

Meals served in October: 1,511 | Volunteer hours gifted: 446.25



## We're Giving Thanks!

Next Thursday, we will celebrate two years in operation with a beautiful Thanksgiving lunch. We hope you will join us for this holiday feast from 11-2:00! It's a celebration because we have served **45,198 beautiful meals** and worked side-by-side with so many amazing people who have gifted the Cafe with more than 11,000 hours of service!



We've been very fortunate to be able to spread hope and information about the power of community-centered spaces like FoCo Cafe. The [TEDxPeachtree presentation](#) is available as well as the [audio interview from eTown](#).

Plus, one of our volunteers, Catharine, just had an [article about The Giving Tree](#) published with Life Vest Inside, a non-profit dedicated to empowering the masses to engage in acts of love and kindness. Thank you Catharine - we would love to see The Giving Tree idea spread!

**Please share these links.** In the short time these have been live, we've been contacted by several people interested in starting similar concepts in their communities!



## FoCo Cafe Garden and Recipe Book Release Party

**Friday, Nov 18, 5:30-8:00pm**

Soup and muffins on a donation basis  
Beer and wine for purchase, featuring  
Horse & Dragon Brewing Company

The book is only \$15 and contains  
twenty FoCo Cafe recipes, garden and  
ingredient tips, and more!



We will also open the Recipe Book Art Show featuring ingredient art from tattoo artists across town!



## Find Your Fit for Making a Difference:



### Donate

Schedule your [Colorado Gives Day](#) donation. Colorado Gives Day, a statewide day to "give where you live," is **December 6!** Last year we raised 10 1/2 months of rent payments in one day! Mark your calendars - we'll be hosting a Colorado Gives Day party again this year.

### Dine

Looking for a way to help beyond lunchtime? Nov 21-27, [The Kitchen](#) in Fort Collins will feature a special dinner menu with 10% of sales from each special tasting menu item donated to the Cafe! Make your reservation today and make a difference by eating!



### Paint. Sip. Donate.

Pinot's Palette is hosting a [Paint It Forward event](#) on December 13th! Your registration includes a \$10 donation to the Cafe and a drink, plus painting beautiful winter snow cones.

### Knit or Crochet

Participate in our second [Warm Wishes Scarf Project!](#) Help us keep the community warm by providing a new or handmade scarf along with your special message of hope. Last year we also received hats, gloves, mittens and more!



## Give Meals

Purchase [FoCo Cafe Coins](#) for \$10 each and help people in need by giving healthy meals, not cash. Give a gift that makes a difference in your community and have an easy way to do random acts of kindness! Ask for Coins at the Cafe.

## Grant a Wish

Whether you make a gift of goods from the Cafe's [Amazon Wish List](#) or a gift to [The Giving Tree](#), it will make a huge impact for the Cafe, the community in need and our volunteers!



## Acts of Kindness



We had so much fun at Fort Collins Brewery's 3rd Annual **Malt Monster 5K** to benefit FoCo Cafe! There is a photo album of all the fun and monsters - [check it out!](#) Many thanks to FCB, the race sponsors and so many volunteers.

In October we learned how quickly dimes add up - the Fort Collins community donated 45,175 dimes from their bag credits at **Whole Foods Market Fort Collins** and the Cafe received a generous check for \$4,517.50! And that's 45,175 less plastic bags out there too!

We also received a generous \$1,400 grant from the **Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund**. And **Foothills Unitarian Church** "shared the plate" and provided \$1,598.56 for our Summer 2017 Kids Feeding Kids summer family breakfast program!



A huge thank you to the **Kids Care Club at Bethke Elementary!** They created this beautiful piece of collaborative art that will be installed on The Giving Tree. It's at the Cafe now so stop in to see it.

We had a blast dancing with **Bloco em Foco** on the Oak Street Plaza. They donated 100% of their tips to the Cafe.

In October we also received a gift through the **King Sooper's Community Rewards Program** with their reloadable cards. Thank you to all who shop and help the Cafe!

We received generous donations from individual donors through [PayPal](#) and [Colorado Gives](#).

And, we received a wonderful gift from our Amazon Wish List of a cutting

**Our favorite October feedback:**  
*"I feel the love and pure joy from  
guests and staff alike every time I visit.  
The apple crisp was divine."*

board and a server from a couple who  
just moved to Fort Collins - Thanks  
**Debbie and Herb** and welcome  
home!

**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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