PRIMAVERA WORKS SPARKLES AT THE GEM SHOW

Primavera and the Tucson Police Department team up to put people to work and make our city shine.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show is one of Tucson’s premiere community events. Every year an estimated 60,000 people from around the world attend the show, generating more than $75 million into our local economy. A critical component of expanding this event is ensuring that Tucson provides vendors with first-class service. This year, the City of Tucson, Tucson Police Department, and Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau joined forces to assure vendors that the Convention Center, the biggest venue during the show, would be a clean and pleasant environment for vendors and customers alike. To do this, the show needed a dedicated cadre of workers to maintain spotless bathrooms, eating areas, and other high-traffic centers.

(Pictured) Roberto Villaseñor, Tucson Chief of Police and Rick Sumner, Primavera Works Manager of Staffing Services

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That’s where Primavera stepped in. The Tucson Police Department invested money recovered from drug trafficking and hired ten workers from Primavera Works to clean the Convention Center during the Gem and Mineral Show.

“Not only was this a sound business decision, but it also demonstrated the commitment that the entire community has to the success of the Gem Show,” said Tucson Chief of Police, Roberto Villaseñor.

Partnerships such as this change people’s lives. A KGUN-9 reporter asked Stan Gulley, a Primavera worker how he felt about getting work at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, he said, “I just got out of the joint in January, homeless, and if it wasn’t for Primavera Works, I wouldn’t have anything.”

Stan and other workers enrolled in Primavera Works have begun their pathway out of poverty. Primavera sends a big thank you to the Tucson Police Department, City of Tucson and the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau for being a key part of that pathway.

Hooray for Volunteers!

On April 17th, Primavera hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at the Tucson Museum of Art. The evening included food, wine, and cheer for the great work of our 1,208 volunteers.

This year we also recognized outstanding volunteers.

Congratulations to all of our nominees: René Duarte, Jack McPherson, Nurses from El Rio, Ryan Nussbaum, Jon Rhodes, Sharron Riise, Charlene Schildt, and Ellen Whitehead. And, congratulations to our winners!

Would you like to see more photos from the event? Like the Primavera Facebook page at facebook.com/PrimaveraFoundation.
Primavera Cooks! is a summer dining series that supports Primavera Foundation. Join us for a fabulous, multi-course, wine-paired, gourmet dinner at select local Tucson restaurants.

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Sunday, May 19

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LE RENDEZ-VOUS
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Announcing THE CULINARY EVENT OF 2013! PRIMAVERA COOKS!
Thirty years ago, Tucson, like the rest of the country, was experiencing a rapid rise in homelessness. To address this issue, we rallied the support of friends and neighbors and created the Primavera Foundation.

When we gathered our friends together so long ago, our initial goal was to provide for the emergency needs of those in our community who were homeless. Since then, Primavera has grown to respond to the complex challenges and diverse needs of the community. Today, Primavera offers a full spectrum of programs that provide multiple affordable housing options, job training, employment opportunities, financial and homeownership education, and neighborhood revitalization. Primavera also provides specialized services for veterans, while continuing to address social and economic justice issues. These programs and our team of over 1,000 volunteers have helped to create a vibrant grassroots effort to address the underlying causes of poverty in our community.

Today, thanks to your support, and to an outstanding board and dedicated staff, Primavera is stronger than ever.

Nancy Bissell and Gordon Packard
Co-Founders, Primavera Foundation

Co-founders Nancy Bissell and Gordon Packard stand in front of Pueblo Court, a condemned South Tucson Motel. Primavera renovated the building with the help of workers who were homeless (1985).

Nancy and Gordon celebrate with residents on the first night of the Men’s Emergency Shelter opening (1987).

Residents at the Winstel Terrace Apartments, housing for homeless unaccompanied men, women, and couples who are homeless (Unknown).

Residents at Casa Paloma (Unknown). Primavera opened Casa Paloma in 1996 to provide a transitional housing program for unaccompanied women who are homeless.

Primavera Works Crew (Unknown). In 1998, Primavera launched Primavera Works, an ethical job training and employment program for men and women who are homeless.
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