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Wine Tasting Event to Benefit Rogers Park Food Co-op
Thursday, May 29 at Taste Food & Wine

ROGERS PARK, IL - Rogers Park Food Co-op announces its spring fundraiser, a wine tasting and raffle, on Thursday, May 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Taste Food & Wine, 1506 W. Jarvis Ave., in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. The event will be a wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a raffle for gift baskets, including an "instant wine cellar" as the grand prize.

The wine tasting will be led by co-owner of Taste Food & Wine, Jamie Evans. Hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by Chef Debbie Evans of The Peckish Pig and Towbar. Members of the food co-op's events and fundraising committees are donating at least 20 bottles of wine for the raffle grand prize, the instant wine cellar. Other local businesses are also donating raffle prizes.

Taste Food & Wine has a collection of wines from all over the world, including Italy, France, Chile, Argentina, Spain, New Zealand and beyond, as well as a wide selection of spirits and beers.

Mary Meyer, a member of the Rogers Park Food Co-op founders' group, says about the wine tasting, "Join us to kick off the first in a series of fun community events to raise funds to launch our website and begin a membership campaign. Attending this event will help us meet our goal of conducting a market/feasibility study in fall 2014, which will determine the best location for the Rogers Park Food Co-op."

Tickets for the event on Thursday, May 29 at Taste Food & Wine are \$40 and may be purchased at <http://rpfc.brownpapertickets.com> or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one and \$20 for five. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the event. All wine tasting

tickets purchased in advance include one free raffle ticket. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/RogersParkFood> or by e-mailing RogersParkFood@gmail.com.

About the Rogers Park Food Co-op

Rogers Park Food Co-op is in its second year of organization. It will be a member-owned cooperative grocery store, offering access to trusted sources for healthy, locally grown, sustainable, and artisanal foods. It will also offer food education programs, serve as a gathering place for the community, and foster strong ties among the many diverse cultures of Rogers Park.

Because food co-ops are locally owned, they generally source as many of their products from local farmers and food purveyors as possible. Doing so keeps money spent on groceries in the local economy. Food co-ops also often hire more employees than corporate supermarkets, which is good for the local economy. By becoming a member or by shopping at the Rogers Park Food Co-op, residents can help strengthen the local economy and support a sustainable, healthy food system at the same time.

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