



# **AMERICA'S LONG TABLE**

*A Long Table in the heart of DC for the 250th Birthday of America  
September 19, 2026*

*To Connect and Unite For Good*

***Strategic Partnership Invitation***

LONGER TABLES



*250 years. 1,776 Americans sharing dinner at a 1,776-foot table.*

**It's time to eat and connect for good.**



***What a 'Table' in action***



In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, *Longer Tables* will host a historic gathering in the heart of our Nation's capital: a 1,700-foot table, bringing together 1,776 Americans from every walk of life to share dinner, meaningful conversation, and a vision for unity.

**Like no other place, the table and a shared meal holds the catalytic potential to create a sense of belonging, lower barriers, reduce loneliness, and empower collaboration.**

This event will demonstrate—visually, emotionally, and historically—that despite, and in celebration of our differences, connection is always an option over division.



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September 19, 2026, Dinner

## ***Washington, D.C.***

(Pending permit—either Lincoln Memorial, National Mall, or Mount Vernon.)

## ***One Long Table***

Our table will stretch 1,700 feet with white table cloths, place settings, greens and conversation prompts at the center, with guests directed to sit next to those they don't know.

## ***Super-Hosts & Co-Hosts***

Partner organizations and individuals, representing the diversity of the nation, invite guests, ensuring a true cross-section of humans from all walks of life.

## ***Dinner***

Catered by diverse local chefs, dinner will include a mix of food and tradition reflective of our nation and our people, both past and present.

## ***Conversation + Connection***

With co-hosts guiding conversation at each table, guests will share stories around curated conversation prompts at the table, leading to deeper connection and people connecting as simply humans.

## *the IMPACT*

- ✓ Individuals and leaders across the nation replicate our model in cities, companies and neighborhoods impacting thousands of lives and communities.
- ✓ Real connections and new relationships between our 1,776 guests.
- ✓ Telling the story in national media and interviews of people coming together and a growing movement of civic connection across differences.
- ✓ Encourage, equip and connect normally siloed leaders across the DMV and the nation to adopt the 'table strategy' to use in their contexts.
- ✓ Modeling generosity by giving back to a local charity addressing food security.

## *a Model to be Replicated*

With anticipated widespread media coverage, cities and leaders will want to replicate the table model.

At *AmericasLongTable.org*, three levels of 'Table Planning Kits' will be made available to individuals or organizations, with everything they need to not only set a table, but take full advantage of our civic engagement and leadership strategy, approach and ethos, ensuring real and sustained, long-term impact.

*One table becomes many  
One conversation becomes thousands  
One gathering becomes a movement*



# ***Sponsorship & Partnership Opportunities***

We are seeking sponsors and mission-aligned partners to make this vision possible and to help ensure participation reflects the full diversity of our country.

## ***Individual Support***

All guests will be invited to make a **voluntary donation of \$17.76 (or more)** in honor of 1776. 100% of guest donations will support a DC-area hunger relief organization.

## ***Partnership Benefits***

- Promotion and exposure to 1,776 guests at the table, 500 volunteers and hundreds of thousands of media impressions.
- Brand exposure on local, regional, national and international press and coverage.
- Storytelling, branded assets and impact findings for use in your own promotion, marketing and reporting.
- Tickets for customers and clients.
- Exposure and connection to companies, leaders, non-profits, foundations and associations who are working for good.
- Reciprocated offerings inside your organization (ask us!)

***Not just an event, but a statement.  
Unity is newsworthy. Hope is inspirational.***

# Strategic Partners

Sponsors must reflect community investment, inclusion, and non-partisanship. Strategic partners play a pivotal role in representing their community and area of passion and service, while contributing in the ways they are able to:

- **Make connections to leaders, potential sponsors and other partners**
- **Fundraising support and/or donation**
- **In-kind donations**
- **Volunteer recruitment and support**
- **Co-Host: invite guests**

Ideal partners include: Rotary clubs, civic organizations, universities, faith-neutral community groups, NGOs, and service organizations.

**\$1,000-10,000 Sponsor | 20 of 20 Available**

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications
- 1/2 page in digital program
- 10 invitations

*Levels (either donated or raised)*

*Local organization \$1,000+*

*Statewide organization \$5,000+*

*Nationwide organization \$10,000+*

# FAQ

Answers to common questions.

## ***What is America's Long Table?***

America's Long Table is a historic shared-meal gathering commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States, bringing together 1,776 Americans for intentional conversation across differences. The event models unity, belonging, and connection through shared meals and guided dialogue at the table, the most inclusive and common place for all people.

## ***Who is organizing the event?***

The event is led by Longer Tables (lead NGO) in partnership with the Rotary Club of Washington Global, with support from Strategic Partners across sectors. Longer Tables, a 501(c)3 will be the fiscal agent and producer. No elected officials or political organizations are involved in organizing.

## ***When and where will the event take place?***

**Date:** Our desire is to hold the table September 2026, dependent on funding. Final date to be announced.

**Location:** Washington, D.C. (specific location to be confirmed) Currently planned for National Mall (one of three locations)

## ***What is the purpose of the event?***

The purpose is to create a non-partisan, fully-inclusive space where Americans from diverse backgrounds can gather, share personal stories, and experience meaningful human connection—without issue debate or political advocacy.

