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FareStart Names Angela Stowell As Its Next CEO

Stowell brings diverse leadership experience as FareStart looks to the future

SEATTLE (July 11, 2018) – FareStart announced today that Angela Stowell will become its next CEO. Stowell currently serves as CEO and partner of Ethan Stowell Restaurants (ESR), a Seattle-based restaurant group. She will start her new role at FareStart on October 14.

“We are thrilled to have Angela lead the next chapter of FareStart,” said FareStart Board Chair Ken Hart. “She’s a proven leader and visionary in both the business world and within our greater Seattle community. As FareStart continues to evolve to meet the growing needs of the community, her boldness, innovation and collaborative leadership style will pave the way for long-term success. Angela truly embodies the mission, values and heart of FareStart.”

“Giving back to our community and helping people in need has always been one of my core values and we’ve worked hard at ESR to implement that into our work,” said Angela Stowell. “I feel really lucky and excited to move in a direction where I get to do that every day. FareStart is such an incredible organization that not only provides job training and life skills, but offers people a chance to find success and put themselves and their families on the path out of poverty.”

Stowell joins FareStart after the nonprofit nearly doubled in size this past year expanding its programs and businesses to help stem the growing income inequality and homelessness in Seattle. Last year, FareStart served over 1,000 adults and youth – a record-breaking number of people in its 25-plus year history.

As CEO of ESR, Stowell oversees 16 restaurants, \$30 million in annual revenue and 420 employees. She has also volunteered and raised money for organizations such as Amara, Russell Wilson’s WhyNotYou Foundation, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Pike Place Market Foundation and numerous other local charities and schools. She sits on the board of United Way of King County and is co-chairing its \$40 million annual fundraising campaign with her husband Ethan Stowell. In 2012, Stowell co-founded Eat Run Hope, a 5K and culinary event that benefited the Fetal Health Foundation. She and Ethan have also been longtime supporters of FareStart’s Guest Chef Night and annual gala auction.

Stowell was named one of the Puget Sound Business Journal’s 2013 “40 Under 40,” received the 2016 Richard Melman Innovator of the Year Award with her husband, was honored as one of the Puget Sound Business Journal’s 2017 “Women of Influence,” and most recently, was named one of “The 50 Most Influential Women in Seattle” by Seattle Met magazine.

Stowell was unanimously selected by the FareStart Board of Directors after an extensive national search. She succeeds Megan Karch who stepped down from FareStart in March after 18 years at the helm. Craig Russell will continue to serve as the interim CEO until Stowell’s start date.

About FareStart:

FareStart is a nonprofit organization that transforms lives by empowering people who are experiencing homelessness or living in poverty through job training and employment in the foodservice industry. Part of the job training takes place at the organization's restaurants, cafes, catering and community meals businesses, which also generate revenue for its programs. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for more than 9,500 adults and youth, while serving over 10.7 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters, and healthcare facilities.

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