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Rogers Park Food Co-op Presents Special Screening of *Food Patriots*

Tuesday, April 21 at Bremner Lounge in Centennial Forum at Loyola University

ROGERS PARK, IL – The Rogers Park Food Co-op will present a special screening of the documentary *Food Patriots*, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Bremner Lounge in Centennial Forum, 1125 W. Loyola Ave., on the campus of Loyola University in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. Following the screening, the Co-op will present a panel discussion with Sam Spitz, an associate producer at Groundswell Educational Films who is featured prominently in the film, and other local food thought leaders.

Filmmakers Jeff and Jennifer Spitz were inspired to change the way their family ate after their oldest son, Sam, got sick from eating chicken contaminated with a superbug, and antibiotics failed. The film chronicles their efforts to eat more locally, and their encounters with numerous food patriots—from an urban agriculture pioneer in Madison, WI, to a victory garden revivalist in Chicago—whom they meet along the way. *Food Patriots* features people from all walks of life who are trying to change the way Americans eat and buy food and educate the next generation of consumers. For more info, visit <http://www.foodpatriots.com/>.

Tickets for the event on April 21 at Bremner Lounge are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for college students with ID and children 18 and under. Tickets may be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets at <http://rpfcofoodpatriots.brownpapertickets.com> or at the door.

More information is available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RogersParkFood/events> or by e-mailing RogersParkFood@gmail.com. **Event graphic available on request.**

About the Rogers Park Food Co-op

The Rogers Park Food Co-op is in its third year of organization and is currently campaigning to sign up its first 300 members. It will be a member-owned cooperative grocery store in Rogers Park, offering access to trusted sources of 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 many of their products from local farmers and food purveyors. Doing so keeps money spent on groceries in the local economy. Food co-ops often hire more employees than corporate supermarkets, which is good for the local economy, as well. 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.

The Rogers Park Food Co-op is a proud member of the Chicagoland Food Co-op Coalition.

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