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Gluten Free Vendor Fair Sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Celiac Network

(CLEVELAND, Ohio) – The Northeast Ohio Celiac Network is sponsoring a Gluten Free Vendor fair on Sunday April 19, 2015, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. The event will be held at Memorial Hall in the recreation complex of Rocky River, 21012 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116.

The event is free to the general public. This will be an all gluten free event with vendors giving samples and selling their products. Most of the vendors are local to the greater Cleveland area.

Those who register in advance and bring a printout of their ticket to the Vendor Fair will be entered in a gift card drawing. Additional information and registration can be found at <http://www.nehioceliac.com>

ABOUT CELIAC DISEASE AND THE GLUTEN FREE DIET

Celiac Disease (CD) is an inherited, autoimmune disorder in which proteins from the grains wheat, rye and barley (collectively called gluten) damage the small intestine. The only treatment for CD is a strict, lifelong gluten-free diet. With a prevalence rate of about one in 133 people worldwide, between three and four million North Americans have the disease, but it is estimated that only 5% to 10% are currently diagnosed.

In addition to those with CD, gluten-free products are purchased by those with a wide variety of other conditions, including non-celiac gluten sensitivity, wheat allergy, autism, ADHD, multiple sclerosis and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

The gluten free diet, once thought a fad, is now a trend with more than 15% of North American households using gluten free products.

For more information about the Gluten Free Vendor Fair, please contact Judy Mazur at 440-892-0270 or jjmazur@roadrunner.com

ABOUT THE NORTHEAST OHIO CELIAC NETWORK

The Northeast Ohio Celiac Network is dedicated to people with celiac disease, gluten sensitivity, their families, and the gluten free diet.

This greater Cleveland group has been active for over 20 years, formerly a chapter of the Celiac Disease Foundation and previously known as Northeast Ohio Celiac Support Group. As the group grew, the meetings moved from members' homes to library meeting rooms.

Past events have included presentations, GF restaurant meals, sporting events and a vendor fair.

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