also recognizing the need to spend tax dollars wisely. Governments do not want to waste precious tax dollars on programs that do not deliver services, or on programs that do not have public support.

Primavera has been successful in receiving public government support because our mission is focused on the basic needs and development of our clientele. Primavera has a history of successfully administered programs and strong financial controls. We have institutional capacity and are responsive to community needs, with local leadership and strong community ties through our volunteers and contributors.

Finally, Primavera is dedicated to treating all people with dignity and respect.

Given the importance of the governmental partnership role in enabling Primavera to provide services, what can we do to strengthen and ensure their continued support?

First and foremost, Primavera has to continue to provide the best, most responsive, services and opportunities possible with the funds and resources available. Putting our client’s needs first is both our immediate mission and our long term strategy.

Second, you, as a citizen of our community and a supporter of Primavera, know and talk to many of the officials in governmental agencies which have funded Primavera in the past. Intentionally take the time to thank them and to let them know how much you appreciate the funding decisions they have made supporting Primavera’s programs. Do not take their past support for granted. Let them know how much their past-and future-support is appreciated.

It takes the whole community to make The Primavera Foundation possible!

Board President
Leslie Hunter

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The 2007-2008 Annual Report did not accurately capture some of the details about Cynthia Collins’ life. This article serves as a correction to her story in the Annual Report.

Cynthia is a woman who has made great strides in the past several years to help herself get her life on track. Primavera has partnered with her through some of those challenges. Cynthia applied for and received a Pell Grant for her first semester at Pima Community College. The Pell Grant requires students to take a full class load and maintain a C average or above. Cynthia did school full-time for one semester, but learned, like many adult students with bills and other adult responsibilities, that it is difficult to work full time and go to school full time. She is currently not enrolled in school, but with one semester under her belt, Cynthia is looking forward to returning to school in a part-time capacity soon.

Although Cynthia did struggle with alcohol, she never did go to alcohol rehabilitation. All it took was for one doctor to map out impending health problems and just like that, she quit drinking. Within three months she watched her health improve and almost three and half years later she is still maintaining her sobriety.

Cynthia is looking for a job, planning for school and living at Primavera’s Women in Transition house. Primavera is proud to be partnering with Cynthia through this part of her life and we wish her the best as she looks forward to going back to school.

TOTAL
$3,418,393

Pima County
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City of Tucson
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Department of Labor Employment and Training
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NeighborWorks America
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Arizona Department of Economic Security
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Department of Housing and Urban Development
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City of South Tucson
$150,000
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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PRIMAVERA WORKS REALLY DOES WORK

Petra owned a housekeeping business in California. She was gainfully employed, but when she moved out to Tucson to be closer to her son, she couldn’t find a job. Like many people who can’t find employment, she found herself on the street. While living out in the washes, she and her partner worked as advertising sign holders making decent money, but with the sporadic nature of the work they were never able to save enough to get their own home.

A Primavera outreach coordinator encouraged her to come to Primavera. It changed her life. Primavera put Petra up in a motel and connected her to Primavera Works. Soon, Petra had several janitorial jobs lined up. She’s renowned for her attention to cleanliness, setting the bar so high that other housekeepers have a hard time following in her shoes. Petra is good at her job, but she points out that one of the greatest things about working through Primavera Works is that she’s able to build an excellent resume. She notes, “Holding signs was a fun way to see Arizona, but it wasn’t something I could put on my resume.” Steady work and building her resume will allow her to grow beyond Works someday. “I needed a steady job. And I needed a place to stay.” With Primavera’s help she now has both: work and a new home to call her own. “It’s so great. I love it.”

PRIMAVERA WORKS GETS A BOOST FROM COX AND CONTINENTAL STEEL

Just like other businesses, Primavera Works saw a drop in business orders with the downturn of the economy. This past fall, we began turning away up to 80 people a week who were willing and able to work, because not enough work was available for everyone. Fortunately, some Primavera donors and supporters have continued to utilize Primavera Works so that we can continue to offer people needed employment opportunities. Businesses are also doing their share—hiring workers, providing in-kind contributions or even starring in commercials!

Continental Steel is a locally managed team of experienced craftsmen who create beautiful hand forged ornamental railings, fencing, gates, doors, furniture and specialty items. They have a long history of hiring Primavera Works workers, because they support our mission to provide pathways out of poverty through work opportunities. They also understand the value of having workers when and where they need them. Their commitment made them a great choice to go on screen for a Primavera Works commercial. A full camera crew can be daunting, but Steve Polk, manager at Continental Steel, looked right into the camera and filmed a 30 second spot about Primavera Works in just a few takes.

When Cox Communications became aware of the struggle Works was having with lining up work for everyone who was seeking it, they donated a production team, a full camera crew, lights, script supervision and running the 30 second commercial more than 250 times.

Look for the Works commercial, featuring Continental Steel’s Steve Polk on your Cox stations.

