

a history of **innovation**

Together we can elevate the voices,  
strengths, and positive contributions of  
persons with disabilities.

# Barbara Smiley

## SOCIETY

Barbara Smiley, Founder & Visionary



In 1950, a founding group of parents established a school, incorporating it under the name Peoria Council for Mentally Retarded Children, which later became the Peoria Association of Retarded Children followed by the Peoria Association of Retarded Citizens (PARC). Group founder and visionary Barbara Smiley was appointed the first Executive Director. The school became a place for children to discover their potential and cultivate their abilities no matter their diagnosis.

a lifetime of **passion**

As needs change, so do our services. Wherever someone's journey takes them,  
EP!C is there, every step of the way.

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Barbara Smiley

invest  
in our  
mission

give a **gift**

**WE INVITE YOU TO FOLLOW IN BARBARA SMILEY'S FOOTSTEPS, BY JOINING THE BARBARA SMILEY SOCIETY.**

Your annual donation to EP!C supports  
Barbara's vision of individuals with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities leading full  
and meaningful lives, contributing to our  
community, and impacting others.

**THE BARBARA SMILEY SOCIETY**  
recognizes annual contributions of  
\$1,000 or more.

<b>INNOVATOR</b>	\$1,000 - \$2,499
<b>CHAMPION</b>	\$2,500 - \$4,999
<b>LEADER</b>	\$5,000 - \$9,999
<b>VISIONARY</b>	\$10,000 - \$24,999
<b>CORNERSTONE</b>	\$25,000 +

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS

Other special designations within the  
Barbara Smiley Society:

**THE FOUNDERS CIRCLE** recognizes  
lifetime giving over \$25,000.

**THE LEGACY CIRCLE** is for those who  
have named EP!C in their estate plan.\*

All members of the Barbara Smiley  
Society will be invited to an annual  
celebration event, recognizing their  
generosity, and will be recognized on  
the history wall at EP!C.

*\*If you have included EP!C in your will or estate  
plan, or would like additional information, please  
contact Colleen Halberg at (309) 689-3771*



# EP!C

empowering  
people.  
inspiring  
capabilities.

For over 70 years, EP!C has refused to accept a diagnosis as an identity. We are a leader  
in providing education, employment, and residential opportunities to people with  
cognitive differences.



serving  
individuals  
**across 15  
counties**



## MISSION

At EP!C we enrich the lives of people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities.

## VISION

We envision a world where people with developmental disabilities are inspired, respected,  
engaged in their community, and empowered to achieve their personal best and where  
families, guardians, and advocates receive the knowledge, resources, and support they need.



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