

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

KIM CORNWELL
EPIC CEO



I wanted to start by thanking everyone who attended our Belated 70th Birthday Celebration. Over the 3 hour event, we hosted over 300 supporters, friends, individuals, staff, and community members. During the event, we unveiled an extensive history wall and if you weren't able to be with us, I encourage you to come out to our Peoria Headquarters to see it.

The past 70 years are a testament to the groundwork of our founders. Unlike some for-profit providers, EPIC remains a truly mission-driven organization where our attention to person-centered supports is what helps us stand apart. EPIC staff shares the same values with families and guardians working to contribute to people living their best lives.

Over the past two years we've enjoyed sharing some of our history and a glimpse into the innovative movements we've been a part of. Sometimes it isn't until we step back and reflect that we see the impact of our actions, so we wanted to share a few of our successes so far this past year.

Through the course of the pandemic, we have placed 74 job seekers in new positions through our Job Placement Program. We've supported a total of 102 individuals in careers they love with 57 employment partners. And 37 of our participants have college degrees or professional training.

We helped 135 people by providing Life Skills Training virtually and had 65 individuals attend virtual certification classes. We were also able to find 42 people safe opportunities to volunteer in their communities.

By moving to a Live-In model where Community Living staff resided in our Group Homes for weeks at a time, we kept 87 residents safe and supported. And despite the Caregiver Crisis prior to and continuing through the pandemic, we have yet to have to lay off any staff due to COVID-19.

Those are just a few wins in our book but would hope they are just as impactful another 70 years from now.

POINSETTIAS SALE

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READY THE FIRST WEEK
OF DECEMBER

Shop Online at
[EPICci.square.site](https://epicci.square.site)

* NOT EVERY COLOR AVAILABLE IN EVERY SIZE
DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN, SOME VARIETIES ARE
MORE LIMITED THAN OTHERS.



BON APPÉTIT 2022



Save the Date

March 24

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

with *Chef Maneet Chauhan*

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

TINSEL THE TOWN (HOLIDAY SHOPPING)

NOV 12 | 5 PM - 9 PM
NOV 13 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino

GIVING TUESDAY

NOV 30

epicci.org/donate

HOLIDAY POP-UP

HOURS VARY

Shoppes at Grand Prairie

EPIC JOB FAIR

**DEC 15
3-6 PM**

1913 W Townline Rd

WINTER CLASSES

JAN 10

In-Person

BON APPÉTIT

MARCH 24

Peoria Marriott Pere
Marquette

! Be sure to follow us on social media or check our website to stay up-to-date on new and changing events.

! GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree program provides an opportunity for both EPIC staff and community members to purchase gifts for EPIC participants who would not normally receive a gift during the holidays.

Consider “adopting” an individual or house this season.

Gifts can be dropped off to EPIC at 1913 W. Townline Rd. until **December 15th**.

For more information contact 309-689-3606 or **Katie Jurgens** at kjurgens@epicci.org



! LUNCH & LEARN

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME
TO SOMEONE WITH A
DISABILITY**



**LEARN MORE AT OUR VIRTUAL
LUNCH & LEARN,**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON

- JOIN VIA ZOOM -

EPIC IS LOOKING FOR CONTRACTED PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA

PLEASE CONTACT HILARY FRANK BY EMAIL:
HFRANK@EPICCI.ORG OR CALLING 309-854-2019
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

[EPICCI.ORG](https://epicci.org)

! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

From helping in our Harvest Garden to playing BINGO to virtual lessons and fall clean up at our Group Homes, we have lots of opportunities to give back this season. Interested in helping out?

Contact **Katie Jurgens**, our Development Coordinator, at kjurgens@epicci.org, 309-689-3606 or see the full list at bit.ly/EPICvolunteer



! LEAVING AN EPIC LEGACY

An excellent way to support EPIC's mission is to leave us a bequest in your will, living trust or with a codicil.

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. Bequests are also exempt from federal estate taxes and could result in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest other than the legacy you will leave is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. If you have included a bequest for EPIC in your estate plan, please contact us to let us know to make sure we understand what is most important to you and the legacy you are leaving.

If you have any questions about how to make a bequest to EPIC or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you, please contact **Colleen Halberg**, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, at chalberg@epicci.org, 309-689-3771 or visit plannedgiving.epicci.org



! AN EPIC PARTY

After a year-long hiatus, we were finally able to come together and celebrate our 70th Anniversary on September 9th.

Special thanks to the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce for being our guest hosts and to Rep. Cheri Bustos for honoring us with a Congressional Record from the House of Representatives in recognition of the major role we have played.

We hope you enjoyed yourselves, connected with friends, had some cake, experienced our history wall to learn something new with tours from our Chief Inspiration Officers, and took pictures in our DJ4U Mobile Entertainment photo booth.



**Here's to
another 70+ years!**



Scan the QR code to watch:
“70 Years of EPIC - A Look Back”
or visit uqr.to/100ph