

Meals served in December: 1,320 | Volunteer hours gifted in December: 260
Total volunteer hours gifted in 2017: 4,422

Happy 2018 - Thank You FoCo Cafe Community!

The Cafe served 67,113 meals from opening on Thanksgiving 2014 through December 2017 - surpassing our wildest dreams! In 2017 we saw new initiatives brought forward by volunteers and community members. We saw kindness, compassion, and many surprises! We are so grateful for all of it - and all of you!

In December, we introduced Doug Schwartz to the FoCo Cafe team. Doug is a seasoned Chef who learned the Farm to Table concept hands-on in the French countryside while catering for the world's most premier hot air balloon company and working in a high end French restaurant. From there he started two of Colorado's finest cooking schools, and owned several small businesses, including a soup and salad bar in Breckenridge, CO. Doug is a great addition to the team and looks forward to carrying on the tradition of creating healthy seasonal food for and with our community.

In the past, FoCo Cafe has taken a few weeks off in January. This year, we will be open Monday- Friday from 11am-2pm, with no major breaks as in the past. Please join us this January to warm your belly and soul at FoCo Cafe!

Thank you for a wonderful 2017!
Onward and Upward,
Mallory Andrews, executive director



Love is in the air...



Mark your calendars for **Valentine's Day at FoCo Cafe**. Drop in on Wednesday, 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 the Holidays in style on December 22nd with the help of **Carlota Bradley Event Designs!** Many thanks to Carlota and her team for making the day so special for so many.

We had countless supporters and sponsors for our Party with a Purpose on Colorado Gives Day! A huge thank you to **OneSeven Advisors, Odell's Brewing Co., KRFC, 94.3 The X, Smart Minds, The Marquee, HotSpots, Wander Coffee, Joon Kombucha,** and **Revolution Market** for sponsoring FoCo Cafe's Party with a Purpose. To the local businesses and individuals who supported Party with a Purpose through a silent auction donation or showing up for the party, we are so grateful for your support!



We received financial gifts from so many individuals through **Colorado Gives Day** and through the month in other facets. Donation made on Colorado Gives Day were matched, a wonderful way to have doubled your impact! Some made donations to honor others including that honoring **Michael Majeski**; and some were made as christmas gifts for family members, such as that from the **Martha Krehneman Family Trust**. Thank you to the thoughtful donors and those they honored and remembered!

We also were able to kick off 2018 with THREE donated refrigeration units from **Hach Company**- kindly transported and moved by **Go West T-Shirt Company**. Thank you for the much needed donated units and the manpower behind it! Now all we really need is



that ice machine!

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, and with endless meaningful uses! We received a generous donation from **Blue Federal Credit Union** and **The Just So Foundation through JP Morgan!** Thank you for this much needed support!



In December, the Cafe also received a grant from **Woodward Charitable Trust** in support of our summer family breakfast program. We received another grant from the **Nathan B. and Florence R. Burt Foundation** for food costs, a critical area of support for FoCo Cafe's sustainability. Thank you!

We received weekly donations of high-value food items from **Trader Joe's**; many scarves and other warm winter gear from across the community for our Warm Wishes Scarf Project; and donations from individuals and **local farms** to help supplement our menu and food costs! Thank you so much!

Our favorite guest feedback in December:
"Amazingly fresh from farm foods. Vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and gluten full friendly. They also had a soup with a meat. This place is an amazing opportunity to foster community and engage as much or as little as your heart desires. Great heart warming atmosphere, the soups and corn bread and almond bar were to die for! There is outdoor seating as well."

Please check out our **Amazon Wish List** for much needed items to keep us going! Our next big purchase is a ice machine! Let us know if you are interested in helping us obtain this!

Thank you all for the incredible impact!

Party with a Purpose: Colorado Gives Day at FoCo Cafe



On December 5th, 2018 we enjoyed our annual Party with a Purpose at **Odell's Brewery** for the 5th year in a row. Thank you again to all who came out, donated, and supported these efforts!

Check out the photo album (Click the picture to the left) from FoCo Cafe's Party with a Purpose on Colorado Gives Day 2018 and feel free to tag yourself and your friends and to share!



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