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Primavera Foundation again earns highest rating from NeighborWorks America, awarded over \$250,000 in grants

TUCSON (March 22, 2023) – Primavera Foundation has earned an “exemplary” rating – the highest mark possible – in the latest onsite assessment from NeighborWorks America, a congressionally chartered nonprofit organization that supports community development nationwide.

Primavera Foundation has received the top classification every year since 2017, when the rating system was revised to six categories. The exemplary rating will be in effect for three years.

Additionally, NeighborWorks America has awarded Primavera \$252,000 in federal grants this year to continue its mission of providing pathways out of poverty.

“We are honored to receive both the top rating and the grant to assist us in conducting our critical work,” said Tisha Tallman, CEO of Primavera Foundation, a chartered member of NeighborWorks America. “This is a strong vote of confidence in our stewardship of these funds and in our commitment to empower participants to attain safe, affordable housing and engage communities through workforce development and community revitalization.”

“The Primavera Foundation is committed to ensuring program participants have the support they need to secure safe, affordable housing, jobs and supportive services that strengthen our communities and neighborhoods,” she added. “As we celebrate 40 years of service, the work is more important and relevant than ever. We are grateful to NeighborWorks America for their continued support.”

NeighborWorks America, which is the trade name for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, monitors the health and risk of its national network through an assessment process that includes on-site visits and audits.

To receive its exemplary rating, Primavera exceeded performance standards in production and program services, resource management, financial management, organizational management

and Board governance. NeighborWorks America affirmed the rating at its March 2023 Organizational Health Tracking System Committee meeting.

We are “committed to developing and supporting a network of excellence to strengthen communities and transform lives,” Kathryn Watts, NeighborWorks America’s senior vice president, field operations, said in her letter announcing Primavera’s exemplary rating. The other rating categories are strong, good, satisfactory, serious and vulnerable.

Of the grant funding, \$177,000 will be used to support Primavera’s overall mission, including community development. The other \$75,000 is a capital grant to support real estate development and lending activities. Organizations that are rated exemplary can receive the capital grants.

Primavera annually serves 14,000 to 16,000 people through its emergency services, including shelters, workforce development, homeownership and financial empowerment, and community engagement.

For questions or interviews, please contact Margarita Bauza at mbauza@primavera.org.

ABOUT THE PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION

The Primavera Foundation provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. Primavera’s vision promotes social and economic justice, while working to build a future in which all people are assured basic human rights, a livable income, and safe, affordable housing. Learn more at www.primavera.org.

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