



General FAQs

What is *On the Table Philly* and why should I participate?

By hosting a mealtime conversation as part of *On the Table Philly* on Thursday November 8, 2018, you'll be part of an exciting, region-wide initiative to explore the ways in which we have the power to collaborate in order to make our communities stronger, safer and more dynamic.

We share a desire to come together, collaborate more, become more civically involved and more committed to our community. While we know that there is no "quick fix" to the issues facing our communities, and taking advantage of exciting new opportunities often requires a sequence of steps. Progress will only result from residents, organizations and government working together to make contributions that add up to a greater solution that helps unite this place we call home.

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What you do matters, and when we come together as a community to learn from and with each other, we have the power to impact both neighborhoods and lives. That's what *On the Table Philly* is all about.

What is the goal of *On the Table Philly*?

Our goal is to bring together the residents of our region to discuss philanthropy and how we can work together to build and sustain our communities. We seek to create a movement that inspires each of us to do more — to contribute our time, talent and ideas. By agreeing to participate, you've already taken an important step to be a part of this movement.

How can I get involved?

Right now, we're in the process of recruiting both hosts and guests from across the Greater Philadelphia region to be a part of *On the Table Philly*. To sign up, simply click the "Register to Host" button at www.onthetablephl.org.

What is The Philadelphia Foundation?

Founded in 1918, The Philadelphia Foundation (TPF) strengthens the economic, social and civic vitality of Greater Philadelphia. TPF grows effective philanthropic investment, connects individuals and institutions across sectors and geography, and advances civic initiatives through partnerships and collaboration. A publicly supported foundation, TPF manages more than 900 charitable funds established by its donors and



makes over 1,000 grants and scholarship awards each year. To learn more, visit www.philafound.org.

What is The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation?

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation is a national foundation with strong local roots. It invests in journalism, in the arts, and in the success of cities where brothers John S. and James L. Knight once published newspapers. Its goal is to foster informed and engaged communities, which it believes are essential for a healthy democracy. For more, visit www.knightfoundation.org.

Where can I find more information about *On the Table Philly*?

Visit our On the Table Philly site at www.onthetablephl.org
You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).
Additionally, you can send us an e-mail at onthetable@philafound.org to have one of our outreach team members contact you with more information.

Host FAQs

What does a host need to do? What's involved?

It's really pretty simple: You determine a location for folks to meet on November 8, 2018, for a mealtime conversation to discuss the ways in which we can commit to making our communities stronger, safer and more dynamic—communities where opportunities grow, quality of life is enhanced and families thrive. You can have your breakfast, lunch or dinner wherever you want and serve whatever you like—from a catered or home-cooked meal to soup-and-salad, pizza or a snack.

How do I get started?

Visit www.onthetablephl.org to register your event. You'll get your own ***On the Table Philly*** host kit with tools and resources for the conversation and tips on running a successful event.

Who do I invite?

The invitation list is up to you, but we encourage you to think about how you can network through this event to develop new friendships and partnerships.

If you're unsure, start with people you know—friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. You may consider reaching out to a larger community by co-hosting your event with a local church or nonprofit. Consider asking your guests to bring a friend or invite people from your network who don't already know each other. Reach out to those you don't know well, but who you'd like to get to know better. Part of the fun of ***On the***



Table Philly is expanding your personal network.

Eight to twelve guests per table is ideal. **On the Table Philly** is about giving everyone a chance to speak and to be heard.

If you want to host a larger gathering, consider breaking into smaller groups and allowing time for each to discuss and report out to the larger group.

How should I invite my guests?

Emails, phone calls and even short hand-written notes are all effective ways to connect with guests.

What should an *On the Table Philly* gathering look like?

Hosts are encouraged to be creative. The priority is to create an atmosphere conducive to meaningful conversation. A potluck in your dining room, a get-together at a neighborhood restaurant or a brownbag lunch at your job are just some of the many possibilities for your gathering.

What is expected of me during and after my *On the Table Philly* gathering is over?

We look forward to hearing about the stories and commitments discussed at your gathering. We encourage all participants to share insights, photos and videos on social media throughout the day using **#LetsTalkPhilly**.

At the conclusion of the **On the Table Philly** events on November 8th, we'll provide every participant (hosts and guests) a short survey to learn more about their experiences and their commitments. All those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 grant to a nonprofit selected by the winner. You may also be asked to participate in a more in-depth post-event interview where we hope to dive even deeper into some of the experiences, thoughts and ideas that arose from these conversations.