



**7th Annual
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration
Thursday Nov 23, 2017, &
Tahoe-Truckee Toys for Tots Kick-off Party
North Tahoe Event Center
8318 North Lake Blvd, Kings Beach
Anytime between 2 pm-6:30 pm**

Admission by Donation is your choice of:

- 1) 1 new, unwrapped toy for Tahoe Truckee 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) a potluck dish to share with the others**
- 5) Volunteer to 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>**

**Transportation Available
From Incline Village Call IVGID Senior Services:
775-832-1310**

**From Placer or Nevada County Call North
Tahoe/Truckee Transport: 530-550-7451**

Individuals over 60: Suggested donation

Individuals under 60: \$2.00 fare

**48 hour notice requested for transportation
services**

Things you can do as a group or individually to help the project: Pick one or more

Things to do before the event if you are busy on the holiday:

- Talk about it to everyone you meet!
- Ask for donations of: cash, food, ingredients
- Donations will be tax deductible through the North Tahoe Family Resource Center, tax I.D. # 68-0219421. All checks should be made out to NTFRC with "Tahoe Community Thanksgiving" on the memo line. The donations should be mailed 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 (either on your own money or if that is a burden get a shopping list from Meera and she will give you cash
- Cook: before or during
- Help Set- up/decorate on Wednesday Nov 22 (12-4)

Volunteer on the day of the event Nov 23, 2017(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 pm or later: 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 the day of: I could also use some people who will coordinate these areas and the volunteers

- **Transportation:**
- **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**
- **greeters**
- **"Share the Love" Ambassadors:**
- **Security**
- **Clean Up:** Stay All Day or Come later help clean up and Pack

Food

In order to have a bit of control over the food provided here is a general menu of the very least we want to provide:

Menu:

- Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy
- Yams, green bean casserole,
- Bread, rolls,
- Green salad, vegetables, cranberries
- Desserts
- Coffee, tea, water

Some ideas for donations:

If you want to go shopping for ingredients: (Or ask your friends with restaurants to donate)

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 crans)

THE REALLY BIG CANS! If available are best (less waste and less to open)

- Green bean casserole: 2 cans French cut green beans, 1 (big can) crème 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 Bullion" 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 & cheese, fruit and Pub Mix (a CostCo snack thing)

Note about restaurants:

We want to honor the restaurants that will be open on Thanksgiving Day (Not many will). I always ask when I am 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.

Good Things to ask restaurants to donate: 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 (need this information by Nov 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 on Monday the 23rd. There are storage issues for perishables prior to that date. Hopefully we will have a few volunteers who can pick things up.

- Any of the canned foods 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 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 & 50 pounds. Since we do not want to be a burden to our donor's, 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:

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

**Things to know and Share with others about the 6th
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving Celebration**

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Things to say about the 7th annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration:

The 6th 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 & friendships (old & new).
- An alternative to boring family functions (bring the whole family here instead).
- A place to go if you have no where 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 4th 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 about October 1, 2015)
- **Put it in** your newsletters & websites, post the fliers when they come out
- **Announce it** at your board meetings & 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, 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: North Tahoe Family Resource Center with "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.

For more information contact: Meera Beser- 775-230-1066

email: tahoecommunitythanksgiving@gmail.com



**Receipt for Donation
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Goods or services in the amount of: _____

Thank you so much for your support.

Meera Beser

**Tahoe Neighborhood Table
United For Action
Tahoe Community Thanksgiving
Winter Warmth and Wellness
Tahoe Truckee Toys for Tots**