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## a message from **OUR CEO**

KIM CORNWELL EP!C 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.

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# **EVENT POSTPONED**

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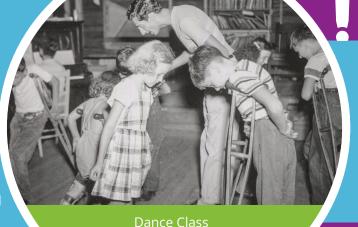
EP!CSTORY

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.



# EP!C MISSION AND VISION

At EP!C 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**

DIOCESE OF PEORIA SPEC SPRING FLING DANCE

**MAY 14**<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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### 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

9:30 AM

Mt. Hawley Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

EP!C 70<sup>TH</sup>
BIRTHDAY BASH

SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup>

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#### 70k for **70 YEARS**



#### 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 EP!C 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!



#### **EPIC 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
EP!C 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



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 ATFP 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 coworkers 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.

