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Former Legal Sea Foods chef named top chef of JP-based agency that gives meals to seriously ill

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A former longtime Legal Sea Foods chef has been named the head chef of a Jamaica Plain-based nonprofit that provides food and nutrition programs to people living with critical and chronic illnesses across Massachusetts.



(Community Servings)

Tim Williams has been named the new executive chef at Community Servings, the organization announced in a statement.

He previously worked for 11 years at Legal Sea Foods, including as a regional executive chef overseeing kitchen operations of the

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company's restaurants in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, according to the nonprofit. He has led the opening of nine locations for the restaurant chain.

In his new role with Community Servings, Williams will supervise all kitchen operations. The job includes managing the preparation, cooking, packaging, handling and storage of 2,000 meals each day, the statement said. He will be tasked with ensuring those meals are "nutritious, appetizing and culturally appropriate, based on taste, visual observation and other sensory assessment."

Williams is a former JP resident, and, for his new job, he has returned to living in the neighborhood.

He began his 35-year culinary career in the Army, where he served for five years, before going to the Culinary Institute of America to train as a chef, the agency said. He worked in several hotels and restaurants around the world before joining Legal.

"After working in corporate kitchens for more than a decade, I am ready to apply the expertise I have accumulated to serve a greater cause," Williams said in a statement. "As a former resident of Jamaica Plain, I look forward to returning to the community that I once called home and providing the more than 1,300 clients that Community Servings aids throughout the state with even fresher, flavorful meals."

Community Servings serves individuals and families living with illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and Lou Gehrig's disease. The nonprofit provides free home-delivered meals, nutrition education and other programs.

"Tim has more than a decade of experience working with Legal Seafoods, a company that has an outstanding reputation for high quality food and operations standards," said a statement from the organization's CEO, David Waters. "Tim's extensive skill and knowledge in all aspects of kitchen operations will no doubt help us bring the highest quality, nutritious meals to our clients."

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