

## Thank You Volunteers - 13,140 Hours Gifted to the Cafe Since Opening!

April was National Volunteer Month. [Backhaul Photojournalism profiled a number of Cafe volunteers.](#) We hosted a Volunteer Open House. Daisy Girl Scout Troop 76085 adopted the Cafe as “Hometown Heroes,” allowing us to give 50 boxes of cookies to volunteers. Each volunteer had an opportunity to sign up for a prize package, including a soup named in their honor. *Congratulations to Sheryl!*

In April we also introduced Wander Coffee's FoCo Cafe blend! This blend was born from the idea to create an approachable specialty coffee that would complement the welcoming spirit of FoCo Cafe itself.

*Wishing you a wonderful May,  
Jeff & Kathleen, co-founders*



## Lights, Camera, Take Action

This Friday, FoCo Cafe and CSU Swipe Out Hunger host the [Lights, Camera, Take Action Film Festival](#). This event features [The Starfish Throwers](#) film as well as local films entered by youth, college students, community members and a photography winner as well!

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

First film begins at 6:00 pm  
Behavioral Sciences Building A101,  
Colorado State University

[Get Advance Tickets](#)

**LIGHTS  
CAMERA  
TAKE ACTION**

A free film festival highlighting food insecurity in the Fort Collins community

Festival MAY 5th, 2017  
Submissions due by April 23rd

Find more submission and attendance details at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/takeactionfilmfest/>  
OR  
<https://filmfreeway.com/festival/LightsCameraTakeAction>

Prizes will be awarded!



## Acts of Kindness in April



FoCo Cafe received generous grants from the **Poudre High School Arts Academy** to help fund the creative portions of our summer family breakfast program and a grant from **Cache La Poudre Middle School** to purchase fresh, locally grown ingredients!

With help from students at CSU, we installed a **Little Outdoor Library** at the Cafe! The student chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council designed and built the library and two engineering students (*pictured*) installed the library so that it is handicapped accessible. Thank you!



The Giving Tree was gifted by a group of **Fort Collins High School** students - they donated journals and wet wipes!

**Print It** donated copying services and some much need paper for printing. Thank you!

We received financial gifts from **individuals** who have chosen to support the Cafe with scheduled monthly gifts through both PayPal and Colorado Gives. Thank you to these thoughtful donors who make continuous impact!

And, we had a **guest who was formerly in need** who stopped in to purchase 50 **Cafe Coins** so he could give them to people in need *AND* make a difference for the Cafe. He is one of several guests we've seen circle back around to make a difference for the organizations that made a difference for them at a time when they needed a hand up!

Our favorite guest feedback in April:  
*"I took my mother (from Nebraska) to lunch at FoCo Cafe and she loved it!"*



Mitch Matthews and his crew from **Big Dream Gathering** visited the Cafe and Colorado State University - click on the video image at left to see more.

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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