



Pho for Project MANA III **Wednesday, May 29 at the North Tahoe Events Center**

Pho for Project MANA III – here we go again! Due to popular demand and two sold out events, Project MANA is once again teaming up with KYNBO™, a local tech startup is teaming up to help fight hunger in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee through a very unique fundraiser, Pho for Project MANA. The event is being hosted by Project MANA and Kynbo and will be take place at the North Lake Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach on Wednesday, May 29.

Last year, Kynbo's Cofounder, Thao Doan, begged her mom, Mai Doan, to come out of retirement at 76 and teach a handful of lucky local chefs, including chefs Chef David Smith of Alder Creek Café at Tahoe Donner and chef Steve Anderson, Resort Executive Chef at Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, how to make authentic Pho soup. The chefs spent the winter perfecting their Pho and are excited to host this labor of love community fundraiser to support Project MANA's hunger relief efforts.

The Pho will be served to the community in a unique Pho Buffet at the North Tahoe Events Center as a fundraiser for Project MANA. Dessert will be included. No host beer and wine available. Tickets for the community Pho dinner are \$45/person (\$25 portion for children 12 & under) and are available for purchase at www.projectmana.org. All proceeds after food expenses will support Project MANA's hunger relief programs.

Mai Doan was the head chef at one of the first Vietnamese restaurants in California in the late 70's called Saigon Inn. Pho is a complex and soul satisfying dish that is very difficult to master, and those who have mastered Pho's preparation don't usually share their hard earned knowledge. But for Project MANA, Mai provided the chefs the rare opportunity to make Pho under her watchful eye, and shared many of her cooking secrets.

Mai was reluctant about participating in the fundraiser until she learned how Project MANA, North Lake Tahoe and Truckee's food pantry, helps hungry people in need through the distribution of food in our community, similar to the help her own family received when they emigrated from Vietnam in 1975. As Mai, her husband, and their seven children left everything behind to start a new life in America, Mai and Thao are grateful for the support of organizations such as Project MANA, and are excited for the opportunity to raise funds for Project MANA helping to keep Tahoe fed.

"We have sold out two Pho for Project MANA events in Truckee, and are excited to bring Pho for Project MANA III to the North Shore as it'll include a lakeview.", said Julie Malkin-Manning, development director of Project MANA. "We are looking forward to a fun evening of delicious pho prepared by chefs David Smith of Alder Creek Café at Tahoe Donner and Steve Anderson, Resort Executive Chef at Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows bringing our community together for a great cause."

Date: Wednesday, May 29

Where: North Tahoe Events Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd, Kings Beach, CA 96143

Menu: Pho and dessert.

Dinner: 5:30 pm door opens; 6-8pm Pho Buffet. No host beer and wine available.

Tickets: \$45 per person; \$25 portion for kids 12 & younger available at www.projectmana.org

Project MANA aims to drastically reduce the incidence of hunger and its detrimental effects upon individuals, families, the community and the region. 1 in 7 community members in N. Lake Tahoe and Truckee are hungry, 30% are children under 18. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit Projectmana.org.

Kynbo is the ultimate "where to eat" app built for food lovers, designed by chefs and owners. To learn more visit Kynbo.com or download the free app.

Project MANA and Kynbo App to Host 'Pho for Project MANA III' Fundraiser

Project MANA will be hosting a community "friend-raiser" in partnership with tech start-up Kynbo and local chefs David Smith of Alder Creek Café at Tahoe Donner and Steve Anderson, Resort Executive Chef at Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows on Wednesday, May 29 at 6 pm at the North Lake Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach. Pho for Project MANA was created in 2017 to raise awareness about food insecurity and hunger in the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee community. Cost is \$45 per person for Pho and dessert. Proceeds directly benefit Project MANA-North Lake Tahoe and Truckee's non-profit food pantry. No host beer and wine available. Tickets at projectmana.org.