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After one taste of the delicious creations from Chef Phong, it is hard to believe he has only been a Chef for 8 short years. Arriving in American only 10 years ago, Chef Phong would call him mom back home in Vietnam for advice on how to cook. After studying marketing for 2 years, he decided to change his major to cooking and, as not something Asian parents prefer their child to study, his parents finally gave in and permitted him to study at GRCC School of Culinary Arts. Determined to make his parents proud, he spent 80-100 hours per week working multiple jobs to learn as much as possible in the field of culinary arts and restaurant management. Chef Phong moved all over the Midwest working in different types of restaurants to learn people skills, cooking techniques, and the various aspects of the business. Lucky for us, Chef Phong has recently moved back to Grand Rapids and opened his first restaurant to rave reviews. He is proud to be part of Taste Of Hope to honor his aunt who fought through stage 3 breast cancer and all those who are facing a cancer journey.

