



Dear Friends of Brophy,

I urge you to consider becoming involved in Brophy's partnership with Open Table, Inc. Two Brophy seniors, Scott Ferreira and Austin Holt, explain Open Table in the attached letter. Austin and Scott have been involved in Open Table since its inception just a few years ago. They have traveled around the country helping communities like ours establish 'Tables' that have had tremendous success guiding people to lives of self sufficiency.

Brophy is partnering with Open Table in order to create an organized support system for one of our recent graduates, Michael Rubenstein '08. Michael persevered through difficult circumstances throughout his years at Brophy and lived for most of last year with the Behrens family who generously welcomed him into their home and into their lives. As he enters college and makes the transition to self-sufficiency, Michael will need the continued support of the Brophy community.

Please consider attending an informational event planned for Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 in Brophy's Black Box Theatre. Members of Open Table's staff will explain the organization in more detail and discuss the varying levels of time commitments that participation in Open Table will require.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank the following Brophy parents who have been involved in Michael's life and in Open Table and are available to answer any questions you might have as you consider becoming involved: Dave Holt ([davidbholt@cox.net](mailto:davidbholt@cox.net)) who is a founding member of Open Table and will be a mentor of this project, Genny Matteucci ([gentooch@cox.net](mailto:gentooch@cox.net)) who has been an advocate of Open Table, and Jacque Behrens ([jacque.behrens@phoenix.gov](mailto:jacque.behrens@phoenix.gov)) whose family has generously shepherded Michael through this past year.

I hope you'll carefully read Austin and Scott's attached letter and consider learning more about Open Table and how you can help support one of Brophy's own by attending the meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Bob Ryan  
Principal