

! A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

KIM CORNWELL
 EPIC CEO



We are very excited to start another EP!C year. Now is the time we plan and work toward another year of growth, successes, and challenges.

Over the past year, thanks in part to a grant, we have been working on understanding and strengthening our company culture. There are many aspects that make up a company's culture and we all play a role. It's so very important we all understand what our shared attitudes, values, and goals are that make EP!C, EP!C.

We know where we've been and where we want to go, but it can be challenging to see where we are right now when, like most nonprofits, are head down working through the day-to-day of the organization.

EP!C operates in 15 counties with multiple locations which can create subcultures and misalignment. This can be a challenge when trying to get everyone on the same page at the same time. Our third-party partner employeeinsite (a division of LedgeStone) has been providing their expertise and unbiased review of employee surveys, brainstorming meetings, leadership conversations, analytics, and more.

We will continue this work in the year ahead and implement outcomes so EP!C continues to be a great place to work, not just because the love of our mission.

Sincerely,

! EPIC EVENT

EP!C
 NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK
 PRINCE & PRINCESS NIGHT

Saturday, August 24
 gates open 6PM
 first pitch 7PM

Dozer Park
 Fireworks after the Game!



A portion of the proceeds will come back to EP!C.



! SAVE THE DATE

Present
UTSAV DIWALI GALA 2024

Featuring
THE JUNGLE BOOK

Proceeds benefit
EP!C

Night 1
OCT. 26TH 5-9:30 PM
 Performance, fireworks, and dinner

Night 2
OCT. 27TH 3-5 PM
 Performance only

Get tickets
NOW



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

ADA WOW! CELEBRATION & RESOURCE FAIR

JULY 26
4:30 - 6:30 PM

1913 W. Townline Rd.

EPICASSO AT IGNITE PEORIA

AUG 10
9 - 5 PM

Peoria Civic Center
201 SW Jefferson Ave.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1003384557982654>

EPIC JOB FAIR

AUG 21
4 - 7 PM

1913 W. Townline Rd.

EPIC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK PEORIA CHIEFS

AUG 24
6 PM

Dozer Park
730 SW. Jefferson Ave

COMING UP FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SEPT 12
4 - 7 PM

1913 W. Townline Rd.

DIWALI GALA THE JUNGLE BOOK

OCT 26
OCT 27

Five Points in Washington

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

! EPIC EMPLOYEES



Jim Seifert was named the May Employee of the Month

"Jim is outstanding! He is very upbeat and always using his critical thinking skills to go above and beyond. He is the backbone of the Lexington group home staff with his strong work ethic and encouraging words of wisdom for newer, younger staff. Jim has been with EPIC for over 30 years and has always lived our mission when it comes to taking care of our individuals and making sure they are the top priority. He has turned what some would say is just a job into a meaningful and impactful lifelong career."



Tamera Gordon was named the June Employee of the Month

Tamera was unanimously nominated for June Employee of the Month by the Community Day Services supervisory team. "Tamera consistently goes above and beyond. She takes ownership of new or unexpected projects. She recently took over training for the department and is a great asset to not only her department, but other departments across the agency. Her team knows they can always count on her. Her dedication to this population demonstrates to community members that all individuals with disabilities can be part of the community."

! EPIC MOVE

After much deliberation, we have invested in the Springfield area with the announcement of a new office location. EPIC's satellite office will now be located at 1297 Toronto Rd. Suite C Springfield, IL 62712.

Our second office has operated out of Swansea, IL for the past 6 years and in that time, we've seen more growth opportunities from the Springfield area. While we will still operate our Host Homes program in the Swansea area, the staff managing that territory will now be located out of the Springfield office. This move will allow for a more centrally located office that gives more accessibility within the 15 counties EPIC serves.

At a later date we will be hosting a ribbon cutting and celebration with The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.



! EPIC PARTNERSHIP

For the past year or so we've been partnering with a local accessibility start-up called We Hear You Inc. They created a fob that is a remote for any automatic door. Adding their technology to an existing automatic door system will allow fob users remote access to open without manually pushing the mounted buttons. Often these buttons are inaccessible for many reasons such as the users mobility, the placement of the button, etc. Having a remote allows someone more control over when the door opens and how long it stays open for.

We've installed this tech at Townline and several individuals have been helping to beta test the device. Now the company has moved on to phase two which includes an app. This app allows users to open doors with voice commands or screen touch. These two tools together keep an array of users in mind and allows for the most diverse abilities to utilize. We encourage businesses with automatic doors to install this tech so fob users can access their establishments more independently.

The team at We Hear You recently received a grant that will allow them to take another product to market called The Hero Door. This tech would allow any door to be opened automatically. It will feature easy installation without the need to be hardwired. We will work with their team to test in residential settings. There are very exciting things in the accessibility space happening right here in Central Illinois and we are thrilled to be part of the conversation. Stay tuned for more.

Watch our recent interview



! EPICYCLING CLUB



We invite anyone who is interested to

GRAB YOUR BIKE & JOIN US

for an inclusive bike ride

Don't have a bike? We are also looking for volunteers interested in riding with individuals.

Rides are bi-monthly on Tuesday at 9AM

JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT
16	6 & 20	3 & 17	1 & 15