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**Rogers Park wards off the winter blues with
9th annual **Heat It Up Chili Cook-Off**
Sunday, March 4 from 12-4 p.m.**

**Amateur chili cooks invited to compete against
chefs from Heartland Cafe, R Public House and Smack Dab Chicago**

All event proceeds provide food resources for local residents in need

CHICAGO (February 15, 2018)—**Rogers Park Business Alliance's** (RPBA) **Glenwood Sunday Market** heats things up this month with its 9th annual **Heat It Up Chili Cook-Off** on Sunday, March 4 from 12-4 p.m. at the Ethiopian Diamond II (7537 N. Clark Street). Amateur cooks are invited to compete with their best chili recipes against chefs from restaurants including **Heartland Cafe, R Public House** and **Smack Dab Chicago**. All event proceeds benefit the food access programs at Glenwood Sunday Market, which combat food insecurity in the Rogers Park neighborhood. Last year alone, these programs provided 6,000 pounds of fresh produce for distribution by local food pantries and soup kitchens, and \$20,000 in grants and vouchers for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shoppers.

Tickets for Chili Cook-Off competitors are \$20 (advance registration required) with attendee tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, including chili tastings. To purchase tickets, visit rpba.org/heat-it-up or call 773-508-5885.

Attendees will enjoy more than 20 chili tastings from both amateur and professional chefs, with options for meat lovers, vegetarians and vegans alike. The event also features sweet and savory snacks, live music, a raffle, a live auction and a cash bar.

Winners of the Chili Cook-Off will be selected by a panel of judges, with the first, second and third place chefs awarded certificates to use at the Glenwood Sunday Market.

About Rogers Park Business Alliance

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018, Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is the nonprofit chamber of Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood. Its mission is to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a

variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW Business Incubator, the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market and Taste of Clark Street. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

About the Glenwood Sunday Market

A program of Rogers Park Business Alliance, the Glenwood Sunday Market (located on Glenwood Avenue between Lunt Avenue and Morse Avenue) is a farmers market devoted to providing local, sustainably grown and produced foods that are organic whenever possible. Composed entirely of farmers and food artisans that work within 200 miles of Rogers Park, the Market's mission is to make sustainable, regionally produced foods accessible to the whole community. For more information, visit GlenwoodSundayMarket.org.