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EPIC Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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We are thankful to report a second week with no new positive cases of COVID-19. As the communities around our residents begin to reopen, the people we serve in our residential program will continue to stay at home and our Day Services will remain closed. We are working on reopening protocols and workplace guidelines as we assess our timeline to reopen. Doris Hayes, our Chief Operating Officer, sent out a letter with guidelines for visitation to the families and guardians of the people that live in our residential program. We hope this is helpful and will ease your need to spend time with your loved one.

I would like to extend and invite to all our EP!C families, guardians and advocates to participate in our rescheduled 9th Annual Bon Appétit Fundraiser. The original date was March 26th but for obvious reasons was moved to June 11th. As the “Stay in Place” order was extended, we changed the fundraiser into a virtual event. This is a first for EP!C, and only a few other non-for-profits in the area have tried to do a live event. EP!C’s Bon Appetit is a one-hour event and will be broadcasted live from, the elegant, Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette from 6:00–7:00 pm on June 11th. Due to the virtual nature of this years Bon Appétit event, we are offering \$30.00 per person meal kits for purchase. Each meal kit will contain a full Lebanese themed meal for you to prepare and enjoy while following along with the chefs as they perform the cooking demos during the event. It is free to tune in, so feel free to share the event information from our website or Facebook page with others at the link below. Anyone that is interested and would like to purchase a meal kit, can do so using the link below by June 4th. Curbside pick-up for the meal kits will be available at the Pere Marquette on June 10th from 11am – 6:00pm or June 11th from 11:00am – 4:00pm. More details will be forth coming. The event will include cooking demonstrations, stories of EP!C's mission in action, silent and premier auctions, a Bremer Jewelry raffle, and so much more! Please take time to tune in.

Link to Bon Appétit Fundraiser: <https://epicci.org/bon-appetit/>

Remember at any time you have questions please feel free to call or email:

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Take care,

Kim Cornwell, CEO

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