

Meals served in March: 1,668 | Volunteer hours gifted in March: 465

March: A Season of Change

FoCo Cafe saw many exciting things take place last month, thanks to you all! On March 5th **we served our 70,00th meal** since opening Thanksgiving Day 2014!

On March 24th, **we saw our first Saturday lunch service in nearly 6 months**, and will offer it from now on..

Just a few days after our first Saturday back, **we welcomed The Growing Project to the Cafe grounds** where Horticultural Therapy programming will be hosted all season and for seasons to come!

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

Onward and upward,
Mallory Andrews, executive director



Join us for these upcoming events...



Painting with a Twist (FUN)draiser

Wednesday, May 16th
@ 5:30pm
1/2 off bottles of wine!

FoCo Cafe has partnered with Painting with a Twist for this fun-filled event! Come unwind after finals, graduation, work whatever it might be, and paint your own masterpiece (pictured above).



Pots, Plants and Pies Wednesday May 9th, 5:00pm at FoCo Cafe

Join us for a fun and creative night away from finals and the stresses of life.

This event will offer **instructional painting** of your very own flower pot (or one for mom- just in time for Mother's Day!), along with a plant or

Beer, Wine, water, and soft drinks will be available for purchase to enjoy while you get creative!

To reserve your spot please sign up [HERE](#).

seeds to put in it, and pie from Me Oh My Pie to enjoy while crafting!

All Materials are included in ticket price. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

Beats & Brews: FoCo Taproom Music Series

Beats & Brews is a **collaboration among five of Fort Collins' favorite breweries** this Summer! This series of events brings our community together to celebrate music, beer, and great company; all while supporting the mission of FoCo Cafe! Join us for these daytime family friendly events, each a bit different than the others!

Series Passes will be available for purchase at FoCo Cafe in May, which includes live music, along with a beer at each brewery at the time of that event! You can expect a few other goodies as well!

Purchase your pass [HERE](#).

[Intersect Brewing](#) - June 30th, 1-5pm
[Prost Brewing Company](#) - July 9th, 1-5pm
[New Belgium Brewing](#) - July 13th, 4-8pm
[Maxline Brewing](#) - July 21st 1-5pm
[Zwei Brewing Company](#) - July 29th, 1-5pm

Mindful Meditation with Mindful Fort Collins

Every Monday in April & May
@ 6:30pm at FoCo Cafe

A fulfilling meditation class and discussion with [Mindful Fort Collins](#), a great new non-profit in town! The sessions run about an hour, and is a great way to get your week started off right! Find out more and let us know if you can make it on the [Facebook event page](#).



Acts of Kindness in March

In March, we received financial gifts from **individuals** through both the Colorado Gives website and PayPal. Some of these folks have



set up automated **monthly donations** through our [Giving Clubs](#). Many thanks to these thoughtful donors with make continuous impact! **Just \$10.00 a month helps keep the mission of FoCo Cafe alive, [sign up today!](#)**

Emelie Knitz gifted FoCo Cafe with a new **Community Cafe cookbook** as a fundraiser for FoCo Cafe. The cookbooks are available at FoCo Cafe for \$15 each, and highlights community cafe recipes from around the US! She also gifted us with a trunk full of donation items for [The Giving Tree](#) and The Kindness Cupboard! Thank you Emeile (See photo)!



[Maxline Brewing](#) gifted The Cafe with its first quarterly donation of proceeds from their Imperial Brown Ale. **A portion of each of these sold goes to support the Mission of FoCo Cafe!** Stop in anytime and grab one to help the cause!

FoCo Cafe was gifted with grants from both the [BNSF Railway](#) and [The Colorado Garden Foundation](#)! We also received a generous donation from [Firehouse Books](#) for their monthly Blind Date with A Book! Thanks for choosing to support the mission of FoCo Cafe!



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

We picked up weekly donations of high-value food items from [Trader Joe's](#); and [Ginger & Baker](#) made their weekly donation of breads. Many items were donated for The Giving Tree and [FoCo Freedge](#) and non-perishables for the Kindness Cupboard.



We hosted a group from the [Kappa Alpha Sorority](#), a Site visit with the [Anschutz Family Foundation](#), and had a volunteer take over day with [Maxline Brewing's](#) staff. Thanks for visiting and giving back!

Many **King Soopers** shoppers used their reloadable cards to benefit FoCo Cafe! 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.

Our favorite guest feedback in March:
"Where a mirror is 'normally' positioned on the wall above a sink to see your reflection. A reminder for your heart that real beauty resides within. This place, FoCo Cafe, has so much beauty sprinkled within and throughout its walls directed to whomever steps foot within its door and upon its floors. Regardless of age, disposition, gender, religion, status, ethnicity, homeless or free from worries of debt...Love, warmth, acceptance and a nutritious fresh meal

You all make the magic happen!

resides here for our community."



We were honored to be on air with [More Bacon Please: Restaurant Radio](#) in March. Check out the Podcast from the show (*click the picture to listen!*) Thanks for having us Tiffany and Jake!

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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