

Milwaukee Alderman Johnson: Event let students pay it forward while feeding those in need

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Yesterday, students of Milwaukee Public Schools' culinary training program ProStart prepared a five-star, three-course meal for 120 residents at Milwaukee's Salvation Army Emergency Lodge (1730 N. 7th St.). This unique and generous opportunity came about when a local chapter of the National Young Adult Auxiliary of The Salvation Army, Echelon MKE, began organizing their second dinner event for the residents.

As one of the organizers pointed out, for many of the Lodge residents, the meal may be their first and only sit-down, fine dining experience. Importantly, the meal enabled the MPS ProStart students to have a very enriching and personal opportunity to showcase their skills and passion while having them give back to their community.

As an alumnus of the Milwaukee Public Schools, this generous and touching interaction showcasing such talented future leaders makes me very proud. In my opinion we can certainly use more of these great programs and events across Milwaukee!

I also want to publicly recognize and thank the organizations that made this meal and opportunity possible: Milwaukee Kitchen Cabinet; Roundy's (donated all of the food for the students to prepare); Echelon MKE and the National Young Adult Auxiliary of The Salvation Army; the Salvation Army; ProStart and MPS; and Joe and

Jennifer Bartolotta of the Bartolotta Restaurant Group.