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FareStart & Jacques Pépin Foundation Partner to Transform Lives

Chef Jacques Pépin and premier West Coast chefs raising money to help lift people out of poverty through culinary job training.

SEATTLE (March 7, 2017) – FareStart today announced that they are partnering with the Jacques Pépin Foundation (JPF) on a special event, *Flourish: A Chefs Dinner to Transform Lives*. The event will raise funds to help people living in poverty learn culinary job skills and gain employment. World-renowned chef, author, instructor, and public television star Jacques Pépin will be hosting as some of the West Coast's premier chefs prepare a multi-course dinner to benefit FareStart and the JPF.

EVENT OVERVIEW

- **Date:** Sunday, April 30, 2017
- **Time:** 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- **Location:** FareStart Restaurant, 700 Virginia Street, Seattle, WA
- Multi-course meal prepared by award-winning chefs **Tom Douglas** of Tom Douglas Restaurants (Seattle, WA), **Shaun McCrain** of Copine (Seattle, WA), **Roland Passot** of La Folie (San Francisco, CA), **Thierry Rautureau** of Loulay, Luc (Seattle, WA), **Holly Smith and Junko Mine** of Café Juanita (Kirkland, WA), **John Sundstrom** of Lark (Seattle, WA) and Bocuse d'Or Medalist and coach **Philip Tessier** (Napa, CA)
- The evening will include a live auction
- Tickets: \$375-750 available at www.flourishseattle.com
- Proceeds benefit FareStart and the Jacques Pépin Foundation

“We are humbled and honored to partner with Chef Jacques Pépin and his foundation,” said FareStart CEO Megan Karch. “Chef Pépin’s culinary mastery and passion for teaching others are known the world over. It’s truly a gift for FareStart to have access to his vast expertise, not to mention the amazing talent he assembled for the fundraising dinner. His support will go a long way toward transforming lives.”

The dinner marks the beginning of a new partnership between the JPF and FareStart to help people in poverty transform their lives through culinary training. JPF brings together a wealth of Chef Pépin’s culinary knowledge, industry resources and passion for food to enrich lives and build stronger communities.

“For 25 years, FareStart has been a leader in helping people through its culinary job training and employment placement programs. They are the ideal partner as we launch our foundation to make an immediate impact, while inspiring others through the joy of food and culinary education,” said Chef Jacques Pépin.

About FareStart: FareStart is nonprofit organization that transforms lives by empowering people who are homeless or living in poverty through life skills, job training and employment in the foodservice industry. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for nearly 8,000 adults and youth, while serving over 9 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters, and healthcare facilities. Nearly 91% of adults who graduate from FareStart gain employment within 90 days of graduation. For more information, visit farestart.org.

About the Jacques Pépin Foundation: Formed in 2016, the Jacques Pépin Foundation is a public charity dedicated to transforming lives through culinary education. After a restaurant career including service as personal chef to three French heads of state, Chef Jacques Pépin has authored 29 cookbooks and created numerous widely-acclaimed television series over several decades, and acted as an educator through his roles at Boston University and the International Culinary Center in New York. Now, through the formation of the Jacques Pépin Foundation, Jacques is devoting his talents and energy to supporting culinary education programs that enrich lives and build stronger communities. The Foundation is partnering with selected organizations in communities across America to create, improve and validate culinary training programs that serve people in need.