



Primavera Foundation Fact Sheet

Primavera Foundation was established in 1983 by co-founders Nancy Bissell and Gordon Packard, initially as the St. Martin's Soup Kitchen. The soup kitchen ultimately was shut down, but from it Primavera was born, first as a men's shelter and ultimately to an organization that provides an array of pathways out of poverty.

Primavera Foundation serves more than 8,000 families, individuals and veterans a year.

Additional facts about Primavera include:

- We provide emergency shelter and resources through an 80-bed men's shelter, a women's shelter, a scattered-site family shelter and two drop-in centers for daily assistance.
- Primavera operates 11 properties with 145 units that provide residents safe, affordable housing.
- We participate in coordinated entry through the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH), with homelessness intervention and prevention and rapid rehousing.
- Primavera Works, a temporary staffing agency, was created in 1996 as a social enterprise. It assists 300 to 400 participants a year, through temporary employment at a living wage (\$16.50 per hour currently) and assistance in their permanent job search (resume building, goal-setting, overcoming a prior conviction and the like).
- We offer an array of homeownership and financial education classes and workshops in both English and Spanish that serve, on average, more than 150 households per year.
- In the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years, more than 3,000 people used (and continue to use) a mail service Primavera established at its Resource Center, 702 S. Sixth Ave. The mail program serves an essential service for unhoused or transitional people who would otherwise not have access to receiving mail.
- Our Project Action for Veterans program served 744 veterans in fiscal years 2020-21 and helped 184 veteran families avoid homelessness through preventative strategies.