

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Before your discussion

Prepare your children by letting them know you will be having a conversation about your community. Explain that they are part of a special event where people across the region are gathering to discuss their hopes and dreams for our community.

During your discussion

Share the reasons you care about your community:

- Start by asking everyone to share one positive memory or story about your community coming together.
- What are the key characteristics of a great neighborhood?
- What are the positive characteristics or qualities of your community?
- What are the needs of your community?

Develop your child's understanding of civic responsibility:

- Ask your child to consider the duties and obligations that come with belonging to a community.
- What does it mean to work for the common good?
- What actions can a person take to help improve their community?

Ask your family members what they care about:

- What cause does each family member care about and why?
- Are there issues or problems in your neighborhood that worry or concern you?
- Do you have an idea to help your school, community or neighbors?
- What can you do alone or as a family to make a difference in your school, neighborhood or community?

Discuss who is responsible for creating and sustaining great communities:

- What is your role as a parent, child, student, etc.?
- What can you do to be more civically involved in your community?
- What is one thing you could do to help another person?
- How can you connect with people outside your community?

5 tips for open dialogue

1. Listen carefully and treat one another with respect.
2. Give each person a chance to talk without interruption.
3. Speak for yourself, not others.
4. If you feel hurt by what someone says, speak up and explain why.
5. It's OK to disagree!

To Dos on Oct. 3

1. Submit guest names and email addresses at onthetableakron.com/GuestRegistration. This will only be used for On the Table related information.
2. Fill out the survey. Adults can text **OTTOH** to **797979** to receive a link for the online survey. Paper surveys can be downloaded at: onthetableakron.com/Resources.
3. Submit paper surveys by Oct. 12 to:
Akron Community Foundation
345 W. Cedar St.
Akron, OH 44307
4. Did an actionable idea come out of your conversation? Apply for an On the Table Community Impact Awards grant. Details will be available on the website.
5. Share your conversations on social media. Use **#OnTheTableAkron** and tag [@AkronCF](http://AkronCommunityFoundation).

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