## ***Is the event political or religious?***

No. America's Long Table is explicitly non-partisan and non-religious. The focus is on human connection, not advocacy, debate, or policy positions.

# FAQ, Con't.

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## ***What will the experience look like?***

- Share a meal seated at long communal tables
- Be guided by trained Co-Hosts (table captains)
- Engage in facilitated, story-based conversations (based on an existing methodology of community dialogue)
- Experience a thoughtfully structured gathering focused on listening and belonging
- Organizers may also include optional elements such as art, performance, or other activations that support the event's mission.

## ***What are Co-Hosts, and what do they do?***

Co-Hosts (also called table captains) are trained facilitators who:

- Invite a diverse group of guests to the gathering
- Welcome participants to the table
- Guide conversation using provided prompts
- Help create a respectful, inclusive atmosphere

## ***Is the event free to attend?***

Guests will be encouraged to give an optional donation of \$17.76 or more that will directly support a D.C.-based organization addressing food security and access.

## ***What does the event cost and who is covering these costs?***

The total actual budgeted cost for this event is \$301,000. Sponsorships, both cash and in-kind donations will cover these costs. Please see budget page for top-line budget items.

# Strategic Partners FAQ

Answers to common questions for our partners.

## ***What is a strategic partner?***

A Strategic Partner is an organization or group that commits financial and/or in-kind support and actively participates in helping make the event successful through volunteer mobilization, outreach, and engagement.

## ***What happens if the event is postponed or canceled?***

Organizers reserve the right to postpone or cancel the event due to circumstances such as weather, safety concerns, or factors beyond their control. Organizers are not responsible for any losses incurred by Partners as a result of postponement or cancellation.

## ***What level of contribution is expected from Strategic Partners?***

Strategic Partners are asked to contribute:

- \$1,000–\$10,000 donation or raised)

*Local organization \$1,000+*

*Statewide organization \$5,000+*

*Nationwide organization \$10,000+*

- Meaningful in-kind support (to be mutually agreed upon)

## ***What are the key commitments of a Strategic Partner?***

Partners agree to:

- Volunteer Mobilization: Recruit volunteers to support logistics and guest experience
- Co-Host Recruitment: Identify and recruit 5–7 diverse Co-Hosts to guide table conversations
- Network Engagement: Make introductions to potential sponsors, funders, or aligned supporters
- Meeting Participation: Attend a cadence of virtual planning meetings leading up to the event
- Mission Alignment: Uphold the event's non-partisan, inclusive, community-building values

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## ***What benefits do Strategic Partners receive?***

Partners receive:

- Logo placement on the event website and promotional materials
- 10 guest tickets
- Access to post-event storytelling assets (photos, video, media)
- Optional inclusion in the national “How to Host a Longer Table” Toolkit
- Recognition in press and media releases
- Association with a nationally visible unity initiative expected to receive significant media attention

## ***Is the Partnership MOU legally binding?***

No. The MOU is a non-binding expression of partnership intent. It does not create legal or financial obligations beyond the Partner’s voluntary contribution. Separate agreements will be issued if cash or in-kind donations are secured.

## ***How long does the partnership last?***

The partnership is effective upon signature and remains active through the conclusion of all event-related activities.

## ***Can the partnership be terminated?***

Yes. The agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of both parties.

## ***Who should we contact with questions or to confirm partnership?***

Partners will be provided with a designated point of contact from the organizing team upon expression of interest or execution of the MOU. Co-organizers are Tim Jones and Michael McCabe (contact info on last page).

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## ***How are other sponsors engaged?***

The event is made possible with the support of corporate, foundation and small business sponsors who share our values, mission and principles. Corporate sponsor levels are \$100,000 (Presenting Sponsor - Exclusive), \$50,000 (Platinum - Exclusive), \$25,000 (Silver - 3). Please request our Sponsorship Deck to see full benefits for each sponsor/partner level.

## ***What is the budget for the event?***

The total budget for this project is approximately \$300,000 cash and in-kind costs and will include:

- Permits
- Promotion, communications, marketing, media capture and PR
- Food and beverage
- Planning, training, coordination and administration
- Security/on the ground logistics
- Rentals
- Table decorations and signage

# Next Step

Contact us for availability and more partner information.

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## CURRENT AND FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

Rotary Club of Washington Global  
Rotary Clubs in Districts 7620 & 7610  
National Peace Corps Association  
Gather  
Honest Tea  
Common Ground USA

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We believe the common table and shared meal holds the explosive potential to

rehumanize people, battle loneliness, fight division and empower collaboration.



Through our *Leadership Journey*, we are forming leaders who are creating cultures of belonging, hospitality and health

through whole-hearted, true-self leadership.

Since 2013, over 7,000 humans have connected at tables across the United States.

WE BRING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TOGETHER TO CREATE **CONNECTION + BELONGING** THROUGH SHARED MEALS.

### WE CREATE

*Longer Table* gatherings + connection experiences.

### WE HELP

Cities, companies + organizations set tables.

### WE FORM LEADERS

Who lead from a place of wholeness and true identity, creating connected and thriving communities through our six-month *Leadership Journey*.



528-FOOT TABLE VIDEO



NEWS ARTICLE



SHORT FILM



SHORT DOCUMENTARY