



**10th Annual
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration
& Tahoe-Truckee Toys for Tots Kick-off Party
Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019
North Tahoe Event Center
8318 North Lake Blvd, Kings Beach
Anytime between 2:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Admission by Your Choice of Donation:

- 1) 1 new, unwrapped toy for Tahoe-Truckee Toys for Tots**
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- 3) Cash Donation of \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family**
- 4) Potluck dish to share with the others**
- 5) Volunteer help**

We will even let you in for free if you ask nicely!

For More Information

**Contact Meera 775-230-1066, or email
tahoecommunitythanksgiving@gmail.com or
<http://tahoe-truckee.toysfortots.org>**

**Volunteer opportunities available all week
11/25 through 11/30:
Call Meera
Or sign up online at**

<https://forms.gle/MgbbfbtKdHYh42xA9>

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 11/25 to 11/28 before or during
- ***Help set up/decorate*** on Wednesday, 11/27 (12 noon to 4:00 pm).

Volunteer on the day of the event Nov 28, 2019 (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 or later, 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.
- **Kids' Room handlers:** Oversee and engage kids in activities.
- **Kitchen Help:** Cook, clean, pots, pans, dishes.
- **Run food from** kitchen to the food line and back.
- **Coffee servers**
- **Table busers**
- **Food servers**
- **Dishwashers**
- **Greeters**
- **"Share the Love" Ambassadors**
- **Security**
- **Clean Up:** Stay all Day or come later help clean up and pack up.

Sign up to volunteer at

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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, green bean casserole
- Bread, rolls
- Green salad, vegetables, cranberries
- Desserts
- Coffee, tea, water

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!).

THE REALLY BIG CANS are best (less waste and less to open):

- Green bean casserole: 2 cans French cut green beans, 1 (big can) cream of mushroom soup, 1 can French fried onion rings (makes one batch of green bean casserole). (last year CostCo had big bags of fried onion rings that were much less expensive)
- 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)

For Wednesday (Decorating Day): We could use some munchies for kids & adults. Last year we had crackers and cheese, fruit, and Pub Mix (a CostCo snack thing).

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 Wednesday 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, Saturday 11/23. There are storage issues for perishables prior to that date. Hopefully we will have a few volunteers who can pick things up.

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:

- Buttermilk (in quarts)
- Butter
- ½ pt milks for kids

**Things to know and Share with others about the 10th
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Things to say about the 10th annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration:

The 9th Annual event, last year, was wildly successful, and everyone had a great time. We had music and live entertainment. We have a Kids' Corner, Amazing food and plenty of it, all sorts of volunteer opportunities and plenty of left-overs that went home with people too! We fed over 600 meals.

Talking points:

- It is not a religious event; it is a community event.
- It is a place where people can go to enjoy food, fun, and friendships (old and new).
- An alternative to boring family functions (bring the whole family here instead).
- A place to go if you have nowhere else you want to be.
- A place to go if you hate to cook, but love to eat.
- A place where you can volunteer your time and have fun too,
- Help the community by donating to Project MANA, Toys for Tots, and the 10th 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

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Tahoe Community Thanksgiving
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