GABRIEL’S ANGELS ON SPECIAL MISSION

Over eight years ago, Pam Gaber and her two-year-old Weimaraner, Gabriel, started some amazing work with a simple visit to the Crisis Nursery in Phoenix. What happened next was extraordinary! Pam saw the overwhelming need to reach as many children as possible based on the undeniable bond created between the children and Gabriel on that very first day. Connecting with animals allowed kids to build compassion, empathy and trust, breaking cycles of violence for many.

Since 2000, Gabriel’s Angels pet therapy dogs have been on a special mission—to help abused and neglected children feel happiness, confidence, trust and love. With more than 100 teams in Phoenix, Gabriel’s Angels has grown south into Tucson, with over 30 Therapy Teams and Helping Hands serving 20 agencies.

For the past 3 months Gabriel’s Angels have been visiting the children at the Greyhound Family Shelter. Understandably, pets are not allowed in the living units, but that does not mean kids stop loving or dreaming of them. Some had to give up their pets when they lost their home, and nearly all harbor hopes of owning pets some day, like so many children. Dudley, the mixed lab who comes every other Tuesday, has a special temperament and a highly-trained handler. Dudley remains calm as 37 kids gather round to get a chance to listen to his heart beat, learn how to brush him, or take him on walks around the premises. While they learn about how to take care of a dog and learn about dog behavior they’re also learning compassion, empathy and trust.

Gabriel’s Angels pet therapy programs are making positive changes in the lives of children everyday.

The mission of Gabriel’s Angels is to deliver healing pet therapy to children, nurturing their ability to love and trust, thereby freeing them from the cycle of violence. To become a volunteer, or get more information on Gabriel’s Angels please visit www.gabrielsangels.org or contact Jan Hutchinson, 520-425-6095.
Volunteer Spotlight

NeighborWorks® Week 2008: Building a Greener Tucson Through Partnerships

The Primavera Foundation partnered with another local non-profit, Watershed Management Group and NeighborWorks® America for this year’s NeighborWorks® Week event at our drop-in and housing program for homeless, unaccompanied women, Casa Paloma. The laundry facilities at Casa Paloma can wash as many as 200 loads of laundry per month. Using almost 40 gallons of water per load, this is an enormous use of a precious commodity in the desert: water. Using Watershed Management’s expertise, 44 volunteers came together to learn about and construct a greywater system off Casa Paloma’s washing machines that will utilize the laundry water a second time by watering plants. Volunteers dug basins and reinforced their walls with large rocks, installed pipes and French drains to distribute the greywater to the basins, planted fruit trees and native plants and also spread mulch throughout the basins and around the new plants. Volunteers accomplished these activities all while learning how they might install a similar system at their own home and why water conservation is important in the desert. Volunteers also washed and painted interior walls at Casa Paloma.

The greywater system is now distributing water into three basins that provide water to two grape vines, a lemon tree, an orange tree, a grapefruit tree, artichokes and many native plants and trees. These fruit trees and vines will be providing nourishment, shade and solace to the women who live and visit Casa Paloma well into the future. During the project, many of the women who lived at Casa Paloma not only volunteered to help install the system but also grew excited about monitoring the system and cultivating the trees and plants. Several neighbors who live near Casa Paloma also volunteered during the project and local City of Tucson Council Member, Regina Romero, arrived to speak to the group during a short program. Over two days the 44 volunteers provided 176 hours of work to create a sustainable and green watering system, reinforce community partnerships and participate in a successful NeighborWorks® Week event in Tucson.

98% of surveyed volunteers were “Extremely Satisfied” with their volunteering experience at Primavera

Primavera Volunteer gets Ben’s Bell

Lou Ziraldo holds his Ben’s Bell with his wife, Rosemary, left, and the two women who nominated him, Ruth Kelly and Lee Mollica, far right.

The recipient of the 3/14/09 Ben’s Bell is Lou Ziraldo, who helps the homeless, mentors the wayward, nourishes the spirits of the ailing and does just about everything else in between.

Lou was nominated by two longtime friends, Lee Mollica and Ruth Kelly, who described him as “a very caring person.”

“He’s always been involved in things,” Mollica said. “He’s always helping someone in some way.”

Lou’s list of good deeds is long and began locally about eight years ago with weekly volunteerism at the Primavera Foundation, which provides a multitude of services to the homeless, including shelter, emergency food provisions, basic hygiene items and referral services. Lou spends Wednesdays at the walk-in center, which provides relief and referral to up to 180 people a day.

Photo and article excerpt from the Arizona Daily Star
Primavera is excited to announce that its HomeOwnership Program is expanding, as it spearheads a new initiative specifically tailored to single mothers and their daughters. Primavera was selected by the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona as one of two organizations in the region to receive a three year grant as part of the their new Equity and Opportunity Fund. Through this support, Primavera will receive $25,000 a year for three years.

The new initiative, Her Family, will select 60 single mothers and their daughters in the coming year, and will provide intensive financial education, homebuyer education, and other topical coursework and financial counseling relevant to the single, working mother.

Primavera hopes to bridge a number of discrepancies that single mothers and children of low-income households face.

