



## What is a Generosity Dinner?

Generosity Dinners are opportunities for interested individuals to gather in a comfortable and personable environment, share a meal, and participate in a giving experiment. Generosity Dinners introduce individuals to the Common Change model, demonstrating in a hands-on way how giving groups work, and exploring the underlying principles of collaborative giving.

## How does it work?

Invite friends, family, colleagues or other interested individuals around for a meal that you are hosting. Dinner guests make donations to add to the group dinner “pot”, or fund. During the meal, each person has the chance to share ideas and opportunities about people, projects, or passions that they care about. Guests discuss and collectively decide how to use the dinner fund. By the end of the dinner you’ll have met and chatted with friends, had a fantastic meal, heard more about collaborative giving AND shared much-needed resources with someone you know – giving them a generous gift of love and support.

## Who can receive a gift from a Generosity Dinner?

The guests collectively decide who will receive the gift.

## Who manages the dinner funds?

Common Change sets up an event page for each dinner and dinner contributions are processed via Eventbrite. Common Change administers the dinner fund ensuring that the funds are disbursed to the recipients within 48 business hours of the dinner.

## What kind of gifts could the dinner fund be used for?

Start looking around you for needs you might bring to the table. Think about your co-workers, community members, family, friends or neighbors. To get the juices flowing, here is a small sampling of some needs Common Change groups have met recently. We encourage you to browse through the Common Change blog for other ideas. In particular check out our April 2014 recap for some exciting need ideas:

<http://www.commonchange.com/blog/2014/05/01/celebrating-april/>

- *Tattoo removal for a young person trying to turn their life around and get a steady job*
- *Juicer for a friend struggling with cancer and on a restricted diet*
- *Helping a neighbor with car repairs and mortgage as she changed jobs and tried to support her daughter*
- *Childcare for family while Dad, the primary caregiver, was ill*
- *Bus trip for friend to travel home to see dying mother*
- *Walker for homeless friend*
- *Assistance with co-pays for family having a baby*

## Does Common Change charge to help administer Generosity Dinners?

Common Change is committed to helping your Generosity Dinner run as seamlessly as possible, supporting a giving experience that engenders trust and ensures transparency and accountability. Common Change requests a donation of \$20 administrative fee to help support your dinner. If you are a current user on Common Change, this donation is waived.

We do not desire that the admin fee for Generosity Dinners becomes prohibitive to you hosting a dinner. If you are unable to afford the administrative fee but would still like Common Change to support you in hosting your dinner, drop us a line at [support@commonchange.com](mailto:support@commonchange.com)

Got other questions? Email us at [support@commonchange.com](mailto:support@commonchange.com)