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Graze 4 Good to Spotlight Education Equity, Celebrate Local Culinary Tastemakers in Three-Part Event Series

Fourth Generation fundraiser will support local grants to address issues of education equity.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation's Fourth Generation giving circle will host its annual Graze 4 Good fundraiser program, featuring local chefs and purveyors in a three-event series spanning February through May 2023. Proceeds will fund grants for local nonprofits that support education equity. The event series includes both in-person and virtual offerings. Tickets for the events are now on sale at mplsfdn.org/graze2023.

The pandemic has exposed some of the root causes of education inequities in the Twin Cities. Fourth Generation members are learning from school leaders and students about promising community-based strategies to support educators and students, as well as policy work that will help ensure every student has access to an excellent education.

Graze 4 Good will raise funds to provide unrestricted support to organizations that are on the ground advancing education equity in our community. Please join us to learn about the needs and barriers to equity in our local schools and centers of learning, while enjoying a unique culinary experience that connects guests with up-and-coming Twin Cities chefs, restaurateurs, and purveyors.

Fourth Generation's Graze 4 Good will feature three curated dining experiences, each with a unique menu and spanning a range of ticket prices. Each event will feature exclusive, timely perspectives from local community members and education equity professionals.

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25: Virtual "Bag Lunch" & Learn | Tickets \$55

Enjoy a bag lunch unlike anything you've ever experienced before, featuring flavors from The Sioux Chef, Abong Yoli, Dervishmazza, and others! Join us virtually from the comfort of your home for a conversation on education equity with a local thought leader.

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 18: Chef Collaboration Cooking Class | Tickets \$225

Join Christina Nguyen, chef and owner of Minneapolis favorites Hola Arepa and Hai Hai, as she leads an exclusive cooking demonstration and intimate counter-side conversation with a special guest speaker. Hosted by France 44 at their new interactive cooking and dining space.

April/May 2023 event (date will be announced soon): Lunchroom Reimagined Interactive Dinner

“School lunch” will never mean the same thing to you again. Join us for a unique dining and learning experience curated by some of the Twin Cities’ most inventive chefs and flavor makers. This interactive meal will feature the culinary creativity behind Hai Hai, Hola Arepa, Travail Kitchen, Nixta, and more.

Fourth Generation is a giving circle for rising leaders who care about local issues and want to make a bigger impact. By assembling contributions, resources and diverse perspectives, members collaborate to create an accessible and equitable grantmaking process.

During its 2022-2023 grantmaking year, Fourth Generation granted \$50,000 to local organizations. Since its founding, and with the support of more than 400 members, more than \$500,000 has been raised and distributed to local organizations serving issues ranging from mental health to economic justice.

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WHAT: Graze 4 Good, a curated culinary event series featuring local restaurants and food purveyors.

WHO: Hosted by the Minneapolis Foundation’s Fourth Generation program.

WHERE: In-person and virtual event options. Check event website for details: mplsfdn.org/graze2023

WHEN: February through May 2023

WHY: Proceeds benefit Fourth Generation’s grantmaking to local organizations whose work advances education equity in the Twin Cities.

TICKETS: Available online at mplsfdn.org/graze2023

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