

EP!C'S 2017 FALL FLOWER SALE

Pick up will be available at EP!C starting Tuesday, September 5th.



10" Mum Basket 1/\$15.00 2/\$30.00

14" Mum Basket 1/\$25.00 2/\$40.00

Blue or Purple Aster 1/\$10.00 2/\$15.00

Rudbeckia \$10.00

For more ordering information, please contact Lauren Coyle at 309-691-3800 or lcoyle@epicpeoria.org.

a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EPIC CEO



Take time to show your appreciation for the talented and dedicated people that work at EPIC in the position of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). We will celebrate Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week Sept. 10-15. EPIC's DSP staff, along with other dedicated

DSPs across the country, are some of the most valuable people in the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

DSPs help the people EPIC supports achieve productive and fulfilling lives. We will be celebrating our DSPs with several surprises throughout the week- tune into our Facebook page to see the surprises unfold!

Please take time to thank the DSPs in your life with a kind word, card or hug for the caring and compassionate work our Direct Support Professionals provide.



ep!c **CHIEFS NIGHT**

An **EP!C** *night*
at the Ballpark!

On August 11th, over 180 people came out to support "EP!C Night" at Dozer Park in downtown Peoria. Our very own James Zogg participated in the first pitch of the game complete with an autographed baseball from Austin Warner.

See inside for more EP!C night at the Ballpark photos.

EP!C MISSION AND VISION

At EP!C we enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We envision a world where people with disabilities are respected, engaged in community life, and have every opportunity to achieve their personal best.



! upcoming **EVENTS**



SEPT. 20TH

EP!CASSO ART SALE

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

! ep!c **FUN**

CHIEFS NIGHT PHOTOS CONTINUED



! ep!c **ACHIEVEMENT**

AUGUST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MOLLY KUSTER

Respectful, dedicated, trustworthy, thorough, flexible, loyal, and kind are just some of the words that best describe Molly according to her supervisor. Continually going above and beyond of whatever she is asked to do, Molly is always willing to lend a helping hand and leave a positive impact.

EP!C's employee of the month for August is Molly Kuster. Congratulations!!!



! featured **PROGRAMS**

HOST FAMILY

On a sunny August weekend, 10 escorts and 42 individuals all went on the annual Host Family Lake Williamson vacation. From Friday to Sunday, fun and adventures were had without skipping a beat. Just as most vacations go, there was swimming, ping pong, fishing, basketball, glow in the dark dodgeball, air hockey, and much more! Everyone enjoyed being chauffeured in golf carts to get some fresh air and of course the FOOD! The buffet style meal times were met with an enthusiastic thumbs up. By the end of vacation, a hay rack ride was the perfect way to wind things down and everyone enjoyed the relaxing cruise around the lake!

For more information about our programs visit us online at epicpeoria.org/programs or contact Jen at 309-689-3771.



OCT. 6TH

EPIC WINEDOWN
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

SAVE THE DATE

BON APPÉTIT 2018
March 22, 2018
Peoria Pere Marquette
501 Main Street
Peoria, IL 61602

THE GIVING TREE 2017

Help make the holidays brighter for our individuals at EPIC.

The Giving Tree provides an opportunity for both EPIC staff and community members to purchase gifts for program participants who would not normally receive a gift during the holidays.

For more info contact Cherie Murphy at 309-689-3614 or cmurphy@epicpeoria.org.



ep:c WINEDOWN

Join us for EPIC's Winedown on October 6, 2017. We will be hosting the event here at our EPIC facility at 1913 W. Townline Rd. Peoria, IL. Tours of the facility will be hosted from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and our EPICasso gallery will be open for people to view and purchase art pieces. To add to the fun there will be a raffle that evening for pieces from our EPICasso studio.

To purchase your tickets visit our website at www.epicci.org under the events tab or contact Carmen McCarthy at 689-3606 or cmccarthy@epicpeoria.org. Tickets are \$45.00 and will be sold up until the morning of the event.



individual SPOTLIGHT

JAMES MORRIS

Who hasn't seen James cruising up and down the hallways of EPIC? Always greeting everyone by their name and with a smile, he is the type of person who has never met a stranger.



James is known as the "music man" and has collected over 200 CD's ranging from Country to Jazz plus many more. In his downtime you will see him finding refuge in his music, weaving in between the notes and becoming enveloped by its poetry. If James could have the opportunity, he has said he would want to be a Music DJ, sharing with others how music speaks to him.

James uses his skills to work in EPIC's technology lab, entering data and creating EPIC's business cards. It can be challenging at times but he continues to create with great enthusiasm!

Best piece of advice he has ever gotten: "Be kind to others and they will be kind to you."

get INVOLVED

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is one of the simplest ways to give back to your community at no additional cost to you! Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select EPIC as your non-profit of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of your checkout total on every item you buy!



MORE WAYS TO GIVE

Annual Giving | Recurring Gifts | Planned Giving Tribute and Memorial Gifts | In-Kind Gifts | Special Event Support | Amazon Smile.

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ep:c THANK YOU

Last month, Illinois Mutual came out to play BINGO!

We want to extend a very special thank you to all of the groups and individuals who have donated their time to EPIC. Our programs wouldn't be nearly as successful without you!

If you are interested in volunteering this fall or winter please reach out to Carmen McCarthy at cmccarthy@epicpeoria.org.

