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Fourth Generation raises \$18,000+ for charity at Graze 4 Good fundraiser

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— Fourth Generation, a program of The Minneapolis Foundation, raised more than \$18,000 to support local organizations focused on aging services at its annual Graze 4 Good fundraiser.

Graze 4 Good featured gourmet tastings made by five of the region's most in-demand chefs, as well as a culinary-themed silent auction and a bake-off to determine the official 100th birthday cake of The Minneapolis Foundation. Held Sunday, March 22 at the Solar Arts Building in Northeast Minneapolis, Graze 4 Good drew more than 250 local leaders, emerging philanthropists, and other community members.

Three of the Twin Cities' best pastry chefs participated in the bake-off: Katherine Gerdes from Angel Food Bakery & Coffee Bar, John Kraus from Patisserie 46, and Katie Elsing from the Dakota. By popular vote, the winning cake was a "Hell's Kitchen Peanut Butter Not-A-Cup" chocolate cake made by Gerdes.

Featured chefs at Graze 4 Good included Mike Brown, chef/owner of Travail Kitchen and Amusements and Rookery; Steven Brown, chef/owner of Tilia; Doug Flicker, chef/owner of Piccolo and Sandcastle; chef Jerry Fodness of Chowgirls; and Jorge Guzman, executive chef of Surly.

Funds raised at the event go into Fourth Generation's grantmaking pool, supporting local nonprofits that are making a difference on critical issues in the Twin Cities. This year's grants, which will be awarded in June, will benefit organizations focused on aging services.

Fourth Generation engages emerging philanthropists to learn the skills of smart giving and pool their resources to make a much bigger difference in the community than they could alone. The Minneapolis Foundation, which is celebrating its Centennial in 2015, runs Fourth Generation to help ensure that future generations have the tools they need to carry on Minnesota's tradition of generosity and make positive change in the community.

Fourth Generation members vote each year to choose an issue, research it together, and make grants to local nonprofits. In the past five years, Fourth Generation has granted more than \$138,000 to address critical issues, including youth homelessness, food justice, small business development, and resources for immigrant populations. Learn more about the program at www.fourthgenfund.org.

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