



812 W. Madison
Oak Park, IL 60302

Owned by over 1300 families
in the Oak Park area.

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Snapshot for Fall 2015

- Opened July 31, 2015
- 1350 + owners
- 31 employees
- 300 + local farmers & producers

MISSION

Sugar Beet Food Co-op is a community-owned marketplace that exists to serve its owners and the surrounding community by providing access to local foods that are sustainably grown and ethically sourced.

The Co-op is an active community partner and since its kick-off in 2012, Sugar Beet Food Co-op has proudly supported and collaborated with a wide variety of local organizations and business.

Sugar Beet Food Co-op is not only a grocery store but a hub for skill sharing and learning and a beacon for the Good Food Movement in Oak Park.

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Board of Directors

Sugar Beet Food Co-op was developed and is overseen and guided by a Board of Directors that is elected by the Owners of The Co-op. The Board of Directors has nine members, currently (all but one lives in Oak Park.)

General Manager, Chris Roland

The General Manager of The Co-op reports to The Board of Directors. Chris and has been working in food Co-ops for 13 years.

Before moving to Forest Park, IL in Fall 2014 to work with Sugar Beet Food Co-op, Chris served as the GM at Sierra Vista Co-op in Arizona for three years where he took the co-op to financial success so quickly that their co-op Board of Directors is now working towards an expansion.



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WHY OAK PARK?

The people of Oak Park value local food, as is evidenced by a thriving farmers' market, and are supportive of local businesses that provide value to the community.

The Village of Oak Park is a leader in sustainability and Sugar Beet Food Co-op has become a center for learning about and fostering local, organic and sustainable farmers and producers.

The Co-op has provided the residents of Oak Park a hub for learning how to grow, cook and share healthy foods and Oak Park residents are active in social and environmental justice efforts as they relate to food access and sustainable growing practices.