



MILE LONG TABLE

A Mile Long Table for connection, belonging
and hope in the Heart of Denver.

July 26, 2025 Auraria Campus

LONGER TABLES

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But first, we eat!

The world we desire is possible.

Every human being relates to the table. The table is where we reclaim our humanity.

And no matter our differences - where we grew up, how much money we have, or the color of our skin - **we all belong at the table.** And when we eat together - we connect, bond and acknowledge our deepest desires and need to be seen, known and belong. **In a world of disconnection, there is no more powerful place than the shared meal.**

Imagine a world where each of us have two or three loyal and empathetic friends - with us through the joys and the dark? Imagine employees in a company who have dinner together after work because they feel included and ignited in their whole selves, united in purpose and mission? Imagine a cross-section of people representing the diversity of the city collaborating on solving our greatest issues by first eating, sharing stories and laughing? *Instead of protesting, eating! Instead of projects, presence. Instead of isolating, invitation!*

We are made for connection. And when we feel like we belong - we thrive, we feel secure and we flourish. So first, we eat!



A Table Is

A single, long table where people of all walks of life and diversities share a meal.

When we eat together, the table reveals our shared humanity and fundamental sameness and holds the explosive potential to **increase our sense of belonging, cultivate understanding and honor our differences.**

At the table, without distractions, sitting face to face, we can feel **seen, heard and known.**



Kevin J. Beaty

At each table, a cross-section of people of all diversities are intentionally invited by hosts. Beautifully set with real place settings and decorations and slow-cooked food, guests feel seen, valued and humanized. Intentional conversation moves guests beyond the superficial and into a realization we are much more alike than different.

The Impact of the Table

Like slow-cooked food, the table nourishes and impacts deeply.

Our overall mission is to **inspire** and **equip** everyday people to set tables in their neighborhoods, where they work, where they worship, where they play.

After 50+ tables, we have hundreds of stories reflecting meaningful impact - new friendships, job connections and greater awareness of others and their culture through shared conversation and storytelling.



The Mile Long Table will launch what may become our city's most powerful and impactful gathering, as well as place of pride and joy as we cultivate a citywide movement toward reconnection and true inclusivity.

Through our strategic partners, Super-Hosts and Co-Hosts, we will continue to inspire and impact companies, neighborhoods and organizations through forming and supporting leaders who will set both literal and figurative tables for their people.

The Mile Long Table

5,280 people sharing a meal at a 5,280-foot table.

Where

Auraria Campus, Downtown Denver

When

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Who

10 Super-Hosts and 100 Co-Hosts representing communities from all over Denver (with many diversities represented) will sponsor the table for a donation and personally invite guests who will be served a meal from one of ten locally-owned restaurants or catering companies who also represent the diversity of our city.

Individual tickets will be available to the general public while the campus will be open for anyone to bring blankets and food and join the summer celebration.

The Mile Long Table is set in partnership and hosted by Auraria Campus.

The Mile Long Table is designed to catalyze a movement.

Cultivating...

Connection

Inclusivity

Community

Generosity

Compassion

Hope



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Why Set a Mile Long Table?

We have a **big dream** to set really long tables to inspire and reconnect our city. *The Mile-Long Table* will be both a symbolic and practical display of our increasing solidarity, connection and care for the humans of Denver and destined to both model and inspire the nation toward creating cities of belonging.

This groundbreaking event will be an elaborate display of **solidarity** and **connection** between people of all diversities, at a table unique to who we are as a city.

More than our altitude, we believe these tables will reflect and breathe new life into our **deep-rooted history of diversity** and **pioneering**, while taking small steps toward **reconciling the pain** of racism and prejudice still experienced in our city.

We hope to be a city who models for the rest of the nation a way forward toward meaningful connection and respect for one another, while **inspiring a rediscovery of the shared meal** for all who watch.

Our Vision

To see cities, companies and organizations everywhere become places where people experience true connection and belonging.



Your Place at the Table

What dreams do you have for our city? For your organization? For your community?

Your involvement means connecting our city in a meaningful way, pride for our city and providing an example to a watching world.

Your leadership will inspire:

- 5,280 guests at the table with hundreds more welcomed to Auraria Campus along with 500 volunteers.
- Colorado companies
- 10 Denver restaurants
- 50+ of Colorado non-profits
- 3+ major media outlets and potential national exposure

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

- *Henri J.M. Nouwen*



The Extra Mile

How the Table Continues Following the Event.

