



Community Partnership Program

Marnita's Table Community Partner Program is designed to coordinate and partner with existing programs and introduce isolated programs to each other so that the wider community may benefit from our Dialogue series. Of the 1,500 people who experience The Table each year, 50% are of-color or immigrant and 50% are living in poverty.

Community Partner support, along with that of other partners, enables us to convene intentional social dialogues to forge the relationships necessary for building effective multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural action plans to meet the challenges confronting our community and beyond.

What Does Marnita's Table Do?

Marnita's Table undertakes 40-50 conversations per year – important conversations that impact every community. We link the powerless with the powerful through our innovative model of Intentional Social Interaction in order to build enduring cross-cultural relationships.

These three-hour "Feasts & Dialogues," based on the principles of experience engineering (think Disneyland), always include at least 25% of people under the age of 24, providing authentic relationships and connections with civic and business leaders. Our Table has the power to transform lives for those who live in segregated deep poverty communities or are traditionally left out of decision-making. Those in power learn through practice how to actively be inclusive and listen and respond to the needs of the less powerful, while those previously unheard take their rightful seat to shape the future. In just three years we have become recognized and respected for our ability to bridge cultural differences and bring people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds together for the common good. At our Table we build on and replicate models that value connection over division and cohesion over separation.

What Organizations Do We Work With?

Marnita's Table has formal strategic alliances with the Citizens League, the Minnesota Department of Health/STD/HIV Section, The Urban Financial Services Coalition, Create CommUNITY, Students Speak Out and PFund.

We also enjoy strong collaborative relationships with hundreds of organizations and individuals, such as the National Youth Leadership Council, A.C.E.S, Asian Media Access, Q-Health Services, Girls in Action, The Wilder Youth Leadership Program, Redeemer Church and Kwanzaa Church in North Minneapolis, the YWCA & YMCA youth leadership programs, District 202, The Bridge, elected officials, business leaders and everyday citizens of every race, creed and color.

Current organizational funders include The Minneapolis Foundation, The Park Nicollet Foundation, The Curtis L. Carlson Family Foundation, The Wells Fargo Housing Foundation and The Minnesota Department of Health STD/HIV Section.

Who Is At the Table?

Age Groups:

13-19 (20%)
19-29 Young Adults (30%)
29-50 (30%)
Over 50 (20%)

Ethnic Groups:

African American 20%
Native American 5%
Asian 15% (includes Lao, Hmong, Chinese, Japanese)
European-American 20%
Immigrant 20% (includes Afghani, Egyptian, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Ghana, Israeli, Iranian, Iraqi, Pacific Islander, Somali, South African)
Latino 20%

Transactional Roles of Participants:

Business leaders at least 20%
Civic Leaders at least 20%
Students/Leaders at least 20%
Non-Profit Leaders at least 20%

Why Become a Community Partner?

As a Community Partner of Marnita's Table, your organization will significantly enhance your cross-cultural competency and demonstrate your commitment to diversity and inclusion. Community Partner's receive the following benefits:

- **Leadership Development:** Four preferred reservations at Marnita's Table Dialog events in a one calendar year period. Advanced reservations required.
- **Commitment to Inclusion and Diversity:** Two tickets to Marnita's Table annual fundraising event, *Sex, Drugs and Reality TV, Start the Conversation about pop cultures impact on your life*. Join 600 multi-cultural attendees for this fun and important conversation, and demonstrate your organizations commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- **Exposure:** Name and logo credit as a Supporting Partner of Marnita's Table in marketing and other materials (website, facebook, event materials). High profile positive press coverage in both mainstream and ethnic media, print, television & radio.
- **Cross-Cultural Competency:** 10% off on all Marnita's Table professional services during the one-year community partnership.

Community Partner Support Levels

Organizational Budget	Community Partnership Funding Level
Less than 250,000 per year	\$250
\$250,001 – \$500,000	\$500
\$500,001 – \$750,000	\$750
\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	\$1,000
Above \$1,000	\$2,500 & above