WHAT'S UP AT EPIC

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WHAT'S UP AT EP!C MAY / JUNE 2017

ep!c HARVEST

The EP!C Harvest program provides opportunities for more than 80 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be involved in EP!C's greenhouse, garden, and market stands. Individuals who work with EP!C Harvest learn about plant care, soil preparation, planting, garden upkeep and maintenance, harvesting, and preparing for winter. It empowers EP!C individuals with vocational, life, and social skills and enhances their self-sufficiency and independence.

Our greenhouse is used for flowers, vegetables, and planters. The EP!C Garden grows fresh vegetables for Alwan & Sons and Naturally Yours Grocery, and chefs at local businesses such as Table 19, One World, Mt. Hawley Country Club, and Lutheran Hillside Village. In addition to our fresh, homegrown vegetables, we also have seasonal floral offerings, such as hanging baskets in the spring, mums in the fall, and poinsettias around the holidays.

We proudly grow all of our produce at our location at 1913 W. Townline Road, and participate in seasonal markets

You will find the Harvest team at:

- One World (Tuesdays 4:30-7pm)
- EP!C (Fridays 9am-3pm)
- Peoria Riverfront Market (Saturdays & am-noon).

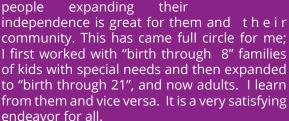
We'd love for you to see how EP!C Harvest is helping our individuals cultivate a sense of pride and accomplishment in providing fresh, local produce and flowers to their community. Come visit us at one of our seasonal markets, or enjoy our produce and flowers at one of our great local partners!



employee **SPOTLIGHT**

SANDY VALENTINE

I work at EP!C because I believe learning is a lifelong process, and EP!C provides that opportunity to young adults with autism. Any time we can work with people expanding the



The Puzzle Place at EP!C offers a calm, safe place to work, socialize and enjoy some activities not always available in the regular classes. I believe we have reduced the behavior challenges that some adults with Autism experience. It has been a win-win situation for everyone.

ep!c **HOST FAMILY**

Enjoy the opportunity to share your family's skills and strengths as a support system for a person with disabilities while receiving excellent support, training and resources!

EP!C's Host Family Program is looking for people with a strong work ethic and the desire to be trained in assisting people with disabilities.

Go to **EPICci.org** for more information or contact Mike Cheesman, Vice President of Community Options, at **mcheesman@epicpeoria.org** or **(309) 689-3663**.



PICASSO ART SALE

DECORATE WITH FLOWERS! ANGING

BASKET SALE

One World Cafe

1245 W. Main Street . Peoria TUESDAYS, 4:30pm - 7pm

EP!C

1913 W. Townline Rd . Peoria FRIDAYS, 9am - 3pm

Peoria Riverfront Market

200 Block of Water Street . Peoria SATURDAYS, 8am - Noon





Harvest season a successful one!







OST FAMILY BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

PICASSO ART SALE

00pm - 6:00pm

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family **MEETINGS**

Grand Prairie Hy-Vee, 7610 N Orange Prairie Rd Peoria, IL 61615

PIC WINEDOWN GUST 4TH

nosting 6 town hall meetings for family members, guardians and advocates the last two weeks of June. **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST** 2:00pm funding and staffing challenges



FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD 8:00am



For more information contact Kim Cornwell

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH Noon

We look forward to connecting with you in June!

for more info visit EPICci.org.