The Mile-Long Table Annual Tradition

2025 will launch the annual Mile Long Table, held every summer in various locations across the city, with one day expanding to a multi-day festival or farmer markets, art experiences and a gathering of the Colorado Coalition for Connection and Belonging.

Table Together

One night, many homes, tables across the city. Participants host a meal at work or in their home (or driveway/street) and invite at least two neighbors/co-workers. April 2025 + September 2025.

Table Guides

“How to Set a Table” Guides will be made available for those desiring to learn how to set tables at home, in their neighborhood, at work or in their faith community.

Consulting + Inspiration

The table as a model and vehicle for connection, belonging, engagement, and problem-solving can work within any organization. Our consulting offering brings the table and principles, training and coaching into any organization for a more connected culture where each person feels a true sense of belonging - leading to real transformation and impact.

The Organization

LONGER TABLES

Humans flourish when they are connected and feel a sense of belonging. Through table events, training and coaching, and strategic partnerships, we are helping cultivate cultures of connection throughout communities and in companies and organizations.

MEDIA LINKS



Cultivating humanity through
connection + belonging.

HOW WE CONNECT

EXPERIENCES + EVENTS

- Long table and shared meal events
- Major community events - *The Mile-Long Table*
- *Table Together* - One night, many tables in many homes

CONSULTING + TRAINING

- Connection + belonging inside companies/orgs
- Workshops, keynotes, and training to address fear, identity, hope, and barriers to belonging
- 6-month Leadership Journey to form healthy and whole leaders

PARTNERSHIPS

- Integrate Longer Tables model and ethos
- Content, events, and training
- Mutually-benefiting sponsorships with large events + campaigns

The Mile Long Table: Sponsorship

The Mile Long *Table* presents an unprecedented opportunity to do good in our city, creating a unifying, hope-filled, all-people-centric event sure to attract city, state and national attention. We invite you to join us as a partner and sponsor.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

Gathering + reception of leaders and orgs
working toward connection

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

Mile Long Table for 5,280 guests
(Auraria Campus)

\$100,000 Co-Presenting Sponsor | *Exclusive*

- Logo accompanying The Mile Long Table logo, “as presented by”
- Premier recognition on all event materials, signage and communications
- Recognition on signage and communications for *Connector Gathering* meeting on July 25th
- Ten dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Two full pages in digital programs
- Featured video on website and two exclusive emails to all guests
- Unlimited guest invitations
- Speaking opportunities
- 25 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering
- Presenting sponsor of **Table Together**, September 2025

\$75,000 Platinum Sponsor | *Exclusive*

- Logo accompanying the *Connector Gathering* meeting on July 25th
- Primary recognition on all event materials, signage and communications
- Ten dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Two full pages in digital programs
- Two exclusive emails to all guests
- Six tables for 8 guests each
- Speaking opportunities
- 25 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering

\$50,000 Gold Sponsor | *Exclusive*

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications for both Mile Long and *Connector Gathering*
- Five dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Full page in digital programs
- Six tables for 8 guests each
- 20 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering

\$25,000 Silver Sponsor | *3 of 4 Available*

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications for both Mile Long and *Connector Gathering*
- Three dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- 3/4 page in digital programs
- Four tables for 8 guests each
- 15 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering

\$10,000 Bronze Sponsor | *5 Available*

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications for both Mile Long and *Connector Gathering*
- Two dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook)
- 1/2 page in digital programs
- Three tables for 8 guests each
- 15 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering

\$5,280 Sponsor | *15 Available*

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications for both Mile Long and *Connector Gathering*
- One dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook)
- 1/4 page in digital programs
- Two tables for 8 guests each
- 10 guests at partner reception on July 25th + representation at Connector Gathering

In-Kind Sponsors

660 Linens
5,280 Sets of Silverware
Audio/PA System
Tenting
Signage

LEVEL BENEFITS

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications
- Two dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook)
- 1/2 page in digital program
- Three tables for 8 guests each

660 Weighted Place Card Holders
3,500 Stems of Silver Dollar Eucalyptus
Videography
Photography
Lighting
Drapery and Trusses
Misc Decor

LEVEL BENEFITS

- Recognition on all event materials, signage and communications
- One dedicated social media posts (Instagram, Facebook)
- 1/4 page in digital program
- Two tables for 8 guests each

Let's set this table!

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