



August 17, 2019

FOCO CAFE FACT SHEET

Mission:

FoCo Cafe's mission is to build community by providing nutritious and delicious meals to the people of Fort Collins regardless of their ability to pay while using mostly local, organic, and sustainably grown ingredients.

History:

- In April 2012, Jeff and Kathleen Baumgardner, had a patio discussion with friends that a nonprofit cafe should exist in Fort Collins.
- The following week, Jeff and Kathleen started to volunteer at the SAME Cafe in Denver, which then led them both to begin researching the need in Fort Collins.
- In June 2012, Feeding Our Community Ourselves was incorporated in Colorado as a nonprofit.
- In January 2013, FoCo Cafe is fully recognized under section 501(c)(3) by the IRS.
- In November 2014, FoCo Cafe opened their doors on Thanksgiving Day.
- In July 2017, FoCo Cafe building was designated as Fort Collins historic landmark.

Our Impact in 2018:

- Served 18,833 meals to the community
- Gifted with 5,413 hours of donated time by over 400 volunteers
- Built new partnerships with numerous farms, businesses, non-profits, breweries, small groups, individuals and more
- An average donation per plate of \$5.66 and 70.25 average number of meals served per day

Community Resources:

- The FoCo Freedge
 - The FoCo Freedge builds community, reduces food waste, and feeds people. People are welcome to drop off excess produce and everyone is encouraged to put it to use.
- The Free Outdoor Library
 - The Free Outdoor Library aims to ensure that everyone has access to books whenever they want them. The goal of the Free Outdoor Library is foster a greater sense of community through books, as well as to provide continued learning through literature.
- The Giving Tree
 - A place where community members can give and receive freely any basic need items such as journals, toiletries, clothing and more

- The Hydration Station
 - The Hydration Station is aimed at decreasing water scarcity in our community and ensure that everyone has access to clean drinking water whenever they may need it.
- The Kindness Cupboard
 - The cupboard is aimed at providing accessible non-perishable food to anyone who may need it at any point any day of the year at any time of the day. The Kindness Cupboard is a way for community members to support one another, as well as cut down on potential food waste.

Kids Feeding Kids Breakfast Program:

- This program aims to fill the hunger gap for children and their families, build community and bring awareness to food insecurity. The program provides a healthy breakfast and educational activities three days a week over the summer.
- In 2018, this program served 350 breakfasts to 61 kids in 29 families, where approximately 80% of participants were food insecure.

Talks

- TEDxCSU Presentation, [The Power of Choice](#), March 2019
- Dream. Think. Do. Podcast, [How To Not Go It Alone](#), June 2017
- [Three Innovative Models Accelerating Access to Healthy Foods](#), invited speech, March 2017
- TEDxPeachtree Presentation, [A Space that Inspired a Community](#), October 2016
- Q Commons Invited Speech, February 2015
- TEDxFrontRange Presentation, [It's Your Comm'you'nity](#), May 2014
- One World Everybody Eats Summit, Invited Speech, January 2014
- TEDxCSU Presentation, [Tale of Community](#), May 2013

Awards

- City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission Award, December 2016
- [eTown eChievement Award Winner](#), November 2016
- Colorado Municipal Hero Award, June 2015