

! a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EPIC CEO

Our EP!C family is growing!

EP!C is excited to welcome the People served, Host Home Providers and Staff from Illinois MENTOR Community Services to the EP!C family. Last month, EP!C closed on an Acquisition Purchase Agreement with Illinois MENTOR Community Services and assumed responsibility for providing services for Host Home and Supported Living programs in Peoria, Springfield and Swansea, IL. EP!C will continue to be headquartered out of Peoria, but will also be operating out of a second office in Swansea, IL.



We are proud of the comprehensive programs we currently provide for communities in a 9 county area of Central Illinois and are excited about expanding our services to the Springfield and Swansea areas. Both EP!C and Illinois MENTOR Community Services worked together for a smooth transition to ensure that the individuals didn't experience a lapse in services.

Illinois MENTOR Community Services will continue to provide services in the Chicagoland area. This acquisition makes EP!C one of the largest provider of services for adults with disabilities in downstate Illinois.

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Please join us in supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

MARCH 21st

BON APPÉTIT 2019

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featuring **CHEF SHAUN O'NEALE**
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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.



EPIC Bulldogs - Like us on Facebook to see more images!

! upcoming EVENTS

BON APPÉTIT MARCH 21ST SAVE - THE - DATE

Peoria Pere Marquette
501 Main Street
Peoria, IL 61602

EPIC JOB FAIR FEBRUARY 6TH 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

1913 W. Townline Road. Peoria, IL 61615

\$12/HR.
All Shifts Available

SOUTH-WEST KIWANIS CLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE

FEB. 22ND
5:30 pm

1913 W. Townline Road
Peoria, IL 61615

QUARTERLY ADVOCATE FAMILY GATHERING

MARCH 21ST
5:00 pm

Bon Appétit
Peoria Pere Marquette



! giving TREE

THANK YOU!

EPIC thanks to everyone who participated in Giving Tree this year! We had a combination of repeat donors and brand-new donors who all helped to make the holidays a little bit brighter for the individuals we serve in our Community Living Services program.

Thank you also to our volunteer "elves" who helped wrap gifts and sort them for delivery! Once again Giving Tree was hugely successful - THANK YOU to everyone who participated!



ep!c HARVEST CSA



Mid-July through October (About 16 weeks)

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 EPIC Harvest participants.



FULL SHARE - \$500

Each week, you will receive a box containing 6-12 freshly harvested, in-season veggies.

HALF SHARE - \$350

Every other week, you will receive a box containing 6-12 freshly harvested, in-season veggies.

Receive a \$30 voucher to the greenhouse for spring flowers if paid in full by January 31st.
Refer a friend and receive a discount off your CSA when they sign up!

Sample of Seasonal Produce Offered

Heirloom Tomatoes	Cauliflower	Sweet Corn
New Potatoes	Onions	Green/Wax Beans
Carrots	Winter Squash	Cabbage
Summer Squash	Sweet Potatoes	Broccoli
Zucchini	Kohlrabi	Beets
Cucumbers	Melons	Fresh Herbs
Hot Peppers	Cherry Tomatoes	Various Fruits - from local partners
Sweet Peppers	Eggplant	



Ready to join?

Contact Katie Murphy at 309-689-3607 or kmurphy@epicci.org to get answers to your questions and to request sign-up materials.

Limited to first 50 subscriptions!

! quarterly FAMILY GATHERINGS

EPIC was started by families of people with disabilities almost 70 years ago. It's imperative that families of the individuals we serve stay involved and engaged with our organization. Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Family Gatherings.

March 21

Join us for Bon Appétit.

June 20

Join us for an amazing evening.

September 19

Join us for another Family Fun Night.

December 8

Join us for a Sunday of Holiday Decorating.



! ep!c BULLDOGS



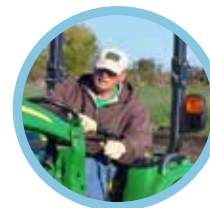
We are proud to help adults with disabilities participate in everything life has to offer. This includes coaching and managing a team in the Special Olympics Illinois Basketball league. The EPIC Bulldogs are excited for another season and hope to bring home another championship title.

For more information or to purchase some fan gear go to EPICCI.org/get-involved/epc-bulldogs.



! volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Our October Volunteer of the Month was Dan Klaus. Dan has been volunteering at EPIC for a few years and is a huge help in our garden program. Not only has he set up a recurring volunteer opportunity with Ameren to have their employees come out in the spring and fall to help prep our garden for the season, he personally volunteered his time and rented/operated a tractor to help our Master Gardener Marc winterize the Harvest Garden.



His son Mitch receives services from EPIC, which makes it even more special. Thank you Dan for being an EPIC volunteer.

November's Volunteer of the Month was Morton Jr. High School! Each year the students raise a certain amount of money in order to be able to participate in a field trip in late October. During their annual Help-A-Thon Students can choose their top two or three nonprofit locations to serve, and EPIC is one of the beneficiaries! These students come and learn about EPIC and our programs, and volunteer their time and talents to a project. It's an amazing way to instill the importance of giving back early on.

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers for everything you do for EPIC!

For more details on these volunteers, check out the Facebook posts on our page @epiccentralillinois!

Contact Carmen McCarthy, Development Coordinator, at cmccarthy@epicci.org or call 309-689-3606 for information on how to be an EPIC volunteer!



! ep!c EMPLOYEES

November's Employee of the Month was **Linda Thompson**. "She performed her own job duties as well as Accounts Payable duties until we could hire a new staff member and once hired, trained them on the position. Thank you Linda for going above and beyond to ensure staff and vendors were paid on time, at the same time as managing your own responsibilities."

Dalaisha Williams was announced as our Employee of the Month for December. "She adapts well to each role she has at EPIC giving our individuals value and purpose. Even family members have commented on her work ethic during meetings."

