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FareStart Restaurant to Temporarily Close During April for Refresh

FareStart's Adult Culinary Program will continue to operate and provide training opportunities during temporary closure

SEATTLE (March 7, 2019) – FareStart announced today that the FareStart Restaurant will temporarily close beginning April 2 as it undergoes a refresh to its interiors. It will reopen by early May.

The FareStart Restaurant moved into its current location at 700 Virginia Street in the Denny Triangle neighborhood more than 12 years ago. During this time, this flagship restaurant has provided culinary 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 FareStart's Adult Culinary Program.

"The FareStart Restaurant is more than just a place to eat lunch, host an event or experience Guest Chef Night," said FareStart CEO Angela Dunleavy-Stowell. "It's the heart of our Adult Culinary Program, which has helped so many people on their journey toward a better future. Refreshing the restaurant will enable us to evolve with the rapidly changing restaurant scene and better support our students."

All of FareStart's restaurants and cafes provide revenue for the nonprofit's job training programs. Diners are encouraged to support these businesses while the FareStart Restaurant is temporarily closed. Other locations:

- Maslow's by FareStart, 380 Boren Avenue North
- Rise by FareStart, 399 Fairview Avenue North
- FareStart Café @ Pacific Tower, 1200 12th Avenue South
- FareStart Café @ 2100, 2100 24th Avenue South

FareStart's Guest Chef Night, which enables diners to enjoy a three-course gourmet dinner from a locally well-known chef on Thursday nights, will be moved to Maslow's by FareStart during the month of April. This will enable FareStart's students to get the opportunity to train alongside some of Seattle's best chefs during their time in the program. Maslow's is located at 380 Boren Avenue North in the South Lake Union neighborhood. Upcoming guest chefs include Dre Neeley of Gravy (April 4), Megan Coombes of Altstadt (April 11), Benjamin Riggs of Salish Lodge (April 18) and multiple chefs from Skillet (April 25).

FareStart's job training and placement programs and support services will continue to operate as normal during the temporary closure.

FareStart is working closely with Turner Construction and architecture and design firm NBBJ on the refresh. Both companies are providing pro bono services and volunteer support for the project. The refresh will include painting, new lighting and updated fixtures.

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 9,500 adults and youth, while serving over 10.7 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters and healthcare facilities.