

! a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL
EPIC CEO



Last month I had the pleasure of attending a legislative session in Springfield through our involvement with Illinois Partners, a network comprised of over 800 Human Service organizations across the state.

We met with key decision-makers who sit on the Human Services Appropriations Committee to advocate the importance of the work we do and how imperative it is to get the support we need.

During the Governor's budget address, J. B. Pritzker shared his optimism for Illinois' future. The areas of specific interest to EP!C, the people we serve, families, and staff, include an investment in improving wages for front line staff and reducing the waiting list of people needing funding for support and services. This year's proposed budget of \$7.4 billion for the Illinois Department of Human Services is 7.3% higher than last year. We appreciate the Governor, including services for people with disabilities in the proposed budget, and we will continue to advocate for funding to stay ahead of the minimum wage increases into 2025.

Bon **APPETIT 2020**

EVENT POSTPONED

9TH ANNUAL
BON APPÉTIT
2020

New date:



June 11TH 2020
Peoria Marriott
Pere Marquette

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! SHARE 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.

EP!C 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.



Dance Class

! upcoming EVENTS

DIOCESE OF PEORIA SPEC SPRING FLING DANCE

MAY 14TH
6:00 - 8:00 pm

1913 W. Townline Road.
Peoria, IL 61615

BON APPÉTIT

JUNE 11TH

Peoria Marriott
Pere Marquette

EP!C ART & GARDEN PARTY

APR 25TH
9:00 AM - NOON

1913 W. Townline Road.
Peoria, IL 61615

EP!C GOLF OUTING

MAY 4TH
9:30 AM

Mt. Hawley Country Club

SAVE THE DATE EP!C 70TH BIRTHDAY BASH

SEPT 10TH

1913 W. Townline Road.
Peoria, IL 61615

! 70k for 70 YEARS

\$70k for 70 years

sponsor
a monthly amount for the year



give
a donation

share
the #EPIC70kChallenge



Celebrate with Us!

! HOST HOMES VACATIONS

Did you know our Host Homes program provides vacation opportunities for people with disabilities?

For 35 years we have taken people on EPIC vacations to explore new places, try new things, and hang out with their friends.

You can check out this year's selections online.
Hurry, spots fill up quickly!



! EP!C EMPLOYEES

Our first Employee of the Month for 2020 was **Troy Henry**. Troy was nominated because he "always takes pride in his work, no matter what the task. He ensures that the people EPIC supports and our employees have a clean and safe environment. His dedication to his job and the continual positivity that Troy demonstrates makes him a true asset to our agency."



Tamera Gordon was named our Employee of the Month for February. Her nominator said "She steps into roles that need filled immediately to provide exceptional support to the people they work with on a daily basis...Tamera is the backbone of the classrooms, always on time, and ready to work...She ensures people have enriching experiences on outings as well as in the classrooms."



! EP!C WELLNESS CENTER

Healthier individuals result in a better quality of life and healthier employees result in better services for the people we support.

Over the past year we have been working to increase our partnership with Anytime Fitness Peoria. Back in May 2019 we announced that they were hiring Josh from our Job Placement program to become a certified trainer and in December we announced the opening of our new and improved EP!C Wellness Center.

Josh is now certified and along with other ATRP coaches, teaching classes for both individuals and our staff in the EP!C Wellness Center. We have always had an exercise program for the people who use our services, but nothing at this level or one that staff could also benefit from. For us to be able to encourage staff to take the time to focus on themselves and team build with co-workers through a workout class is invaluable.



! DD AWARENESS

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

A time to educate our communities on the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and reflect on the progress made toward improving the quality of life for them.

You can help by sharing EP!C with your connections.

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"Not being able to speak is NOT the same as having nothing to say!"

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