



## To our Loving Community and the Faces of FoCo Cafe:

As the end of 2018 nears, we take this time to reflect on the year and the many opportunities for change, learning and growth. As 2019 approaches, we can't help but reflect on the many shifts and improvements we have seen, along with the lessons learned. We are thrilled to be entering our fourth year as Northern Colorado's only nonprofit, pay what you can, restaurant that operates solely on donations from the community. It is because of the generous support of the community through meal donations, volunteerism and monetary giving that we are here and look forward to another year of serving. Join us on a short stroll through the year and see what we have been up to:



### Accomplishments in 2018:

- We have served over **85,000 meals** and been gifted with **22,000+ hours of volunteerism** since opening 4 years ago, exceeding our wildest dreams. We saw **1,7886 meals** and **4,892 volunteer hours in 2018 alone**, not counting interns and other key volunteers who help outside the Cafe lunch service.
- Operated our third year of The **Kids Feeding Kids** Summer Family Breakfast Program, serving **350 meals to 29 low income families and 61 children**.
- Received continued grant funding from several Foundations including as **Bohemian, Anschutz Family Foundation, Woodward**, and more.
- Through our **Save the FoCo Cafe Fundraiser**, we welcomed **119 Sustaining Members**, and **raised over \$65,000** to help cover annual operating costs. If you would like to become a member or learn more about the benefits of membership, visit [fococafe.org/member/](http://fococafe.org/member/)
- We celebrated our **4 year anniversary** on Thanksgiving, kicked off our Warm Wishes Scarf Project, Hung up a new Art show, and paid it forward by **delivering 20 free meals to community members in need**, this was all in addition to our special menu and pay what you can lunch service that day.

### 2018 Learnings:

- We need to build up our base of core volunteers. As a cafe that is volunteer-driven to help carry out day to day functions, **a larger pool of of key volunteers is critical to our continued success**. Core volunteers are counted on consistently, to fill key roles including **operations manager, greeter, substitute Chef and server on Saturdays**, write grants, or are available on short notice to fill needed gaps. Want to learn more about volunteering? Visit our website and **sign up today**.
- Reconfiguring the flow with our guests' experience in mind. We made some changes to how guests are welcomed with the addition of a greeter stand. Overall the feedback has been positive and has met our goal of our guests entering a welcoming atmosphere, have their questions answered, as well as increased our

average donation per plate.

- Community input is important. We are build by the community and for the community. In order to serve our community to the best of our ability, **we want to hear your feedback and ideas** (*click the bolded letters to send us some now!*)
- We need to serve more lunches in order to grow and do more. Donations for meals makes up about 50% of our overall income. Lunch patrons make a huge difference in our overall stability. **Come for lunch and bring a friend! We are open from 11am-2pm Monday - Saturday.**

Each and every day, people touch our hearts through sharing their service, their treasure and their passion. We believe that FoCo Cafe provides much more than a healthy meal and a place to feel welcome. Thank you for helping make the FoCo Cafe possible through your support and for helping to build community with us! We couldn't make impact without you! Drop in for lunch on Thanksgiving Day or another day, and bring friends and family!

Liz, a regular guest and volunteer at FoCo Cafe summed up in her own words the way in which FoCo Cafe makes a difference for many members of our community.. "Social Services helped me SURVIVE, FoCo Cafe helped me THRIVE."

We can't wait to see where 2019 will take us! With your continued support, FoCo Cafe will continue the work of empowering and welcoming all community members to a safe space to enjoy a meal, regardless of their situation. We strive to meet the needs of many more individuals and encourage and empower others to do the same.

Onward and Upward,

Mallory Garneau  
Executive Director, FoCo Cafe

"Ubuntu".. I am because we are. \*Ubuntu is a Nguni Bantu term meaning "humanity". It is often translated as "I am because we are," and also "humanity towards others", but is often used in a more philosophical sense to mean "the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity".





**Join Us For Lunch!**  
**Monday - Saturday; 11am - 2pm**  
**225 Maple Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Have a great time and support the Cafe!

**December 22-25**  
FoCo Cafe is CLOSED

**December 27th**  
Special Holiday lunch at FoCo Cafe 11am -2pm

**January 7-8, 2018**  
FoCo Cafe CLOSED

**January 23, 2019**

February 16, 2018

What is Love: Brunch Fundraiser with Crossroads Safehouse  
10am-1pm

Click the green lettering for more information and tickets and  
come support the mission of FoCo Cafe in a fun and unique way!

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## MONTHLY ACTS OF KINDNESS

Highlights of Giving by Our Community

November was a busy month! We are so grateful for these in-kind and monetary donations that help supplement food costs for not only the Cafe but the whole community through our outdoor resources!

### Financial Contributions

Sustaining Members  
King Soopers 5% back reloadable gift card  
EcoLab  
Network For Good  
Thrivent Choice Dollars: Sheryl L Sexton  
Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund  
OtterCares: Megan Jacobson  
Compass Middle School Fundraiser  
Wreath Making Fundraiser  
Benevity Giving Platform  
Sandra Park  
Gerald Bartley to cover costs of equipment  
repairs

### In-Kind Contributions

Trader Joe's  
Ginger and Baker  
Tom Rehbein: Food Processor and  
equipment repair tradeskills  
Wanda: FoCo Cafe Holiday Decorations  
ECo- Thrift

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