



**CATALYST
KITCHENS**
By FareStart

OUR 2019 IMPACT

GRATITUDE FOR OUR NATIONAL WORK



Catalyst Kitchens is FareStart's initiative to end joblessness, poverty and hunger on a national scale. Through our consulting practices and membership network, we supported 140 nonprofits throughout 2019 to impact their communities through foodservice job training.

CONSULTING

NEW BEGINNINGS WITH STONE SOUP PDX

Stone Soup PDX is the first-of-its-kind organization in the Portland area, blazing the trail for future foodservice job training programs. Catalyst Kitchens' consulting team worked with founders Ronit and Craig Gerard every step of the way to build their program from the ground up. After hiring their team, outfitting their restaurant, fundraising within their community, and building strong local relationships with employers, Stone Soup successfully graduated and placed two students into employment in late 2019 within days of their graduation. With plans to recruit five students a month, we cannot wait to see what's to come from this new program.

FOCUSING ON YOUTH WITH CATALYST KITCHENS

Over 40% of Catalyst Kitchens members serve youth ages 16-24, creating a safe space for young adults to find community and carve out the first steps of their careers. We held our first Youth & Young Adult Training Workshop in May 2019 to create a platform for these programs to connect and collaborate. Hosted by Liberty's Kitchen and Café Reconcile in New Orleans, 35 participants learned about trauma-informed care practices, building youth resiliency, mental health support, and strategies for finding new career pathways for students.



Prepared

10

new programs to launch

Prepared

9

programs to scale

Provided training to

47

organizations

2,311

individuals placed into jobs

11.4

million meals served



MEMBERSHIP

MOVING UP TO MODEL MEMBERSHIP WITH KITCHENS FOR GOOD

Kitchens for Good (KFG) has quickly grown into a major program since opening its doors in San Diego four years ago. They recently expanded to an advanced training apprenticeship model through *Project Launch*, a 20-month certified apprenticeship program. Our consulting team worked with KFG to develop a strong program structure based on their enterprise's needs and incorporated our front of house and life skills training curriculum into their model. KFG now serves about 150 individuals a year with their tuition-free *Project Launch* program. KFG progressed to Model Membership in 2019 based on their astounding program impact rates with 327 individuals trained, 249 graduated, and an 86% employment rate.

37

virtual or in-person events

227

professionals trained through Catalyst Kitchens workshops



BRINGING DATA TO LIFE

FareStart's Catalyst Kitchens network works diligently to showcase success, which requires sound data reporting practices and data visualization strategies. Through the Tableau Foundation's support, we launched our Data Champions Fellowship in July 2019 for a select group of member organizations to establish a data-driven culture and bring their organization's data stories to life through Tableau's data visualization software. This program brought together a working group of data specialists for six months to share resources, access Tableau software and training, and attend the national Tableau conference in Fall 2019.