

# THE PULSE

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Welcome to The Pulse, Primavera's monthly newsletter.

## The Power of Mobility

*Bicycles at the Primavera Men's Shelter*

One of the first things you see when visiting the Primavera Men's Shelter is a lineup of bicycles arranged in a bike rack on the outdoor patio. These bicycles provide shelter participants with an important means toward mobility and independence.

It started years ago when the Volunteer Coordinator delivered a pair of bicycles to the Shelter. Since then, donated bikes have helped participants work to regain their independence and financial freedom. Participants are able to borrow bicycles to attend job interviews and other appointments that are out of reach of public transportation.



Alex Alanis uses a bicycle at the Primavera Men's Shelter to ride to work Monday through Saturday.

Alex Alanis is a 56-year-old participant at the Men's Shelter. Alex shared how access to a bicycle helped him find a job. He borrowed a bike a few weeks ago to transport himself to an interview at DeLeon Painting. He was hired soon after. "I am very excited to get back on my feet," he told us. "I don't have an excuse to be late. The bike will make me be there on time, I am very thankful to have a way to get to work," Alex borrows one of the bicycles to travel 15 minutes to get his new job Monday through Saturday.

With just a hand full of bikes, it can be challenging to maintain inventory to meet the needs of men at the Shelter. The bikes are often in need of new tires, tubes, and materials. The Primavera Foundation accepts donations of working bicycles and repair supplies. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, [Eric Cross](#).

## Primavera Cooks! Season 2022

That's a wrap! Last month the Philanthropy team hosted the final dinner of Primavera Cooks! Season 2022. Primavera Cooks! is a summer fundraising series to benefit the Primavera Foundation. This year Primavera partnered with Tucson restaurants Feast, Reforma, PY Steakhouse, The Dutch, Kingfisher, and Tavolino. Twenty-two apprentice chefs helped prepare delicious dinners for diners who want to make a difference. We raised nearly \$150,000 from more than 500 Cooks! diners. These funds support Primavera's programs and services.

Event sponsors this season were Tucson Electric Power, Desert Diamond Casinos, Southwest Gas, Long Realty Cares Foundation, J.C. Harry Charitable Fund, Kris Cohen, and Keller Legal Resources.

Thank you to this season's partners for another great year!



Apprentice Chefs and Long Realty agents Martha Staten and Linda Rebling (right), and KC Woods, President of Long Realty Company, and his wife Pam (left), enjoy the Primavera Cooks! dinner at Tavolino.

## Primavera Foundation Recognized for Contributions to City of Tucson and Community Investment Corporation Eviction Prevention Program

The Primavera Foundation was recognized for its partnership and contributions to the City of Tucson and the [Community Investment Corporation \(CIC\) Eviction Prevention Program](#). Since 2020, the Primavera Foundation has been a community partner in one of the largest emergency aid efforts in the region. Between August 2020 and July 2022, the program delivered \$64,000,000 in emergency eviction and utility assistance to 11,200 households impacted by COVID-19. More than 30,000 residents remained in housing due to emergency aid through the program. The Primavera Foundation was one of twelve community partner organizations involved in the program.

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Lupita Rodriguez, Program Manager of Special Projects, led support for the Emergency Prevention Program for Primavera and received the award on behalf of the Primavera Foundation.

Sincerely,

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