



# JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2023 IMPACT REPORT



FareStart has been busy with programming and planning. We remain on track to enroll the most youth and adults into our job training programs since the start of the pandemic. New student cohorts are being added every month and we are investing more resources into student outreach and job placement support.

There's considerable planning underway as we continue to grow and relaunch our social enterprise businesses in the post-pandemic environment. Our businesses serve as classrooms for our on-the-job training programs and help fund our mission. Work to reopen the FareStart Café located at Pacific Tower in Beacon Hill. We had a soft opening in October, which was enthusiastically welcomed by building tenants and neighbors. This relaunch has enabled us to expand our Barista & Customer Service Program for youth and youth adults.

We are also making plans to activate the FareStart Restaurant beyond private event rentals. The culinary landscape has changed a lot in the last few years, so we are working with partners to determine potential concepts that will be successful in the current market and provide robust job training opportunities for students. Guest Chef Night planning is happening as well, and a newly envisioned version of our signature event series will relaunch in January 2024. Please watch our newsletter and social media for further information.

This summer was an active time for volunteer opportunities with farm gleaning and fundraisers. Volunteers are a critical part of our community and enable us to expand our impact. As we shift into the fall and winter months, there will be more opportunities to get involved, including supporting our Community & School Meals Program.

We look forward to keeping you up to date as we continue to grow our job training programs and social enterprises in the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership during this critical time of transition.

**“FareStart is a place that’s going to open your eyes to things you might not have thought of before. You have to look at the big picture and not just think about yourself sometimes.”**

- Keyshonna, Barista & Customer Service Program Graduate



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## 229

**adults and youth** enrolled in job training programs.

## 136

**individuals** graduated from job training programs.

## 73

**job placements** or promotions facilitated for students and graduates.

## 151

**mobile community market** events.

## 715,582

**meals** provided to mostly food-insecure communities.

## 133,523

**pounds of food** recovered, gleaned, redistributed or upcycled into meals.

## 41

**nonprofit organizations** impacted across the United States through consulting.



**“Before I came here, there was nothing that I could finish. So I made it my goal -- no matter how long or how hard or how difficult -- that I would see it through. That’s like a normal thing that people have capacity to do, which I had to learn. And thanks to FareStart, I did. It’s given me training and confidence to overcome my past and be a fully functional member of society.”**

- FareStart Food Pathways Program Graduate

## Join Us In Our Work

As we near the end of 2023, FareStart is continuing to evolve and grow our job training programs, reimagine our social enterprise businesses and promote food security, we are relying on partners, students, donors, volunteers, staff and other supporters to help us make the transition that will position us for growth and increased mission impact in a new, post-pandemic employment landscape.

Learn more by contacting us today at [info@farestart.org](mailto:info@farestart.org) or (206) 443-1233.