

Meals served in March: 1,750 | Volunteer hours gifted in March: 484:15

March: A Milestone Month

Many thanks to all who made the celebration of our 50,000th meal so special! Check out the [Coloradoan article](#) and [the photos](#) by C. Seligmann Photography. Feel free to tag yourself.

Comedian and television writer Ricky Smith volunteered on this special day as part of his nationwide Random Acts of Kindness Everywhere tour. He was joined by employees from Endurance International Group's Loveland office. Ricky is shown (*see photo*) with Terry, who was served our 50,000th meal. This was Terry's first visit to FoCo Cafe!

So many helped to make this Cafe milestone possible! We thank you all - the volunteers, farmers, interns, diners, and all who support the Cafe's mission!

Onward and upward,
Jeff & Kathleen, co-founders



Join us for these upcoming events...



Asmus Sign Co Charity Comedy Showcase Friday, April 7, 7:00pm

Mark your calendars for this Friday... a [Comedy Showcase](#) with beer, wine and cheese from The Welsh Rabbit Cheese Shop. This is a free event that benefits FoCo Cafe! The show features Michael Meyers, Christine Marie, Mike Davidson, and



FoCo Cafe Volunteer Open House Thurs., April 13, 5:30pm

[Open House](#) - great for current volunteers or those interested in volunteering. There will be time to mingle and enjoy Girl Scout cookies (*donated by Daisy Troop 76085*), tour the Cafe, ask questions,

Special Guest Carl Pieken with headliner [Sumukh Torgalkar](#) and special guest host Justin Going.

get assistance with sign up, and participate in Responding with Kindness Training. Lots of great information and time to socialize!



Lights, Camera, Take Action Film Festival

Friday, May 5 with first film beginning at 6:00pm
Behavioral Sciences Building A101,
Colorado State University

This [film festival](#) will showcase one long-format documentary while also highlighting local short films and photographs about food insecurity and poverty. **If you are interested in entering a short film, the submission deadline is April 23, 2017.** And, please join us in bringing this event to Fort Collins - [get event sponsorship info!](#)

[Get Festival Tickets](#)

[Enter a Short Film](#)



FoCo Cafe's Bike-In Music Festival at Shire CSA

Sunday, July 23, 2:30-7:00pm
Ticket sales open June 7

Save the date for the Cafe's 5th bike-in music festival! **Ticket sales open on June 7, 2017.** Bike-in for great music, food, and beer in a beautiful green farm setting! Tickets are all general admission and you set the price starting at \$15. Each ticketed adult may "purchase" a free ticket for a child who is 12 and under. We're in the midst of finalizing an incredible line up!

See all the fun that was had at [last year's Bike-In Music Festival](#) and get your tickets on June 7!



Acts of Kindness in March



In March, **TOLMAR Inc.** stopped in for our celebration of the Cafe's 50,000th meal. They also brought us a generous donation from a potluck they held to benefit the Cafe and three huge bins of items for [The Giving Tree!](#) Thank you TOLMAR (*see photo*)!

Local businesses made a huge impact with generous donations: **Elan Yoga, Acupuncture Clinic of Fort Collins, Fort Collins Brewery, and Constant Contact's Cares for Community Team.**



We received financial gifts from **individuals** through both the Colorado Gives website and PayPal. Some of these folks have set up automated monthly donations. Many thanks to these thoughtful donors with make continuous impact!

We received another gift through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. **Thrivent Financial members** may direct Choice Dollars to the Cafe. Thank you!



Many made an impact through donations of needed items! We received three cases of cheese from **MouCo Cheese!** We also received basil, cardamom, cumin, curry powder, dill weed, and rosemary from **Savory Spice Shop,** and eggs from **Jodar Farms** (*see photo*). Plus, we received some awesome Dock Workers' Porter from **Horse & Dragon Brewing Company** that we used to make soup with. And, many thanks to **Coyote's Southwestern Grill** - they not only donated organic ingredients but they even reached out to make sure the items were exactly what we needed!



And, we picked up weekly donations of high-value food items from **Trader Joe's;** and many items were donated for The Giving Tree and FoCo Freedged and non-perishables for the Kindness Cupboard.

We hosted groups from **Alpha Phi Omega - Epsilon chapter** from Truman State University (*see photo*); CSU's **Invictus Initiative, Poudre Global Academy, Fort Collins High School's Give Next students,** and **Project SEARCH!** Thank you for visiting!

Our favorite guest feedback in March:
"The food is excellent and the restaurant is a unique mission and cause. Friendly and judgement free Zone with a great rustic ambience. Always a great variety of wholesome soups rich in flavor with healthy greens and strong coffee (just the way it should be). The freedged outside has great food for free and brings to attention how much food is wasted in this country instead of being given back to people who could use it. A great volunteering experience."

Many **King Soopers shoppers** used their reloadable cards to benefit FoCo Cafe and we received TWO generous checks totaling \$774.77! This is a great way to support the Cafe without spending an extra penny. You get gas points and all benefits, and **King Soopers** makes a donation (5% of what you spend)! In effect, you're telling King Soopers the charity you want them to support! Thank you card users! Get your card at the Cafe.

You all make the magic happen!

We were honored to be one of "**3 Disruptive Models that Deliver Healthy Food to Everyone, Everywhere**" at Natural Products Expo West. Check out the link (*at left*) that leads to the video.

FoCo Cafe's mission is to build community by



providing nutritious and delicious meals to all people regardless of their ability to pay.



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