



**12th Annual  
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration  
COVID STYLE**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021  
North Tahoe Event Center  
8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach  
2pm to 6pm**

**Food Free/Donations Welcome**

**For More Information**

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

***Volunteer opportunities available all week!***

**Mon 11/22, 10am: Shop, Run errands, Pick up donations**

**Tues 11/23 & Wed 11/24, 9am to 4pm: Cook, Prep, Clean up**

**Thurs 11/25, 8am to 7pm: Cook, Pack, Hand out, Clean up**

**Fri 11/26, 10am: Final clean up**

Donation checks can be made payable to Tahoe Neighborhood Table with "Tahoe Community Thanksgiving" in the Memo line. Please mail to: Meera Beser, PO BOX 178, Kings Beach, CA 96143. Tax ID# 83-4592916.

Donation receipts provided.



## **Before the event: How groups or individuals can help** ***Pick one or more!***

- **Talk about it** to everyone you meet: clients, vendors, community members!
- **Announce** in your board meetings, staff meetings, congregations.
- **Publicize** in your newsletters, websites, social media, church bulletins.
- **Post** the flyer above.
- **Encourage** community-minded folks to volunteer all week: 11/22 to 11/26. Email Meera the names, numbers, emails of anyone interested: mbeser@sbcglobal.net
- **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" in 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.

## **At the event, 11/25: Volunteer all or part of the day**

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).

**COVID Guidelines:** For COVID safety, the event will be a drive-through food distribution starting at 2pm. All volunteers are expected to wear masks at all times and observe social distancing.

### **Volunteers start at 8am. Drop-ins welcome!**

- **Kitchen Helpers:** Cook, clean, pots, pans, dishes.
- **Food packers**
- **Food runners:** Take food orders; relay orders from kitchen to drive-up line.
- **Parking lot monitors**
- **Dishwashers**
- **Clean Up:** All day or afterwards to help clean up and pack up.

**Food delivery to home-bound neighbors starts at Noon. Drivers needed.**

## **Basic Menu 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 if Meera knows who is buying (or has bought) what, so that she 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 flavors
- Cranberries (jellied & whole berry and fresh; 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). Please ask about that if you're seeking donations and assure them we're serving a different demographic than they'll likely have and that we aren't trying to compete--just complete the holiday experience for Tahoe people. Also assure them that anything left over will be given to Sierra Community House, North Tahoe Truckee Homeless Services, or to the Tahoe Neighborhood Table Community Meals.

**If you ask restaurant owners to donate ingredients, let Meera know who is donating, how much, and what by Friday 11/19. It's YOUR responsibility to pick up and deliver those donations to the Conference Center no later than noon, Monday 11/22.** There are storage issues for perishables prior to that date. Hopefully, we'll have a few volunteers who can pick things up.

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

**CANNED:** Any on the Shopping list above

### **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.

### **DAIRY**

- Milk
- Butter

## **Other Donations Welcome!**

- New, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots
- 1 or more cans of food for Sierra Community House
- Cash donation of \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family
- Volunteer help

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

**Receipt for Donation**

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

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

**Meera Beser**

**Tahoe Neighborhood Table  
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Tahoe Community Thanksgiving  
Winter Warmth and Wellness  
Tahoe-Truckee Toys for Tots**

