

! a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EPIC CEO



As we approach the season of autumn, we are conscious of summer coming to an end and winter not far away and I can't help but to think of how this is similar to the cycles of a family.

We experience changes throughout our life along with supporting other family members through the seasons of their life. People with disabilities look for the support of their families throughout their lives as do all of us. Family is not only defined as having the same parentage or bloodline, it is also based on factors such as loyalty, respect and love.

Throughout the seasons this next year, look at spending time with a person at EPIC. Share with someone what you enjoy doing, or help a person experience an opportunity to learn or grow. Please go to www.epicci.org to visit our website with opportunities to volunteer or to donate towards items on our wish list. You can also contact a professional at EPIC to find out how YOU can become part of the EPIC family.

! ep!c **FLOWERS**

EP!C'S 2018
FALL FLOWER SALE

Pick up will be available at EPIC starting Friday, September 7th.

9" MUMS
1/\$10 or 3/\$25



Availability is limited. First come first serve.
For more ordering information, please contact
Katie Murphy at 309-689-3724 or kmurphy@epicci.org.

A FULL RANGE OF COLORS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

! ep!c **FAMILY PORTAL**

Are you a guardian or family member of an individual at EPIC?

Register for an account for our NEW Family/Advocacy portal. This protected part of our website allows you to have 24/7 access to information about EPIC such as our site locations, policies, and more.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR LOGIN TODAY!
EPICci.org/login



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.



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! upcoming EVENTS

PEORIA'S RIVERFRONT MARKET

SATURDAYS IN SEPT
8AM - NOON
200 Block of Water Street
Peoria, IL 61602

EPIC MUSIC CONCERT

OCT 18TH
6PM
Pour Bros. Craft Taproom
4450 North Prospect Road
Peoria Heights, IL 61605

EPIC'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SEPT 20TH
4PM - 7PM
1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

EPIC AT SPOOK HOLLOW

OCT 12TH - 28TH
WEEKENDS
613 Lasalle Blvd
Marquette Heights, IL 61554

DIOCESE OF PEORIA SPEC FALL FESTIVAL DANCE

OCT 18TH
6PM - 8PM
1913 W. Townline Road

! ep:c WELCOME

We are excited to welcome Chad Cunningham, as our new Director of Donor Engagement and Major Gifts. He comes to us with over ten years of experience in the non-profit sector. This includes time with Easter Seals in Chicago and Peoria.



Chad lives in East Peoria with his wife Kindra and 3 children Lydia, Marion and Daniel. He's looking forward to sharing EPIC's story and giving tours of our facility. Chad can be reached at 309-689-3771 or ccunningham@epicci.org.

! employee of the YEAR

Orlando Edwards was named our Employee of the Year for 2018! Back in May, he was named Employee of the Month and was among a fantastic group of deserving candidates. Orlando has created a real bond with the individuals here at EPIC. He puts their needs and wants before anything. EPIC's Employee of the Year is voted on by their peers. The winner of Employee of the Year is finalized by the Executive Leadership team.



! ep:c ACHIEVEMENTS - CAREER

Shortly after being employed at EPIC, Sharon decided to make a career out of helping people. "Just knowing I am making a difference in someone's life, regardless of how small, is the reason I come to work each day." - Sharon Boyd

EPIC is an equal opportunity employer where we work to enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by empowering people to achieve their full potential.

EPIC is an employer that develops and rewards its employees. We are looking for dedicated and qualified employees who want to take their career to the next level. EPIC can offer competitive pay and an excellent benefits package that can be valued at an average of \$45,000. With opportunities to make your own schedule, lead or join a committee, and serve our incredible individuals, you will be a great asset to our team. Qualified applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution, pass a reading comprehension test, a drug screening, and criminal background checks.

A career of changing people's lives will change your life. **BE AN EPIC EMPLOYEE.**



"I love working for the individuals at EPIC. It's like I've become a part of their family."
- Sharon Boyd

EMPOWERING INSPIRING EMPLOYING

! ep:c EMPLOYEES

Our Employee of the Month for July was Kayshaun Springer. Her nominator said, "Kay is a great role model for the people we serve and the people she works with. She is someone you would want to see out in the community with the individuals we serve because you know she will be exhibiting a positive reflection of EPIC."



*August Employee of the Month was unable to be recognized in time for this newsletter edition.

! ep:c NEWS

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! ep:c THANKS

We can't thank Kaylie of Harvest Joy Photography enough for volunteering her time and donating her services to capture the happy faces of EPIC.

We are excited to use these new images in our marketing campaigns, social media and website. If you are ever in need of professional photography she comes highly recommended!

You can see more of Kaylie's photographs at Kbreux713.wixsite.com/HarvestJoyPhotos



! ep:c VOLUNTEERS

May's EPIC Volunteer of the Month is Ameren Illinois! Twice a year, they send a group of volunteers to EPIC to help with major projects in our Harvest Garden - often bringing their own tractor and tiller!

June's Volunteer of the Month is Craig Mitchkes! Craig volunteers in our Harvest Garden program. His background, working for the state of Illinois with local agriculture, has been a great help to our program.

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

