

Meals served in December: 1487 | Volunteer hours gifted in December: 416.45
Total volunteer hours gifted in 2016: 5,122

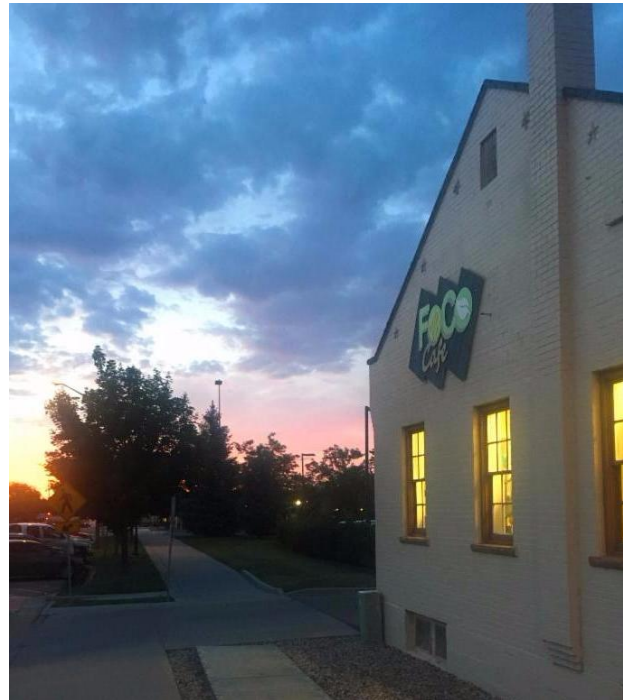
Happy 2017 - Thank You FoCo Cafe Community!

The Cafe served 47,437 meals from opening on Thanksgiving 2014 through December 2016 - surpassing our wildest dreams! In 2016 we saw new initiatives brought forward by volunteers. We saw kindness, compassion, and many surprises.

In December, FoCo Cafe was honored to receive the award from the Human Relations Commission that recognizes organizations in our community that promote acceptance and respect for diversity in Fort Collins.

Each January, we take a two-week break to do minor repairs and allow staff much-needed rest. We will be closed January 16-30 and return on Tuesday, January 31.

Thank you for a wonderful 2016!



Join the Conversation and Fun...



Join us at the [Real Food Film Festival](#) on January 19, 6-7:30 at Lyric Cinema. There will be 9 short films followed by a panel discussion. One film features a nonprofit cafe opened by some great folks in Boone, North Carolina!



Mark your calendars for [Valentine's Day at FoCo Cafe](#). Drop in on Tuesday, February 14 to enjoy lunch with a sweetheart or a friend, or drop in and make a new friend at the Cafe, create a card at our card making area, and more!



Acts of Kindness in December



FoCo Cafe celebrated Christmas Eve in style with the help of **Carisma Event Designs by Carlota Bradley!** Many thanks to Carlota and her team for making the day so special for so many. It brought some people to tears to enjoy their meal in such a wonderful setting.

We received financial gifts from many individuals through Colorado Gives Day and through the month. One gift was matched by **Bohemian Companies** - a wonderful opportunity to double your gift's impact! Some made donations to honor others and those being honored included **Kelsey & Eric Robertson, Lois Yackel, Marj Burkhart, Roger & Pat Clements, Bruce & Martha Henderson, Tara Wilson, Caity Rushton, and Lilian Tucker**; and there were gifts in memory of **Donna Majeski and Janice Morren**. Thank you to the thoughtful donors and those they honored and remembered!



Many helped the Cafe through the **King Sooper's Community Rewards Program** with their reloadable cards. Several people purchased **Cafe Coins**, each good for a Cafe meal. We received a generous donation from **The Kitchen Cafe** from their "Week of Thanks" promotion to benefit FoCoCafe. Thank you!

FoCo Cafe received a monetary award from John Hopkins for Food Policy Networks 2016 Photo Contest. Thanks to **April Whicker** for sharing her photographic talents and helping us spread the word about food equity and nonprofit cafes.



In December, the Cafe also received a grant from **Woodward Charitable Trust** in support of our summer family breakfast program. We also received another generous donation from **Public Service Credit Union!** And, **New Thought Northern Colorado Center for Spiritual Living** made a gift! Thank you all!

Many made an impact through donations of needed items! We received weekly donations of high-value food items from **Trader Joe's**; many items for The Giving Tree and FoCo Freedge and non-perishables for the new Kindness Cupboard; scarves and other warm winter gear from across the community; fresh fruits, mints and candies for the buffet; holiday decor from **Odell Brewing Company**; an awesome Cutco knife set, and all of these items from our [Amazon Wish List](#) - 36 soup bowls, 400 compostable 8 oz. soup bowls and 100 lids, 7 kids books for our summer program,

Our favorite guest feedback in December:
"Fresh, local, organic, homemade soup, salad, and dessert that fills your heart, soul, and belly with positivity and deliciousness. Inspirational quotes on each set of silverware add a

topic of conversation to each meal, the Giving Tree and Freedged allow community donations to directly reach those in need. Great place to volunteer, donate, and indulge and give back."

ponytail holders for our volunteers who forget to bring a hair tie, Rubbermaid spatulas, salad forks, napkin labels, and stamps. **Thank you - incredible impact!**



FoCo Cafe's mission is to build community by providing nutritious and delicious meals to all people regardless of their ability to pay.

Learn more about the power of community-centered spaces by clicking on FoCo Cafe's TEDxPeachtree presentation at left.



[Home](#) | [About](#) | [Press](#) | [Blog](#) | [Contact](#) | [Volunteer](#) | [Donate](#)



[Visit our website](#)

FoCo Cafe | 225 Maple Street, Fort Collins, CO 80526

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by info@fococafe.org in collaboration with



Try it free today