

THE PULSE

Subscriber Newsletter | February 2023

The Pulse Subscriber Newsletter is your monthly update from Primavera Foundation. Read about Primavera's "A Call to Men" training, a generous gift and other updates.

Primavera Foundation Honors Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions of African Americans and recognize the sacrifices and struggles that continue to this day. It is an opportunity to reflect, learn, understand and celebrate.

Primavera Foundation honors the histories and the struggles of the African and Black Diaspora. We also know this is a journey that cannot be contained within one month. We must challenge ourselves to aspire to be allies and engage in transformative work, every single day.

Visit our website to get a sampling of local events and resources to celebrate Black History Month.



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A Call to Men Training

Primavera Foundation, in partnership with the non-profit organization A Call to Men, hosted a free, in-person training called Breaking Out of the Man Box to promote healthy masculinity, bring awareness and shift attitudes that devalue women, girls and marginalized groups. Community leader Jesus "Chucho" Ruiz Vai Sevoi led the event and provided a perspective on men of color and their socialization around gender identity, homophobia and cultural beliefs. A Call to Men promotes healthy, respectful manhood through trainings and educational resources across the nation.



The four-hour Primavera training took place Jan. 14 at the Las Abuelitas Community Center. The 42 participants went through real-life scenarios that raised awareness of gender differences and challenged societal expectations while also emphasizing the importance of community. "Primavera hopes to continue similar trainings, beginning with the young men in our youth basketball program," said Daniel Torres-Nieves, a member of the Community Building and Engagement team.

Everyone Counts!

Members of Primavera Foundation's Rapid Re-Housing program joined hundreds of organizations across the country on Jan. 25 in an annual census of people experiencing homelessness outside of shelters.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the nationwide count, which is carried out locally under the name "Everyone Counts! – Pima County Street Count."



"Our community will use the information to extrapolate how many people may be living on the street," said Danell Jessup, director of Primavera's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Drop-In Center (HIP).

Jessup and Rapid Re-Housing team members Alina Martinez, Evelyn Yecies and Luz Acosta surveyed people who came to the drop-in center on Jan. 25, while other Primavera employees volunteered to survey individuals who slept the night before in city parks, washes or other unsheltered locations.

The surveys collect data about the causes and length of homelessness and point to potential gaps in services. "The majority of people surveyed at the drop-in center were open to sharing their experiences," Jessup said.

A separate count is conducted for people staying in shelters, including those operated by Primavera. The final numbers of the countywide counts and the survey findings are still being compiled.

Donor Appreciation

The [Voyager Community Chapel](#) has served Tucson residents and guests since 1984, and for the vast majority of that time, the chapel has also been a vital supporter of the Primavera Foundation. The congregation's generosity and impact continues this year. The chapel is raising funds for Primavera, and the [Christopher Johnson McCandless Memorial Foundation](#) will match up to \$10,000 of their gift.

"The Primavera Foundation extends its sincerest gratitude to the Voyager Community Chapel for its compassion and generosity, which makes Primavera's work possible and helps us achieve our mission," said Primavera Chief Philanthropy Officer JoAnn Salazar.



From left, Primavera CEO Tisha Tallman, Voyager Community Chapel Pastor David Pace and Primavera Chief Philanthropy Officer JoAnn Salazar

Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Stephanie Shaper

Stephanie Shaper is making a difference in her community as a volunteer at Casa Paloma women's shelter! Since April 2022, she has assisted with essential services and is proud to be part of a team that offers personalized support to those in need.

Get to know Stephanie:

What do you like about volunteering at Casa Paloma?

I enjoy working with the staff and assisting the ladies who visit. Everyone at Primavera and Casa Paloma has been welcoming and helpful.

What attracted you to Primavera and the women's shelter? I was looking for a volunteer opportunity with a focus on women and community service.



What have been some of the highlights about volunteering at Casa Paloma? I have enjoyed getting to know the staff. They are caring and professional. They take an interest in each person who visits and they provide needed support services. Every day is different and each lady has unique needs. This can be challenging, but the Casa staff handle it all with personal care and concern.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about volunteering? Research before visiting the agency and be prepared with questions. Onsite, be open to learning and supporting the program's processes.

What do your activities at Casa Paloma involve? I assist the staff welcoming ladies who need a meal, a shower, clothing, laundry access, and health and housing assistance referrals.

Why do you volunteer? To contribute to the care and comfort of vulnerable members in the Tucson community.

Job Board

Join The Primavera Foundation family! We are searching for motivated individuals who share our passion for creating a stronger community. If you are interested, send your resume to jobs@primavera.org and join us in making a difference!

OPEN POSITIONS



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- [HUD/VASH Housing Navigator](#)

February Events

El Rio Healthcare for the Homeless at HIP | 9 a.m., Feb. 8 and 22

El Rio Community Health Center Healthcare for the Homeless program provides medical and behavioral health services for people experiencing homelessness. Learn more at www.elrio.org

Valentine's Day | Feb. 14

Financial Empowerment Class (English) | 2 p.m., Feb. 15

Financial education is about life-long, smart money decisions. You can find out how to set money goals, understand credit scores and credit reports, manage your money, avoid identity theft, avoid predatory lending, learn about banking relationships and understand employment opportunities.

President's Day | Feb. 20

Homebuyer Education Workshop (English) | 3 p.m., Feb. 27 and 28

Primavera's Homeownership program can help attendees find lenders, secure safe loans and avoid predatory lending. Some first-time homebuyers may qualify for down payment assistance. Registration is required; call (520) 882-5383 x136 or email education@primavera.org.

Community Garden Hours | Monday at Las Abuelitas

Community Garden Hours | Wednesdays at Tierra Anita Gardens

Community Garden Hours | Fridays at Winstel Apartments (Residents only)

Join hands-on gardening activities with Primavera Gardens Coordinator Efen Martinez Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at rotating Primavera Community Garden locations. Community Garden hours are 8-9:30 a.m. Las Abuelitas and Tierra Anita garden hours are free and open to the public.

Do you have an event you'd like to share?

If you'd like to get the word out about an event - to staff, participants, or the general public, please [email me!](#)

Sincerely,

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