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## PRESS RELEASE

# Primavera Foundation Receives \$315,000 from NeighborWorks America in Flexible Grants

**Tucson, Arizona, [April 29, 2019]** – The Primavera Foundation, an exemplary-rated charter member of the NeighborWorks network for the past 12 years, is receiving \$315,000 in flexible grants from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, dba NeighborWorks America®. This grant will support its affordable housing and community development activities.

“We are extremely grateful for our partnership with NeighborWorks America,” said Peggy Hutchison, Primavera CEO. “Their investment supports Primavera’s strategies to provide equitable opportunities for individuals and families in our community to become self-sufficient and thrive.”

Primavera will use the grants to develop and manage high-quality, affordable housing; help consumers set and reach their goals through financial coaching; offer homeownership education and counseling; and revitalize and strengthen communities.

In the fiscal year 2017-2018 alone, Primavera helped:

- 703 individuals secure safe, affordable housing through rapid re-housing and its own rental properties;
- 406 individuals complete financial empowerment, homebuyer, or post-homeownership education for long-term success;
- 493 individuals receive housing counseling and financial empowerment services that strengthened their financial futures;
- 55 families purchase their first home representing \$9,491,280 of economic impact in the community;
- 800 neighborhood residents participate in events that enhanced community building and engagement; and
- 111 Primavera residents participate in community garden projects that increased sustainability and healthy living.

“We rely on ‘exemplary’ organizations like Primavera to provide best practices, which can be replicated across our network of 240 organizations,” said P. Renee Desai, NeighborWorks America senior relationship manager. “They successfully tackle some of the hardest issues facing our communities with passion, integrity, and commitment to social justice.”

NeighborWorks America is announcing \$70 million in grants to its network of nearly 250 nonprofit organizations located around the country.

"NeighborWorks America is dedicated to securing that these grants create opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities," said NeighborWorks America President and CEO Marietta Rodriguez.

In the fiscal year 2018, the NeighborWorks network provided 457,000 housing and counseling services; owned and managed 166,900 rental homes; and created more than 41,100 jobs.

For more information about NeighborWorks America, visit [www.neighborworks.org](http://www.neighborworks.org).

#### **ABOUT THE PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION**

Since 1983, the Primavera Foundation has provided real pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. Each year, our programs impact more than 8,200 individuals and families across Southern Arizona. Through partnerships with volunteers, donors, neighborhoods, a variety of community-based organizations, businesses, and public entities, we offer support in four areas: survival, stability, security, and sustainability. Primavera’s participants strengthen their skills, obtain steady employment, find safe, affordable places to call home, set and achieve realistic goals, build assets and sustainable financial futures, advocate for their rights, and connect with their communities in meaningful, value-added ways. Learn more at [www.primavera.org](http://www.primavera.org).

#### **ABOUT NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA**

For more than 40 years, NeighborWorks America, a national, nonpartisan nonprofit, has created opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$27.2 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation’s leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.

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