



FACT SHEET

FareStart is a real solution to some of our society's most pressing challenges—homelessness, joblessness, poverty and hunger. Our model works because we are both an effective social service provider and a thriving social enterprise.

People in poverty struggle to escape the cycle they are in and often face additional compounding barriers to getting and keeping a job. At FareStart, we help people overcome those barriers by teaching them work and life skills they need to succeed in the foodservice industry and in life.

Through our restaurants, cafes, catering and programs that provide meals to social services, shelters and schools, participants in our programs get practical work experience while giving back to their community.

By investing in people and building community, we transform homelessness, hunger and poverty into human potential.

Job Training Programs

We have four foodservice training programs in the Seattle area:

- **Adult Culinary Program** combines hands-on culinary training with classroom instruction, individual case management, life skills coaching, and job placement services for adults 18 and older. The 16-week program provides the tools, training and support to put graduates on the path to employment.
- **Youth Barista Program** runs in partnership with YouthCare and built around the needs of young people 16-24 who are street-involved. The program teaches barista and customer service skills through classroom instruction, job-readiness training, on-the-job experience and job placement support.
- **Youth Culinary Program** for youth 16-21 currently enrolled in Seattle Public Schools Interagency Academy. This program provides hands-on training focused on culinary arts, customer service, life skills, job-readiness training, on-the-job experience and job placement support, while youth earn school credit toward high school graduation.
- **Foodservice Apprenticeship Program** for individuals 18 and older with foodservice work experience. This program is designed help low-wage foodservice workers develop the higher skills they need to advance in the foodservice industry and escape from poverty.

Catalyst Kitchens: In 2010, FareStart launched Catalyst Kitchens to share its unique business model to nonprofit organizations across North America. Through consulting and a member network of over 60 organizations, Catalyst Kitchens impacts the way organizations operate to help them be more efficient, to drive profit that fuels job-training programs and apply best practices in client case management, life skills offerings and high-quality on-the-job training programs.

Venues

Our Seattle restaurants and cafes offer excellent food along with a meaningful dining experience. Here, our students and apprentices get real-world job experience, while revenue from the venues help fund our programs.

FareStart Restaurant

Our flagship restaurant, which is open weekdays for lunch, is award-winning for both the quality of its cuisine and the impact of its mission. Each Thursday we host Guest Chef Night, where guests enjoy a three-course gourmet meal prepared by a different guest chef from the community.
Downtown: 700 Virginia St.

Maslow's

This new classic American restaurant feature small and large plates that stand alone or can be shared, served fresh daily for lunch, happy hour and dinner.
South Lake Union: 380 Boren Ave N

Community Table

Our bustling lunchtime location offers three fast casual venues - BBQ, Bowls and Salad - with a myriad of flavorful options.
South Lake Union: 399 Fairview Ave N

Rise

This elevated coffee bar experience offers a broad variety of beverages beyond espresso and teas, along with pastries, sandwiches and salads for those on the go.
South Lake Union: 399 Fairview Ave N

Cafe @ PacTower

Cafe @ PacTower offers espresso drinks and light meals in the Pacific Tower Building, which is a hub for organizations creating social impact.
Beacon Hill: 1200 12th Ave S

Cafe @ 2100

Cafe @ 2100 offers espresso drinks and light meals in the 2100 Building, home to more than a dozen nonprofit organizations supporting youth in need in our community.
Rainier Valley: 2100 24th Ave S

Catering & Events

From gorgeous weddings to inspiring company gatherings, our team can create a memorable and meaningful event for you. We offer mouth-watering cuisine and spectacular venues, such as the Panoramic Room on Beacon Hill, the FareStart Restaurant in downtown Seattle, Maslow's in South Lake Union, or at a location of your choice. We can assist you with everything from a sit-down meal or a buffet to boxed lunches for your gathering.

Community & School Meals

Continuing and celebrating FareStart's founding mission to serve healthful meals to those who need them, our Community Meals Program provides tasty and nutritious meals for homeless shelters, low-income childcare centers and schools around the Seattle area - 365 days a year. Since 1992, we have prepared more than 9 million meals, each made by our students, from scratch, with the freshest possible ingredients.

Our Impact

FareStart has been helping people transform their lives through food for over 25 years – one person, one job and one community at a time.

Outcomes for FareStart's Seattle programs in 2016:

- **953** individuals were provided with intake services and/or referrals for basic needs.
- **424** individuals enrolled in FareStart's programs and received case management, housing, life skills, and job training.
- **261** individuals graduated from the FareStart's training programs.
- **91% of adult graduates** were hired within 90 days of graduation.
- **58 youth graduates** from both FareStart's Youth Barista and Youth Culinary Programs were placed in jobs.
- **845,000 meals** were provided to low-income or homeless children and adults through our Community & School Meals kitchens.

Recognitions & Awards

- For a seventh consecutive year, FareStart has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, outperforming most other charities in America. (Only 3% of organizations received at least seven consecutive 4-star evaluations.)
- **Better Business Bureau** Accredited Charity
- 2011 **James Beard Foundation** Humanitarian of the Year Award

Boiler Plate

About FareStart: FareStart is nonprofit organization that transforms lives by empowering people who are experiencing homeless or living in poverty through life skills, job training and employment in the foodservice industry. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for nearly 9,000 adults and youth, while serving over 9.8 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters, and healthcare facilities. Ninety-one-percent of adults who graduate from FareStart, gain employment within 90 days of graduation. For more information, visit farestart.org.

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