

July: A month of Celebration

As we move into August, **We bid farewell to our co-founders, Jeff and Kathleen Baumgardner.** After more than 5 years of true dedication to the FoCo Cafe concept, they are off on their next adventure. We wish them all the best in their endeavors, and thank them for making an incredible idea into a reality for the whole community. FoCo Cafe will continue on it's path to sustainability and offering all members of the community delicious and nutritious meals!

Many thanks to all who made FoCo Cafe's 2017 Bike-In Music Festival a success! Check out the [awesome festival photos](#) taken by Lindsey Paricio - feel free to tag yourself and share! Many thanks to all who attended and volunteered and many thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Bohemian Foundation, Odell Brewing Company, Shire CSA, The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado, Heart & Soul Paratransit, Signarama, Starbucks, Lee's Cyclery, GSI, and Smart Minds.

We celebrated the Cafe's **Hydration Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** on July 31st. Thank you to all who attended, and to all who made this all-season, wheelchair accessible water bottle filling station and fountain a reality. [Check out the photos from the event](#) taken by Lindsey Paricio, and of course feel free to tag yourself! The Hydration Station will be available to the community to access fresh, drinkable water at all times.

We just wrapped up our summer **Kids Feeding Kids family breakfast program.** A huge thank you to all who participated and to our interns Kelly and Danielle who worked so hard to further develop and implement this program! Special thanks to **Noosa Yoghurt, The**



Gold Leaf Collective, and our activity partners for their critical support!

So many help to make all of the efforts of FoCo Cafe possible! We thank you all - the volunteers, farmers, interns, diners, and all who support the Cafe's mission! Stay tuned for new and exciting updates!

Onward and upward,
Mallory Andrews, executive director



Acts of Kindness in July



In July, we hosted volunteer groups from **The Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County**, **Loveland Youth Gardener's**, and the **USDA**! Thank you for visiting and your help at the Cafe and in our community!

Local businesses made a huge impact with generous donations: **Savory Spice Shop** donated beautiful spices, **Maxline Brewery** donated the proceeds from the dunk tank at their first anniversary party, and **Loco Food Distribution** brought by some non-perishable foods! Many thanks to all of the local businesses that donated to our dessert auction at the Bike-In Music festival this year, and a **Thrivant Financial Action Team** helped us secure FoCo Cafe water bottles in advance of the Hydration Station introduction!

We received financial gifts from **individuals** through both the Colorado Gives website and PayPal. Some of these folks have set up automated monthly donations. Many thanks to these thoughtful donors with make continuous impact! **Stay tuned for details about the Cafe's new donor program that offers some great perks!**



We received another gift through Thrivant Financial's Thrivant Choice program. **Thrivant Financial members** may direct Choice Dollars to the Cafe. If you are a Thrivant member, we would love your help- it makes a huge difference!

And, we picked up weekly donations of high-value food items from **Trader Joe's**; and many items were donated for The Giving Tree and FoCo Freedge and non-perishables for the Kindness Cupboard.



We have been active at the Drake Road **Farmer's Market** lately, receiving donations for the FoCo Freedge. Look for Becky at the FoCo Freedge booth to say hello and check out whats new, and how to help!

Many **King Soopers** shoppers used their reloadable cards to benefit FoCo Cafe and we received a generous checks totaling \$387.59! This is a great way to support the Cafe without spending an extra penny. You get gas points and all benefits, and **King Soopers** makes a donation (5% of what you spend)! In effect, you're telling King Soopers the charity you want them to support! Thank you card users! Get your card at the Cafe.

You all make the magic happen!



Our favorite guest feedback in July:
"The bike in was awesome! Thank you FOCO Cafe for having a presence in our community. My family had a great time!"



Get a taste of this year's Bike-In Music Festival! Check out the link that leads to a festival video!

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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