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Glenwood Sunday Market 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season returns with 23 local vendors and newly added kids' activities, continuing to make a positive impact in the community and increasing food security every Sunday from June 2 to October 27, 2024

CHICAGO (May 1, 2024) —The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** (RPBA) announces 23 vendors for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of the **Glenwood Sunday Market**, which will operate every Sunday from June 2 to October 27 (closed on June 30 and August 18), from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. On the southbound Glenwood Avenue between Morse and Lunt Avenues (west side of the CTA Red Line Morse stop), the Market offers a variety of products ranging from meat, produce, dairy, honey, bakeries, sweets, to coffee, tofu, popsicles and flowers, plus newly added free kids' activities. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on opening day, <u>June 2 at 8:45 a.m.</u>, with representatives from the **49<sup>th</sup> Ward Office** and State Representative **Kelly Cassidy** in attendance, and remarks from Rogers Park Business Alliance Executive Director **Sandi Price**.

This year's vendors include: <u>Bennett Farms</u>, <u>Bennison's Bakery</u>, <u>Blacksmith Acres LLC</u>, <u>Finn's Ranch</u>, <u>Hardin's Family Farm</u>, <u>Honey Works</u>, <u>Katherine Anne Confections</u>, <u>Kikwetu Kenya Coffee Company</u>, <u>Los Rodriguez Farm LLC</u>, <u>Lyons Fruit Farm</u>, <u>Mickii's Desserts</u>, <u>Mike & Clare's Farm</u>, <u>Milwaukee Homegrown Flowers</u>, <u>Mindful Baking</u>, <u>pHlour Bakery</u>, <u>Phoenix Bean LLC</u>, <u>Rebecca's Confections</u>, <u>Shmaltz and Vinegar</u>, <u>Stamper Cheese</u> <u>Company</u>, <u>The Stick Up</u>, <u>The Urban Canopy</u>, <u>Urban Tables INC</u>, and Yang Town Farm.

New this year will be free weekly kids programming that interacts with the Market such as scavenger hunts, recipes, and agricultural lessons about participating farmers. The weekly recipes will incorporate in-season ingredients available at the Market.

Glenwood Sunday Market was founded in 2009 with the grassroot efforts and countless hours of work by Rogers Park community members, and has since contributed to sustaining the local food system and revenue stream for farmers, boosting regional economic growth, combatting food insecurity, and cultivating a community space. In 2023, the Market created a total immediate economic benefit of approximately **\$1.5M** to farmers and food artisans; 23 participating vendors served over **40K shoppers**, generating a total of **\$620K** spent at adjacent

businesses and a **\$4.7M** overall economic impact to the community; and raised **\$34K** toward food access initiatives in the Rogers Park community. The Market has also grown into a vibrant hub attracting residents and visitors alike, fostering a sense of community spirit. Donations to help sustain the Market's positive impact can be made at <a href="https://www.glenwoodsundaymarket.org">www.glenwoodsundaymarket.org</a>.

All vendors accept cash and most accept credit and debit cards. LINK Cards and other SNAP cards are also accepted at the Market, with a grant match program continuing in 2024: every LINK transaction will be matched thanks to the generous grant from LinkUp Illinois.

**Glenwood Sunday Market** is a program of the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance, with a vision to create an equitable, ethical, and secure local food system. Composed entirely of farmers and food artisans that work within 200 miles of Rogers Park, GSM's mission is to make sustainable, regionally produced foods accessible to the whole community. Glenwood Sunday Market is committed to economic, environmental, and social sustainability in Rogers Park, the city and region. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.glenwoodsundaymarket.org">www.glenwoodsundaymarket.org</a>.

Rogers Park Business Alliance is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for 30 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 Festival, Taco Crawl, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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