



**11th Annual  
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration**

**“COVID STYLE”**

**Drive-through Holiday Food Pick-up**

**Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020**

North Tahoe Event Center  
8318 North Lake Blvd • Kings Beach  
**2 pm – 6 pm**

**Food is free • Donations welcome  
Volunteers needed!**

**Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration  
For More Information**  
Contact Meera: 775-230-1066 • [tahoecommunitythanksgiving@gmail.com](mailto:tahoecommunitythanksgiving@gmail.com)

# Volunteer opportunities available all week 11/22 through 11/27:

## Ways to help as a group or individual: Pick one or more!

### Before the event or if you are busy on the holiday

- **Talk about it** to everyone you meet!
- **Ask for donations** of cash, food, and ingredients.
- **Contribute financial donations:** tax deductible through the Tahoe Neighborhood Table, Tax I.D. # 83-4592926. All checks should be made out to TNT with "Tahoe Community Thanksgiving" on the Memo line. Mail donations to Meera Beser, P.O. Box 178, Kings Beach, CA 96143. Donation receipts will be provided. Please make sure you include your organizational name and snail mail address.
- **Go shopping** with your own money or, if that is a burden, get a shopping list from Meera, and she'll give you cash.
- **Cook** all week 11/22 to 11/26 before or during

### Volunteer on the day of the event Nov 26 2020 (All or part)

Remember the Lord loves a cheerful giver and so do I! So I want you to do only what you want to do and only that which will bless you and make you happy (hard work is not necessarily miserable work).

**Volunteer check-in is 1:00 pm, Cooks at 9:00 am:** Volunteers are not expected to work the entire time, nor do they need to stay in the same task all day. They are, however expected to have FUN! And EAT!

**Volunteer Opportunities on event day:** I could also use some people who will coordinate these areas and the volunteers.

- **Transportation:** Bring people to the event.
- **Kitchen Help:** Cook, clean, pots, pans, dishes.
- **Run food from** kitchen to the food line and back
- **Food servers**
- **Dishwashers**
- **Security**
- **Clean Up:** Stay all Day or come later help clean up and pack up.

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## Menu

In order to have a bit of control over the food provided, here's a general menu of the very least we want to provide.

- Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy
- Yams,
- Bread, rolls
- Green salad, vegetables, cranberries
- Desserts

## Food Donations

### ***Shopping***

The best places for canned goods are Costco and "Smart and Final" in Reno. No one person needs to buy all the ingredients, but it helps me if I know who is buying (or has bought) what, so that I can keep track (don't want to drown in green beans and have no cranberries!).

- Turkey gravy (canned or dry package)
- Turkey broth (chicken if no turkey; Trader Joe's makes the best!)
- Diced tomatoes (to go into vegetable dishes)
- Pumpkin pie mix
- Unsweetened condensed milk
- Pie crusts
- "Better than Bouillon" Turkey and Vegetarian flavored
- Cranberries (jellied & whole berry and fresh; I don't think these come in big cans)
- Sweet Pickles, Olives
- Potato Buds (one year we ran out of potatoes)

### ***Restaurants***

We want to honor the restaurants that will be open on Thanksgiving Day (not many will be). I always ask when I'm seeking donations. Then I tell them we are serving a different demographic than they will likely have and that we are not trying to compete just complete the holiday experience for Tahoe people. Assure them that anything left over will be given to Project MANA or to the Tahoe Neighborhood Table Community Meals.

**If you ask restaurant owners to donate ingredients, I need to know who is donating, how much, and what by Friday 11/20, and I need YOU to plan on being responsible to pick up and deliver to ME at the Conference Center no later than noon, Monday 11/22.** There are storage issues for perishables prior to that date. Hopefully we will have a few volunteers who can pick things up.

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## ***Good items to request***

**CANNED:** Any on the “shopping” list

**FRESH:**

- Potatoes: Idaho or yellow
- Yams/sweet potatoes
- Onions
- Celery
- Chopped celery/onions (about 10 pounds each)
- Zucchini: green and yellow
- Broccoli
- Red, yellow, or green peppers (just a few pounds needed)
- Carrots
- Salad greens (American Blend is fine; need only about 6 pounds total)
- Pearl or boiler onions (small bag)
- Cranberries (fresh or canned)
- Apples (anything but Red Delicious works well)

Generally speaking, these things come in cases of between 20 and 50 pounds. Since we do not want to be a burden to our donors, one of anything is plenty. If they want to do more, that’s OK too. Remember to arrange a follow-up date (to remind them to order goods) and a pick-up date.

Also looking for:

- Milk
- Butter

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# Things to know and Share with others about the 11th Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration

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## Admission by Your Choice of Donation:

- 1) 1 new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots
- 2) 1 or more cans of food for Project MANA
- 3) Cash donation of \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family
- 4) Volunteer help

## Things to say about the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration:

### Things you can do to help make this event an even bigger success than last year:

- **Chat it up** to everyone you see, clients, vendors, and community members (starting now!) .
- **Put it in** your newsletters, websites, and social media. Post the flyers when they come out.
- **Announce it** at your board meetings and staff meetings.
- **Ask** people you know who are community-minded if they are interested in helping out in any fashion (even if they cannot attend) and get me their names, numbers, and emails too.
- if you are related to a faith-based organization, announce it to your congregations and publish it in your bulletins as a great community volunteer event and celebration, especially the few weeks from Oct 15- Nov 20.
- **DONATIONS:** Please make checks out to tahoe Neighborhood Table with “Tahoe Community Thanksgiving” on the Memo line. Mail to Meera Beser P.O. Box 178 Kings Beach, CA You will receive a receipt with the 501 c 3 number in the mail.

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## **Receipt for Donation**

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**Tahoe Neighborhood Table TAX ID # 83-4592916**

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**Goods or services in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Thank you so much for your support.**

**Meera Beser**

**Tahoe Neighborhood Table  
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