

! ep!c **HARVEST CSA**

EP!C Harvest is now offering a CSA program for individuals in the community to share EP!C's harvest. From mid-July through October, individuals will be able to purchase a share of produce from the EP!C Harvest garden.

Either weekly or bi-monthly, you will receive 6-12 freshly harvested, in-season veggies. Some of the produce EP!C Harvest will be offering include: Heirloom Tomatoes, New Potatoes, Peppers, Carrots, Squash, Zucchini, Cucumbers, Sweet Corn, Onions, Hot Peppers, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Beets, Kohlrabi, Melons, Various Fruits, Microgreens and Herbs.



What is a CSA?

"CSA" stands for Community Supported Agriculture. A CSA allows individuals to have direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown by our EP!C Harvest participants.

Delivery Dates

Weekly or Bi-Monthly,
Mid-July through October (16 Weeks)

Pricing

Weekly - \$500 Each week, you will receive a box containing 6-12 freshly harvested, in-season veggies.	Bi-Monthly - \$300 Every other week, you will receive a box containing 6-12 freshly harvested, in-season veggies.
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Ready to join?

Contact Lauren Coyle at 309-689-3607 to get answers to your questions and to request sign-up materials.

! a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EP!C CEO



Spring has sprung which brings about rejuvenation and new opportunities, specifically for our individuals, our staff, our programs and EP!C as a whole.

Our new Certificate Program provides 12 weeks of focused education and experience in the career fields of Technology, Culinary Arts, Horticulture and Employment Skills for Individuals with Autism. During the first session we had 25 participants, and in the current session we have 41 participants. With more individuals getting certified in their desired career field, we are working to get more individuals placed in job opportunities throughout our region.

Over 80 individuals work hard to plan, plant, cultivate and harvest fresh local produce in our EP!C Harvest greenhouse and garden. Look for us at the farmers markets, sign up for a CSA pick up, or stop by our Townline facility for the best produce in town.

Our Bon Appetit fundraiser was once again a huge success! This year's theme was a Fiesta and we hosted MasterChef Season 6 Winner, MasterChef Latino Judge, Restaurateur, Author and Celebrity Chef Claudia Sandoval. With the ever generous support of our sponsors, donors and event attendees we were able to increase support for EP!C by 26% over last year's event.

As we look to what the rest of our fiscal year holds, we are excited for all of the EP!C growth that is ahead of us.

! certificate **CLASSES**

EP!C is now offering certificate training in a career of your choice.

TECHNOLOGY | HORTICULTURE | CULINARY ARTS

Registration Deadline: **MAY 29th** | Classes Start: **JUNE 4th**

Registration forms for each class can be picked up at our Townline location or found at EPICci.org/programs

For more information contact Savannah Landis, Curriculum Coordinator slandis@epicpeoria.org, 309-689-3672

EPIC MISSION AND VISION

At EPIC 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.



Chef Claudia Sandoval gives a live demonstration with Emcee Greg Batton at Bon Appétit.

! upcoming EVENTS

EPIC'S SPRING CLEANING

MAY 3RD | MAY 5TH
5PM - 7PM | 9AM - NOON
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

OLIVER'S NORTH DINE AND DONATE

MAY 22ND
3:30PM - 10:00PM
3300 W. Willow Knolls Drive
Peoria, IL 61614

HOST HOMES 14TH ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

MAY 24TH
4PM - 7PM
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

HOST HOMES 14TH ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

MAY 25TH
9AM - NOON
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

FAMILY GATHERING

JUNE 21ST
5PM - 6PM
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

! volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Our EPIC Volunteer of the Month for March 2018 was Eurest Dining! They are a great advocate for EPIC, always willing to jump in and help out when needed. From deep cleaning our commercial kitchen to providing frosting during our EPIC holiday party, we are thankful for their generosity and hard work. Thank you for all you do for our individuals.

For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Carmen McCarthy at 309-689-3606 or cmccarthy@epicpeoria.org.



! ep:c HARVEST PLANT SALES



MAY 5th
Metro Centre Annual Plant Sale
Metro Centre / 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
4700 N. University Street, Peoria, IL 61614

MAY 13th
EPIC's Mother's Day Plant Sale
EPIC / 9:00 am - Noon
1913 W. Townline Road, Peoria, IL 61615

May 6th
GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETY MAIFEST
The Lindenhof / 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, IL 61615

May 19th
Peoria's Riverfront Market Opening Day
Peoria Riverfront / 8:00 am - Noon
200 Block of Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602

! new WEBSITE ADDRESS



As EPIC's responsibility and services continue to expand we need to reflect that in our website. While we use EPICPeoria.org and EPICci.org interchangeably and they both take you to our current website, going forward we will be using www.EPICci.org. The change will be made to the staff emails in the coming weeks.

! peoria WINGFEST



Advanced Media Partners and The Peoria Park District present the third annual

PEORIA WINGFEST

MAY 6TH

Enjoy a day of celebrating chicken wings while raising money for EPIC.

PEORIAWINGFEST.COM

! ep:c BON APPÉTIT

Thank you

With the generous support of our sponsors and guests, it was truly an EPIC evening to remember!



! ep:c ACHIEVEMENT

KRIS FAGER & GUY ESKEW

Kris Fager was named our Employee of the Month for March 2018.

Her nominator said, "Kris takes time and has so much patience with individuals and she volunteers for activities. She offers help and always goes above to the next level."

Guy Eskew is our Employee of the Month for April 2018.

Guy is one of our Direct Service Professionals at our Rue Vue De Lac facility. One nominator said, "Not only does he care for the individuals as his job requires, but he is their friend also. They look to him for guidance in their everyday life and know that he is there for them."

