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! a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EP!C CEO



We can't believe it's already been a year since we announced our acquisition of services in Southern Illinois. Since then, EP!C has continued to grow and expand to provide supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Speaking of expanding, with 2020 officially here, EP!C will spend the next year celebrating our 70th Anniversary! What started as services for 10 children has grown to serve over 12 counties in the state of Illinois. Over this next year we will tell EP!C stories of our past, present and future.

Whether making a special anniversary donation, or attending our Birthday Bash in September, we hope you will join us and be engaged in this very special year.

What's your EP!C story?

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As we celebrate our 70th Anniversary, we are looking for photos, stories, testimonials (interviews), volunteers to identify images, etc. to help tell the EP!C Story.

Contact **Ashley Schreck**, Director of Marketing, at aschreck@epicci.org, or call 309 689-3605.

! Bon **APPETIT 2020**

Save the date

JOIN US FOR AN **EP!C** EVENING

BON APPÉTIT 2020

with Chef Julie Taboulie

March 26, 2020
Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette
EPICci.org/bon-appetit/



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.



The Bulldogs Basketball team had another great season.

! upcoming EVENTS

SOUTH-WEST KIWANIS CLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE

FEB 28TH
5:30 pm

1913 W. Townline Road.
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EPIC JOB FAIR FEBRUARY 19TH

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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\$12/HR.
All Shifts Available



SAVE THE DATE BON APPÉTIT MAR 26TH

Peoria Marriott
Pere Marquette

SAVE THE DATE EPIC 70TH BIRTHDAY BASH SEPT 10TH

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! EPIC GIVING TREE

An EPIC Thank You to our holiday elves who participated in Giving Tree this past holiday season!

These merry-makers bought gifts for our folks in the group homes and our programs, helped wrap, and sort them for delivery by our maintenance staff. Each year we are thankful for the giving spirit everyone contributes to this program to ensure that our folks have the merriest holiday season possible!



THANK YOU!

! EPIC 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
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	Collard Greens
Sweet Peppers	Eggplant	Various Fruits
		<small>from local partners</small>



Ready to join?

Contact Trent Hostettler at 309-264-3319 or thostettler@epicci.org to get answers to your questions and to request sign-up materials

Limited to first 50 subscriptions!

! SENSORY ROOM

Thanks to grants from the Morton Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Peoria EPIC now has a sensory room at our Townline facility.

This room utilizes sensory therapy and includes elements like a crash pad, weighted blankets, lava lamp, white noise machine, wall projector, bubble tube, sensory box, liquid tiles and more. Everything in the space was carefully chosen and placed so that individuals can relax and engage in calming techniques allowing them to better enjoy their environment.



! EPIC EMPLOYEES

Sheryl Martin was named our Employee of the Month for November. Sheryl often wears many hats including running our print shop and mailing services where we work on jobs for many local customers. Her nominator said, "Sheryl remained positive with the challenges of learning a new printing system and machine".



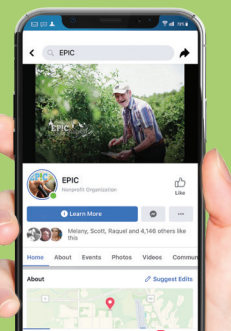
December's Employee of the Month was **Pat Thomas**. Her team nominated her because "she always goes the extra mile to make sure our people supported are going well in their jobs. She empowers each individual to be their best self while treating them with the respect they deserve".



! LET'S GET SOCIAL

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! QUARTERLY FAMILY GATHERINGS

EPIC was started by families and it's imperative that families stay involved and engaged with the work we do. Please mark your calendars for the 2020 Family Gatherings.

March 26 - Bon Appétit

June 18 - Tell your EPIC Story - Townline

September 10 - Family Fun Night / 70th Birthday Bash - Townline

December 5 - CLS Holiday Open House & Decorating

