

## ! a message from **OUR CEO**

**KIM CORNWELL**  
EPIC CEO



September is National DSP Week, where across the country companies are celebrating their Direct Support Professionals.

We spend an entire week showering our DSP's with little treats and goodies to help promote, empower, encourage and thank them for their efforts in working towards our mission. DSP's are the lifeline of our organization, making up about 60% of our workforce.

Illinois ranks almost at the bottom (47th) among states for spending commitment for people with disabilities and it's estimated there are 27,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in our state that rely on services. Without DSP's, our services would look very different. DSP's are job coaches, teachers, financial managers, caregivers, therapists, personal care consultants, behavioral interventionists, volunteers, friends, advocates, the list goes on and on. Whatever someone needs, a DSP will be there. At EPIC we are a family and we are so thankful for our staff who work around the clock day in and day out to make a difference. Our community is stronger because EPIC empowers people with disabilities to work, volunteer, and get involved.

*Thank you for being an EPIC supporter.*

## ! EPIC **FALL FLOWERS**

# EPIC'S 2019 FALL FLOWER SALE

**12" MUMS.....\$14**

**SUCCULENTS.....\$8**

**HALF OFF Spring Flowers**

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

**A FULL RANGE OF COLORS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**



## ! now **HIRING**

I support his independence.  
**I AM EP!C.**



You can create moments that matter. You can add value in ways you never thought you could. Join EPIC's team of passionate, caring employees who make a difference. Right now, EPIC offers up to \$12 per hour, amazing benefits, full and part-time, and salaried positions and the opportunity to fulfill someone's dreams, as well as your own. **Join our team and become EPIC.**

**EPICci.org/careers**



# EPIC MISSION AND VISION

At EPIC we enrich the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We envision a world where people with disabilities are respected, engaged in their communities, and have every opportunity to achieve their personal best.



## ! upcoming EVENTS

### 2ND ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SEPT 19TH  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

1913 W. Townline Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

### EPIC GOLF OUTING

SEPT 30TH  
11:30 am

Mt. Hawley  
Country Club

### COLOR ME EPIC

OCT 10TH  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1913 W. Townline Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

### EPIC AT SPOOK HOLLOW

OCT 11-26TH  
Weekends

613 LaSalle Blvd.  
Marquette Heights, IL

### DIOCESE OF PEORIA SEPC FALL FESTIVAL DANCE

OCT 24TH  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1913 W. Townline Road  
Peoria, IL 61615

## ! EPIC THREADS

From t-shirts and sunglasses to car magnets and hats, we have EPIC Gear for EPIC People.

Believe it or not, the holidays are right around the corner. Now is the time to think about giving an EPIC gift. Visit one of our upcoming Pop-up Shops or contact Ashley Schreck at [aschreck@epicci.org](mailto:aschreck@epicci.org).

11:00-12:30 in the EPIC Townline Cafeteria

Cash, Credit and Check accepted

September 20th & December 6th

\*Also open during the Family Fun Night on Sept. 19th



## ! LEAVING A LEGACY



A Charitable IRA Rollover or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) makes it easier to use IRA assets, during lifetime, to make charitable gifts. If you have not

**Did you know** taxpayers age 70 ½ or older can transfer up to \$100,000 annually (and up to \$200,000 per year for married couples) from their IRA accounts directly to charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income?

already taken your required minimum distribution in a given year, a qualifying rollover gift can count toward satisfying this requirement. Another way to donate IRA assets to charity is through your estate after you pass away by naming the charity as the designated beneficiary of your IRA. The charity will receive whatever

percentage of your IRA assets you provide for on the beneficiary form.

As with any gift planning question, donors should consult their tax professionals for specific advice. More questions: Contact Chad Cunningham at [ccunningham@epicci.org](mailto:ccunningham@epicci.org) or 309.689.3771.

## ! EPIC EMPLOYEES

Our Employee of the month for July was **Stephanie Farmer**. Her nominator said "Stephanie went above and beyond the day-to-day requirements of a DSP. When a toilet broke in one of the houses she took initiative and used her MacGyver-like skills to keep it in working order until maintenance could order a part and get it fixed."

**Nancy Vorrath** was named our August 2019 Employee of the Month. "Nancy is always smiling and is a positive influence on staff and individuals around her. She purchases items for the class room out of her own pocket and creates holiday displays to bring vibrancy and excitement to her area."



## ! AN EPIC PARTNERSHIP

EPIC is proud to announce we have established a partnership with the Ronald McDonald House of Central Illinois.



We have been commissioned to create one-of-a-kind artwork to bring color and joy to their walls and create their dinnerware sets so their guests feel like they are eating at home for one wing of their new Peoria facility. The staff at Ronald McDonald House saw the value and uniqueness our EPICasso program offers.

Individuals participating in our EPICasso program have been hard at work for the past several months creating beautiful pieces. Our artists know they will be making a difference by contributing to the comfort and positive experiences of people going through a difficult time. The connection for our two organizations is much more than

just the love of art. Many of the individuals coming through their doors may one day need the services EPIC provides. It helps to let families know organizations like ours are there for them.

This project wouldn't be possible without a grant provided by the members of Grace and Peace Lutheran Church.

