



# JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2021 IMPACT REPORT



FareStart's mission to transform lives, disrupt poverty and nourish communities through food, life skills and job training remains constant. How we accomplish our work to promote personal stability, economic mobility and food security to the communities and individuals that we serve continues to evolve as the world changes.

As we approach the conclusion of 2021, we press forward. We remain focused on supporting our students through our virtual job training programs and wraparound support, on supporting our national programs, as well as on expanding and partnering with organizations that prioritize long-term economic mobility and personal stability. We also continue to address hunger in our communities through our hunger relief and food security work. In 2022, we anticipate the return of in-person training programs, as well as the re-launch of our FareStart Restaurant and FareStart Cafe in Beacon Hill.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership, which helps us realize our mission and vision where every individual has the opportunity to thrive in an equitable and just world.

## 2021 TO DATE

# 123

**students** enrolled in virtual versions of the Adult Culinary and Youth & Young Adult Barista programs.

# 96

**youth and adults** graduated from FareStart programs.

# 76

**job placements** or promotions facilitated.

# 116

**nonprofit organizations** across the country supported through FareStart's Catalyst Kitchens events and workshops.

# 363,785

**pounds of food** recovered or donated for use in FareStart's community meal programs.

# 1,497,351

**meals** prepared and delivered

## **ADULT CULINARY PROGRAM GRADUATE, DANIEL**

Daniel (he/him) came to FareStart hoping to establish a routine and set new goals for his life after a period of incarceration and struggling with substance use. The support from FareStart staff and the program's self-empowerment curriculum helped him to carry out goal setting and personal accountability for the first time in a long time.

A significant goal Daniel achieved while in the program was getting his driver's license. It took a lot more than just going down to the DMV to renew his license; Daniel had to pay off fines in two different states before being issued a driver's license.

FareStart's Adult Culinary Program classes and encouragement helped Daniel gain the confidence needed to choose his own path. Shortly after graduating, he was offered and accepted a job in the fast-food industry because he knew it would provide him the opportunity to keep building his confidence and stick with the good habits he had recently established. Daniel was committed to stabilizing before pushing for the "next level." It was clear to his employer that he was a great asset to their team and in less than a month after his August graduation, he was given a raise and has been training to be a shift lead.

Shortly after graduation, Daniel's support system helped him get a car and now, he can use the driver's license he obtained while he was in the program.



*Adult program graduate, Daniel (he/him)*

**When asked what his advice to future students would be, Daniel said, “practice setting and achieving smaller goals in preparation for the bigger ones.”**

FareStart relies on donations, partnerships and volunteerism to support students and graduates and sustain our programs. This generous support is the backbone that allows us to transform lives, disrupt poverty and nourish communities through food, life skills and job training. The need for financial support especially is at an all-time high as we continue to navigate and recover from the pandemic.