



BRIEF: Fostering Belonging in Our City

When we come together as a community to listen to and learn from each other, we have the power to impact both neighborhoods and lives. That's what *On the Table* is all about.

In the two years we've hosted *On the Table*, the annual survey of participants has indicated that equity, social inclusion and race relations are key topics of interest. As a community foundation dedicated to making the Bluegrass more generous and welcoming for all, we're committed to responding to this important feedback.

Understanding that equity, social inclusion and race are broad issues – spanning everything from pay equity to historical oppression and political party affiliation – we've decided to focus this year's conversation on creating a city that fosters belonging. Research shows cities reap numerous social, economic and environmental benefits when community members feel a deep sense of attachment. We've observed the transformative impact of our investments in city-building initiatives, including the Legacy Trail, (RE)IMAGINING CHEAPSIDE and SplashJAM at Northeastern Park. This upcoming *On the Table* will explore how contributing to everyone's sense of belonging – especially those from historically marginalized communities – can help us **build urban equity, increase civic participation and ownership, and cultivate diverse relationships.**

The OTT *Fostering Belonging in Our City* will take place on Wednesday March 27, 2019. Everyone is invited to join the conversation!