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Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford Announces Hiring of Jesus Seoane as Chef of the Food Services Training Program

Hartford, CT – May 7, 2021 – Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford (LVGH) is excited to announce the hiring of Jesus Seoane as the new chef of our Food Services Training Program. The program helps to prepare LVGH students for careers in food service, and graduates have gone on to work in schools, restaurants, and hotels and conference centers. Students take a course on basic food safety in preparation for ServSafe® Food Handler certification, and gain practical skills by learning to prep, cook, and serve free meals for the local community.

Seoane will oversee students as they provide service during twice weekly Community Dinners in East Hartford. His instruction will include how to fully prep before a food service, proper knife skills, cooking techniques, and recipe development. Seoane comes to LVGH as the chef cook of LCB and Brookdale, and he is the former owner and head chef of Suso's Restaurant, and the former executive chef of both Barca Restaurant and Morton's Steakhouse.

"Jesus has such a diverse and impressive work history. His many years managing restaurant kitchens will prepare our students for food service jobs in all the different venues that are currently hiring. He is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and English which will allow us to serve students who have very limited English or who are brand new to the country. This program is often a first step in the right direction for our students and we are so excited to have Jesus sharing his expertise in the kitchen," said Rebecca Hawkins, Director of Programs at Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford.

In addition to the Food Services Job Training Program, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford offers volunteer-led, small-group classes in basic reading and writing, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), GED preparation, math, digital literacy, U.S. Citizenship, and other topics at literacy centers in Hartford, East Hartford, and virtually. The organization serves adults from 22 cities and towns in the Greater Hartford region.

About Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford Founded in 1972, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford's mission is to build a stronger, more resilient, fully literate Greater Hartford community. We work towards accomplishing this mission by training volunteers to teach adults how to read, write, speak English, and develop other basic skills critical for independent living. For more information, please visit <http://www.lvgh.org> or call 860-233-3853.

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