Of families living in poverty in 2006, 51% were women headed households with no spouse present. And, about one quarter of single mothers are spending more than half of their income on housing, compared to one-tenth of households headed by single fathers, according to a 2006 US Census Bureau report.

Course work will be provided jointly to women and their daughters, as well as separately, maximizing peer motivation and companionship. Participants in the program will be tracked for two to three years, allowing Primavera to better measure the impact of its HomeOwnership Program on the lives of single mothers and their children.

“The Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona has been tremendous with their support and vision,” said Peggy Hutchison, Primavera’s Executive Director. “This grant will provide us with the opportunity to not only measure the success of the women in this specific initiative, but will also lay the groundwork for a more encompassing program that will help women and their children now and for generations to come.”

In addition to the coursework, financial counseling, and down payment assistance, participants in the program will receive savings plan incentives and other benefits unique to this initiative.

It is also important to note that the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona granted Primavera’s HomeOwnership Program $15,000 in the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. A HomeOwnership participant will be sharing her story at the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona’s annual lunch benefit on April 29, 2009.

If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about this initiative, please call the HomeOwnership team at 520-882-5383.

No one federal agency, no one level of government and no one sector of the community can reach the goal of ending homelessness alone. As a result, the National Project Homeless Connect has been identified by the United States Inter-agency Council on Homelessness as an innovation that can move people more quickly toward housing and stability. It also furthers the goals of community 10 Year Plans to end homelessness. More than 170 communities across the U.S., Canada, and Australia have adopted Homeless Connect during the past 3 years.

On July 18, 2008 and again on February 13, 2009, Tucson joined those ranks by being host to Tucson Homeless Connect. These one-day events are designed to offer services and hospitality to people experiencing homelessness in a convenient one-stop model. The event is sponsored by the Tucson Planning Council for the Homeless.

Primavera was one of over 30 service providers at both events. The willingness of Primavera staff members to step up to the plate when it comes to serving our participants was apparent at the most recent event, where Michelle Harper-Brule, Tim Hall, Eli Silvas, Anna Wheeler, Mickey Micksin, Paul Reigle, Angela Jenkins, and Rick Sumner along with volunteers Bill Symington and Rex Wheeler provided guests with much needed services. Specifically, they reserved beds at the Men’s Shelter, completed intake assessments for the Primavera Works Employment program, handed out 400 pairs of socks, referred eighteen individuals to the Prevention and Intervention program for emergency assistance, referred one family to the Greyhound family shelter, gave out four clothing vouchers and referred three individuals to transitional housing.

With their efforts and the efforts of representatives from other public and community service agencies, Tucson Homeless Connect was successful in serving 215 individuals. Other services received by the guests included bus passes, haircuts, issuance of identification cards, reading and sunglasses, hygiene kits and dental check ups and kits.

Guests were also able to apply for benefits from DES, Social Security and Veteran’s services. They could meet with a Behavioral Health specialist, receive Diabetes Screening, be tested for HIV and receive counseling, receive Accu-detox treatment, meet with a Youth counselor, receive dental screening. They were also invited to enjoy their time to be part of the greater community while having a healthy lunch and listening to live entertainment.
The Primavera Foundation partners with select Tucson Originals restaurants for our 8th season of ten wine-paired, fine dining fundraising dinners.

2009 SCHEDULE OF DINNERS

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For information or reservations contact David at 623-5111 x 101 or delliott@primavera.org

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIMAVERA COOKS!

EAT

Be our Guest!

Guests enjoy a fabulous, multi-course, wine-paired, gourmet dinner. Quite possibly the best dining value around. All reservations are made with Primavera directly and not with the host restaurants. The dinners are $125 per person including tax and gratuity. Payment must be made in advance, payable to Primavera Foundation. Fifty dollars of this donation is tax deductible.

COOK

Be an Apprentice Chef!

Apprentice Chefs team up with some of Tucson’s finest chefs to create a wine-paired menu, including preparation, instruction, and execution the day of the event, plus a hands-on experience during the dinner. Apprentices receive a chef’s coat embroidered with both the Primavera Cooks! and the host restaurant logos. These coveted spots sell out quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Positions are available for $250 per person. 100% of this donation is tax deductible. Each apprentice is responsible for bringing five diners to their dinner.

POUR

Be an Apprentice Sommelier!

Apprentices Sommeliers attend a wine class/tasting taught by Laura Williamson, one of only two female Master Sommeliers in the world! They learn about various grapes, regions, the history of wine and food pairings. They also pour the wines on the night of their dinner and help the guests understand the characteristics of the wines being served with each course. Positions are available for $150 per person. 100% of this donation is tax deductible. Each apprentice is responsible for bringing five diners to their dinner.

For information about any of the above contact David at 623-5111 x 101.
Every day Primavera provides people a foundation from which they can make changes to improve their lives. We can continue only through the assistance of our community of donors. By joining our Foundation Circles and giving gifts of $1,000 or more, these generous donors enable Primavera to help people rebuild lives, rebuild our community and maintain those critical safety nets that we all depend on.

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