As we prepare to kick off the 13th season of Primavera Cooks!, we are reminded of the role that nourishment and food play in carrying out Primavera’s mission. Over the past three decades, Primavera Meal Teams have provided wholesome meals for residents at the Men’s Shelter, Five Points Transitional Housing, and Primavera Works temp workers. Currently, more than 1,000 individuals participate in one of the many Primavera Meal Teams. Annually, over 40,000 meals are served by our generous Meal Teams. Last year, the value of these donated meals totaled $307,391! Through the process of planning, preparing, serving, and sharing with program participants, Primavera’s volunteers continue to nourish our organizational soul and amaze our board, staff, and program participants alike.

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When Nancy Bissell, Gordon Packard and their friends started Primavera they had a vision of creating a better model than an institutional “soup kitchen.” Meal Teams provided the ideal solution: residents could enjoy healthy, home-cooked meals and community members could provide support to people in a more meaningful and significant way. As residents have shared their stories, they have helped transform stereotypes about people experiencing homelessness.

Primavera Cooks! is an extension of that tradition. Primavera partners with local Tucson Originals restaurants to host multi-course dinners and provide teaching spaces for Apprentice Chefs. Last year, over 600 diners enjoyed food prepared by 40 Apprentice Chefs. Cooks! helps sustain Primavera programs by providing critical financial donations. Whether you participate in a Meal Team, serve as an Apprentice Chef, or attend a Cooks! event, thank you for providing sustenance to Primavera and its mission!
The National NeighborWorks® Association (NNA), an organization that unites housing and community development practitioners to advocate for housing and economic opportunities, has named Peggy Hutchison, Primavera’s CEO, as Practitioner of the Year. The award marks ten years of visionary leadership that Peggy has provided to Primavera and the greater Tucson community. Throughout Peggy’s tenure at Primavera, she has imparted her passion and drive to help the most marginalized of the community. Her leadership and vision have transformed Primavera into an organization that is innovative, forward-thinking and a model of social justice. Because of Peggy’s efforts, Primavera is a leader in neighborhood revitalization efforts, something that the community has witnessed in the opening of Las Abuelitas Community Housing, our 12-unit, multi-family housing project designed with the Arizona Grandparents Ambassadors and for kinship families. Las Abuelitas is the recipient of several awards, including Tucson Electric Power’s Bright EE Award for excellence in energy efficiency.

During the nomination process, many supporters advocated for Peggy’s nomination—including U.S. Congressman Raúl Grijalva, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, and Assistant Chief John Leavitt of the Tucson Police Department. Peggy received the award in early April at a convening of the NNA Board of Directors. Please help us in congratulating Peggy for this much-deserved recognition.
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The individuals and congregations we are honoring have single-handedly raised thousands of dollars for Primavera through their individual fundraising efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to offer special appreciation for their efforts.

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Shelly has been part of the Primavera Cooks! committee for a decade. Through her involvement, she has brought new sponsors, new Apprentice Chefs, and new diners to these great events. In addition to serving on the committee as our Head Apprentice Chef wrangler, she has been an Apprentice Chef herself and attends many of the dinners each year. Through her involvement with Primavera Cooks, Shelly is responsible for personally bringing in over $40,000 to Primavera. Thank you, Shelly, for everything you do for Primavera and your dedication and commitment to Primavera Cooks!

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