



Imagine this: on one day, thousands who care about the best possible future for young people engaging in thought-provoking conversations about building and maintaining strong environments that nurture youth. Then imagine those conversations sparking new ideas that improve our quality of life and that of the region we call home.

On October 4, that vision will become a reality.

WHAT IS ON THE TABLE?

On the Table is a new community engagement initiative. On one day, across the region, community members of all ages, perspectives, and backgrounds will engage in civic reflection and dialogue.

People will gather in small groups to share a meal and discuss how to create vibrant communities for all youth to thrive. These conversations can inspire new ways to work together to make our communities stronger for young people across Southeast Michigan.

WHY ON THE TABLE?

For over 25 years, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has worked to support opportunities to help young people succeed. Making this region a better place for the next generation isn't a one-person job. It takes all of us. If you have an idea for making your community a stronger, more vibrant place, then you have a role to play. *On the Table* is our invitation to you to pull up a chair and join the discussion.

By having these important conversations in our communities, we are creating connections that will lay the foundation for the next generation.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

WHO: Southeast Michigan community members, including youth, are invited to participate – by hosting or attending mealtime conversations.

WHERE: In private residences, in backyards, at local restaurants, schools, community centers, cultural organizations, places of worship, libraries, service organizations, offices, retail establishments – anywhere a host chooses. They can be sit-down, catered, picnic, or potlucks – it's completely up to each host.

THEN WHAT?

Our goal is to identify and highlight ideas emerging from the conversations to inspire collaboration and action and to drive progress across the region. After each meal, *On the Table* participants will be invited to complete a survey. Through those surveys, we'll learn what it will take to make southeast Michigan a better place for youth to live. The Community Foundation will issue a report highlighting the ideas, themes and outcomes. The Community Foundation will make that data available for others to use across the region.

LEARN MORE:

For more information and to register as a host, visit our website at onthetable.cfsem.org, or email us at onthetable@cfsem.org.

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