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**MAYOR EMANUEL JOINS COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT NEW SAVE-A-LOT STORE IN CITY OF CHICAGO**

*Opens 6<sup>th</sup> store located in a food desert to increase neighborhood access to healthy, fresh foods*

Mayor Emanuel today joined officials and community members at the grand opening of the new Save-A-Lot grocery store located at 3939 W. Ogden Ave. The store will bring fresh produce, dairy and meats to an area designated as a food desert.

"It is unacceptable that a half-million Chicagoans do not have access to healthy, fresh foods for their family and I am committed to the elimination of these food deserts in our city," said Mayor Emanuel. "I would like to thank Save-A-Lot for ensuring that residents of West Lawndale have access to the foods they need to make healthy choices for themselves and their families."

In June, the City convened six grocery chain CEOs and challenged them to commit to building new stores in food deserts. All responded with plans in late October and today Save-a-Lot is cutting the ribbon on the first store since those commitments were announced. Save-a-Lot has been a leader in building new stores in neighborhoods with low food access across Chicago.

Today's ribbon-cutting is the second store Save-a-Lot is opening on the west side right in the middle of a food desert. The grand opening of this Save-A-Lot food store offers the community affordable, easy access to food and groceries, and will bring an additional 20-25 jobs to the area—with many store associates from the local neighborhood.

"I love it, I'm so glad the Save-A-lot opened here because it's convenient and close by in the neighborhood. I plan to take advantage of all it has to offer, especially the access to fresh fruits and vegetables," said Patricia Holston, a resident of North Lawndale.

"Save-A-Lot is committed to serving the Chicago community and providing access to fresh quality produce, meat and groceries at great prices," says Ron Munson, Regional Director Of Save-A-Lot's Chicago Operations. "We are proud to be a member of this community and look forward to continually providing budget-conscious, high-quality options to the value-seeking shoppers in Chicago."



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In addition to this newest store, Save-A-Lot operates 13 locations throughout the Greater Chicago area. The new Save-A-Lot location will be open for business seven days a week; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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