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EVANSTON FAST FOOD WORKERS JOIN THE FIGHT FOR \$15

*Fast Food Workers & Community Allies To Rally
for Suburban Change on International Workers' Day*

Evanston, IL, April 28, 2016 – Fast food workers in Evanston will rally on Sunday at Fountain Square to officially announce they are joining the Fight For 15 and to call for \$15/hour and union rights for Chicago's suburbs. Sunday's rally will also help celebrate the labor movement's holiday, International Workers' Day, known as May Day. Along with other Chicago suburban fast food workers and community allies, they will demand higher wages, respect in the workplace, and fair treatment from their employers.

Evanston, a Chicago suburb with a large concentration of revenue has had a stagnant minimum wage at \$8.25/hour. According to the [MIT living wage calculator](#), in order for an adult with one child *working full time* in Cook County and the Chicago metro area to have a living wage, they must earn \$23.53 an hour. Evanston workers, neighbors and clergy will demand dignity in the workplace and a living wage in order to support their families and strengthen their neighborhoods.

WHO: Evanston fast food workers & community allies
WHAT: Rally at Fountain Square to call for \$15/hour & union rights
WHEN: Sunday, May 1 at 12:15pm
WHERE: Fountain Square (intersection of Davis & Sherman) in Evanston, IL

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About Open Communities

Founded in 1972, Open Communities is a nonprofit whose mission is to educate, advocate and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago. The agency works with current and prospective residents and local groups to promote economically and culturally diverse communities. Its work includes the investigation of fair housing discrimination and landlord/tenant complaints, foreclosure and predatory lending counseling and prevention, Homesharing, immigrant leadership development, fair housing education and advocacy, and grassroots organizing. Its service area comprises the northern Cook and southern Lake County municipalities of Deerfield, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka.