Number of meals shared to date (as of January 31st, 2013):

19,477,082 Meals

Asia

“When you dine at TABLE FOR TWO, you never dine alone.”

We received a report for the school meal programs operated by the Millennium Villages Project (MVP). In Koraro, Ethiopia, MVP sees continued improvements in drop-out rates, academic performance, and nutrition. In addition, some schools now produce their own fruits and vegetables, providing the schools with income to cover some of the costs of the meals program. 5) The early childhood education program (ECD) in Mayange, Rwanda continues to grow, providing a nutritious porridge and eggs to 595 students. MVP notes that ECDs allow children to join primary school at the appropriate age and that it reduces the risk of drop-outs. 6) The enrollment rate at the 17 primary schools in Mbolu, Tanzania that TFT supports has jumped from 76% in 2010 to 93% in 2012. Other measures such as drop-outs, attendance, incidence of disease, and academic performance have also exhibited significant improvements. 7) In Ruhiira, Uganda, two school meals cooperatives were formed in an increasing effort to make the meal program sustainable. Two maize processing mills will be purchased to help provide income as well as produce soya-enriched maize, improving the nutritional content of the school meals. Parents continue to do their share by contributing surplus maize at harvest time.

North America

Top) TFT was a big hit again at this year’s AshokaU annual conference on social entrepreneurship. 8) TFT DCs volunteers got together to plan out the year and enjoy some delicious food. 9) The signature “T” is present at TFT USA’s newest university partner, UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)!