



Hosting a Dinner Dine-Around at the Annual Meeting

Looking to connect with colleagues on issues of shared interest? Want to share grantmaking strategies, challenges, and opportunities? Or just get to know your grantmaking colleagues over a great meal? Host a dinner dine-around at the 2014 GIH Annual Meeting. The conference will be held March 5-7 in Atlanta, Georgia.

What is a dine-around?

Dine-arounds are a new feature at the GIH Annual Meeting. They are informal dinners at local restaurants that provide an opportunity for networking, stimulating conversation, and peer learning. Dine-arounds may be structured as:

- **Networking:** these dinners have no specific topic and allow for general networking and stimulating conversation
- **Topical:** informal conversation at these dinners focuses on a specific health issue or grantmaking strategy; conversation is led by the host(s)

When and where will dine-arounds take place?

Dinner dine-arounds will take place on Thursday, March 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at restaurants in the Buckhead area. A list of local restaurants is available in the [Annual Meeting Highlights](#) section of the GIH Web site. If you have a preferred restaurant not on the list, please keep proximity to the hotel in mind. Dine-around hosts and participants will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. and make their way to the selected restaurant.

How will conference participants learn about and sign-up for dinners?

Dine-arounds will be publicized in GIH Annual Meeting materials and e-mails, as well as on our Web site. Participants will sign up at the hotel. Sign-up sheets will be available at the conference registration desk. Participants will be able to see which dinners still have space available and sign-up on the spot. If you know other conference attendees who would be interested in participating, please feel free to spread the word.

How many participants should I expect?

To facilitate conversation, we suggest planning for between six and ten guests. On-site sign-up sheets will allow a maximum of ten slots.

Who pays for what?

Dinners can be sponsored by a foundation or individually paid. At sponsored dinners, the host pays for dinner for all diners. At individually paid dinners, attendees will pay for their own meal. So that everyone knows what to expect, GIH will provide information on how each dinner is hosted in promotional materials.

As a host, what are my responsibilities?

As a dine-around host, you will be responsible for:

- selecting the restaurant
- making the dinner reservation (for up to ten people)
- planning brief remarks or posing a few questions to get conversation started

In addition, the following information must be provided to GIH **no later than February 7, 2014**:

- a brief, 50-word description of your dine-around
- hosting style (sponsored or individual pay)
- name of dinner restaurant
- cell phone number and e-mail address of main contact person for dinner

How do I sign up to host a dine-around?

Please e-mail Kate Treanor at ktreanor@gih.org if you would like to host a dine-around or to learn more about this new meeting feature.