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Members of Rogers Park Business Alliance honored at annual award BEST OF ROGERS PARK

on Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Virtual award ceremony featuring a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Emil Bch House

CHICAGO (June 1, 2021)—The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** presents its **Best of Rogers Park Celebration & Awards Presentation** on <u>Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 5:30-7 p.m.</u> After a year's hiatus, the award ceremony returns in a virtual format via Zoom where members of the Rogers Park community are celebrated for their exemplary contributions to strengthening businesses and building community. The event is free for all with RSVP required at rpba.org.

A **virtual tour of the Emil Bach House**, a Prairie style house in Rogers Park designed by **Frank Lloyd Wright**, will be available during the award event, followed by a Q&A with Carmen Korleski, Director of Hospitality Operations at Tawani Hospitality, on the history, design and current use of the building. Built in 1915 for Emil Bach, the co-owner of the Bach Brick Company, the house is representative of Wright's late Prairie style. The Emil Bach House was declared a Chicago Landmark on September 28, 1977, and was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on January 23, 1979.

This year's Best of Rogers Park awardees are:

Business Leadership – Devon Market

The Business Leadership Award is awarded in recognition of a business that provides hands-on leadership on a community project, improves the quality of life in Rogers Park or expands their business and/or creates additional employment opportunities, especially with an emphasis on local hiring.

Capital Investment – Oz Animal Hospital

The Capital Investment Award is given in recognition of an organization, business or individual whose projects include improvements in signage, lighting, amenities such as awnings, masonry cleaning, tuck-pointing, and window and door replacement. The level of investment shows commitment to the neighborhood.

Community Partner – Small Business Majority

The Community Partner Award is awarded in recognition of an organization, business or individual who goes above and beyond the ordinary to build collaborative activities and projects in the community.

Friend of Rogers Park – Howard Brown Health Center

The Friend of Rogers Park Award is awarded to an organization, business or individual(s) of prominence who has made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life in Rogers Park.

Volunteer of the Year – Glenwood Sunday Market volunteers

The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the Rogers Park community by committing a substantial number of volunteer hours over the last year.

Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for more than 25 years. RPBA works 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/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street and Taste of Clark Street festivals, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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