



Fact Sheet

Connect Knox is a community-centered initiative that connects people who have ideas and energies to invest in our community with others who are equally passionate about making big, new ideas happen.

- WHAT:** *The Big Table* takes place on one day in various locations across our area. It is a day of community building designed to bolster understanding of one another in these challenging times. Volunteers will host tables around the city to create conversation and encourage people to talk to one another. By coming together around tables, everyone has the opportunity to talk, listen, and learn from each other. These are not scripted or facilitated conversations but an opportunity to talk openly about how we are doing as a community.
- WHO:** *Everyone* in the Greater Knoxville area is invited to host a mealtime conversation of 8 to 10 participants.
- WHERE:** *Conversations* can be held in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, schools, libraries, offices, parks, or places of worship. The Big Table events can be held anywhere. They can be formal or informal, brown bag or potluck. They may happen over breakfast, coffee, lunch, dinner, dessert, or just a snack – it's up to the host.
- WHEN:** *Thursday, August 23, 2016 – Times to be determined by table hosts*
- WHY:** *Your voice matters.* The community-wide mealtime conversations will generate new ideas, inspire bold solutions, and provide opportunities for investment. On August 24th, table hosts will receive an email with a short survey asking for information and feedback asking for big ideas, themes, and priorities. These responses will be reviewed and compiled into a narrative report.
- GET INVOLVED:** *Host* – Choose a time and location and invite attendees. Invite 8 to 10 colleagues, friends, or neighbors. Or, invite 4 to 5 friends and ask them to bring a friend. You will receive a Host Toolkit with everything you need including a conversation guide, social media, tips, and how to follow-up.
Be a Guest – YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Attend a conversation hosted by friends or colleagues. Don't know anyone hosting a table? There will be limited number of "public" tables in the area. Please email us at info@connectknox.com to register as a guest.
- DETAILS:** *Connect* with us by visiting www.connectknox.com/the-big-table or email questions to info@connectknox.com.