

Meals served in February: 1,309 | Volunteer hours gifted in February: 274.15

## The Journey to 70,000 Meals...

**FoCo Cafe served it's 70,000th beautiful lunch on March 5th, 2018!**

So many people have helped the Cafe reach this milestone, [Take a look back at the journey](#) so far! We celebrated with lunch, community, and some special surprises! We also took this opportunity to re-introduce an old favorite, our White Bean Tuna Salad! moving forward, you can expect to see 2-3 salads on the menu, with one that changes weekly, and of course the ever changing variety of 4 delicious soups!

We are also taking this opportunity of reflection to help us in moving forward. We are looking at opening back up for **Saturday lunch service** by April, in order to be more accessible to all community members! Please take out [Facebook Poll](#) and tell us what you think! Stay tuned for the outcome!

Wishing you a wonderful March with good food and good friends,  
Mallory Andrews, executive director



### Curious about volunteering at FoCo Cafe?

Take it from Cassidy, a FoCo Cafe volunteer who helped us with Cafe day-to-day tasks as well as put her talents to use and taught a Yoga Class benefitting FoCo Cafe!

*"When I became a volunteer, it took my experience to a whole other level. Here, I got to interact with members of my community coming from all backgrounds and my mind began to unfold. I started to contemplate all the ways of life to live, circumstances we find ourselves in and how could I be the best version of myself to add value in the lives around me. I connected with so many and felt my heart and spirit soften. Volunteering at FoCo Cafe brought deeper meaning and greater direction in my life. I will forever remember and value my time there. For anyone looking to expand their circle, come out of your comfort zone, experience something beautiful in your life and feel a shift*

*within - come volunteer and see all that will unfold."*

If you are interested in offering you **time, talent, and volunteerism**, please visit our [volunteer page](#). No need for approval! Just register, log in and pick what shifts work for you! If you have other skills you'd like to offer (i.e. marketing, photography, etc) please email us [here](#)!



## Acts of Kindness in February



FoCo Cafe received weekly donations from [Ginger & Baker](#) and [Trader Joe's](#)! These In-Kind donations help to supplement our food costs and flowers to brighten up our space! Thank you for the continuous support!

Many thanks to all who made Valentine's Day such a fun day at the Cafe and to [Carlota Bradley Event Designs](#) for making it extra beautiful! Check out the [Valentine's Day Facebook album](#) and feel free to tag and share!



In February, many **King Soopers** shoppers used their reloadable cards to benefit FoCo Cafe and we received a generous check for \$730.20! This is a GREAT way to support the Cafe without spending an extra penny. Thank you card users! Ask about getting a card while you are dining at the Cafe!

We also received donations through **Amazon Smile** and **Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program**. Thank you Betty L Figurski and Marcia Richards and all the Amazon shoppers who choose Feeding Our Community Ourselves, Inc. to benefit when they shop!



The new [Giving Tree](#) built by CSU's Engineers Without Borders made its debut, and was gifted many important items from **Fort Collins High School service learning class**! Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in the success of The Giving Tree at FoCo Cafe, originally created by two local farmers from [Friendly Critters Farm](#) and [The Mighty Notch Farm](#). Thank you all for making this awesome community resource available to everyone!

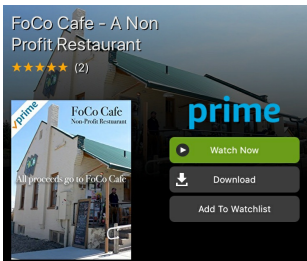
We received financial gifts from **individuals** through both the Colorado Gives website and PayPal. These individuals are signed up for our **Monthly Donor Clubs**, [find out more and sign up here](#). A huge thank you to these thoughtful donors that help keep us going!

Thank you for your impact!

Some of our favorite guest feedback from February:

*"FoCo Cafe is not only a wonderful place to eat (try the cornbread - trust me), it emulates the community focused spirit of Fort Collins in the truest sense - providing a safe, compassionate, and welcoming environment for ALL. I wish more cities and towns would embrace this model. You've made a fan for life!"*

Enjoy your time at FoCo Cafe? Give us YOUR feedback on Google, Yelp, Trip Advisor, Facebook, etc.



**FoCo Cafe is on Amazon!** Learn more about FoCo Cafe in this short video. It is included with an AmazonPrime Membership, and available to watch for free! - just click on the image at left.

While your there, don't forget to **[pick Feeding Our Community Ourselves, Inc. \(FoCo Cafe\) as your charity of choice through AmazonSmile](#)** and to use that platform to do your shopping!

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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