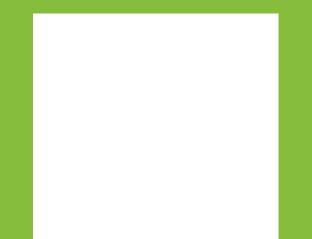
a history of **innovation**



Barbara Smiley

SOCIETY

Barbara Smiley, Founder & Visionary



empowering people. nspiring capabilities.

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.

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

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

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invest in our mission give a **gift**



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

THE BARBARA SMILEY SOCIETY recognizes annual contributions of \$1.000 or more.

INNOVATOR	\$1,000 - \$2,499
CHAMPION	\$2,500 - \$4,999
LEADER	\$5,000 - \$9,999
VISIONARY	\$10,000 - \$24,999
CORNERSTONE	\$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

MISSION

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



serving individuals across 15 counties



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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