

WHAT'S UP AT EP!C

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! ep!c HARVEST

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



Our greenhouse is used for flowers, vegetables, and planters. The EPIC 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)
- EPIC (Fridays 9am-3pm)
- Peoria Riverfront Market (Saturdays 8am-11am).



We'd love for you to see how EPIC 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!

! ep!c EPICASSO

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ART CLASSES

Discover your inner artist with
Ceramic Art Classes from Epicasso!

June 13th, 20th and 27th from 4-5pm

For more information go to EPICci.org.
Hurry, registration ends June 6th.

! employee SPOTLIGHT

SANDY VALENTINE

I work at EPIC because I believe learning is a lifelong process, and EPIC provides that opportunity to young adults with autism. Any time we can work with people expanding their independence is great for them and their community. This has come full circle for me; I first worked with "birth through 8" families of kids with special needs and then expanded to "birth through 21", and now adults. I learn from them and vice versa. It is a very satisfying endeavor for all.



The Puzzle Place at EPIC 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!

EPIC'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.



DECORATE WITH FLOWERS! HANGING 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



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Thank you!



Thank you to our friends at Ameren and Caterpillar for all their hard work helping to make our 2017 Harvest season a successful one!



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! upcoming EVENTS

JUNE 21ST
EP!CASSO ART SALE
2:00pm - 6:00pm
1913 W. Townline Road, Peoria, IL 61615

JUNE 22ND
HOST FAMILY BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE
4:00pm - 7:00pm
1913 W. Townline Road, Peoria, IL 61615

JULY 19TH
EP!CASSO ART SALE
2:00pm - 6:00pm
1913 W. Townline Road, Peoria, IL 61615

AUGUST 4TH
EP!C WINEDOWN
5:00pm - 9:00pm
Grand Prairie Hy-Vee, 7610 N Orange Prairie Rd
Peoria, IL 61615

! family MEETINGS

EP!C Board Members and the Executive staff are hosting 6 town hall meetings for family members, guardians and advocates the last two weeks of June. We will review EP!C's Strategic Initiatives along with funding and staffing challenges.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST 2:00pm
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST 5:30pm
FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD 8:00am
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH 8:00am
MONDAY, JUNE 26TH Noon
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH 5:30pm

For more information contact Kim Cornwell at kcornwell@epicpeoria.org or 309-689-3624.

We look forward to connecting with you in June!

for more info visit EPICci.org.