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FareStart Restaurant Reopens

FareStart's flagship restaurant, home of the Adult Culinary Program, to reopen for lunch and Guest Chef Night

SEATTLE (May 1, 2019) – FareStart announced that the FareStart Restaurant will reopen today. The restaurant was temporarily closed during the month of April to refresh its interiors.

“We’re thrilled to welcome the community back to the FareStart Restaurant,” said Corporate Executive Chef Wayne Johnson. “We’ll be fine-tuning the space and menu in the coming weeks, but we’re excited to reopen for lunch and Guest Chef Night and to support our Adult Culinary students as they work to build a new future.”

The FareStart Restaurant, located at 700 Virginia Street, serves as the training ground for the nonprofit’s Adult Culinary Program. The restaurant has provided job training opportunities to thousands of people experiencing homelessness or living in poverty. More than 90 percent of students get jobs within 90 days of graduating the program.

FareStart worked closely with Turner Construction and architecture and design firm NBBJ on the refresh. Both companies provided pro bono services and volunteer support for the project, which includes new paint, carpet, furniture, fixtures and lighting. One of the highlights is the addition of a new mural from local artists Dozfy and Kate Riengold, which pays tribute to FareStart’s Adult Culinary students as they journey toward a new future.

Over the coming weeks, FareStart will continue to make enhancements to the interior of the restaurant while it remains open to the public.

The FareStart Restaurant lunch menu has been updated as well. It will include old favorites – French fries with house-made carrot ketchup, veggie Reuben, fish and chips – as well as some new dishes including the Seattle dog and jerk spice braised pork sandwich. Beer, wine and cocktails will also now be available for lunch.

The FareStart Restaurant is open weekdays for lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It is also open most Thursdays for Guest Chef Night when a well-known chef from the community works with FareStart’s Adult Culinary students to prepare a three-course gourmet dinner for the public. Upcoming guest chefs include Cedarbrook’s Adam Stephenson (May 2), Adana’s Shota Nakajima and Little Fish’s Zoi Antonitsas (May 9), Della Terra’s Cody Castiglia (May 16), Lola’s Tori Mann (May 23) and Daniel Broiler’s Peter Coulter (May 30).

About FareStart:

FareStart is a James Beard Award-winning nonprofit organization that empowers adults and young people experiencing poverty and homelessness through job training and employment in the foodservice industry. FareStart operates eight social enterprise businesses that provides hands on training in a real world setting

while providing revenue for its programs: FareStart Restaurant, Maslow's by FareStart, Rise by FareStart, FareStart Café @ Pacific Tower, FareStart Café @ 2100, FareStart Catering and Community and School Meals Programs, which provides meals to local homeless shelters, hospice centers and schools. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for more than 10,000 adults and youth, while serving over 10.7 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters and healthcare facilities.