This year has brought both challenges and opportunities as we continue to realize our mission and evolve to support students and the larger community.

On July 11, 2022, after exactly 28 months and eight days without students on site due to the pandemic, we welcomed back students for in-person training. It was a joyous day as the first cohort walked through our doors to learn on-the-job skills while working in our meal production kitchens. We will continue to offer online learning for students who may be unable to train onsite due to barriers of geography, childcare, mobility and other challenges.

Earlier this fall, we delivered our five millionth meal since the pandemic’s start. We continue to explore new ways to get food to the people who need it most including through our mobile community market, which has become a lifeline to many. In September, we added a new truck to the community market, which means less set-up time and more refrigeration to keep the produce fresh. Individuals can pick up dry goods and fresh produce for free without obstacles.

Throughout all the ways we’ve had to adapt, food remains the center of everything we do, be it in nourishing communities through improved food security, or training for jobs in food-based careers. We could not do this work without your ongoing support and partnership. With your help, we can realize our mission and create transformational change through our collective impact on food security and hunger relief. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication to FareStart and our mission.

“For the first time in 22 years I have money in a savings account.”
- Food Pathway Program Student
2022 TO DATE

209 adults and youth enrolled in job training programs.

129 individuals graduated from job training programs.

67 job placements or promotions facilitated for students and graduates.

1,185,070 meals provided to people experiencing hunger and food insecurity.

188,112 pounds of food donated, gleaned, recovered, redistributed and upcycled into meals, reducing food waste.

“It’s kept me alive. It kept me from going to the store. I’m a senior and [the food] is a need. So it has helped my life.”

– Community Market Client

“I am so grateful for this opportunity, it pushed me to finally come out of my comfort zone and apply for many jobs and I got two of them, so I am very grateful for you guys.”

– Barista & Customer Service Program Graduate

FareStart relies on donations, partnerships and volunteerism to keep our programs running. This generous support allows us to realize our mission. The need remains high as we continue to navigate and recover from the pandemic and rebuild and recreate our social enterprise businesses.