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# EPIC House

Summer 2015 Newsletter

ELDERLY PERSONS IN COMMUNITY

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## Appeal

We continue to be blessed with spiritual, financial and volunteer support but it costs \$1650 a month to provide a home for each resident and most are able to pay only \$877, which includes funding from the state. We do rely heavily on donations and volunteers to help make up the shortfall. Every job from preparing a meal to taking care of the house and yard is one less line item in our budget.

Remember, if you are an Amazon shopper you can give throughout the year. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to register your account. Every time you buy something .05% of what you spend on your order will be automatically donated to EPIC. You never have to register again.

Sometimes it's nice to be able to put your name on your donation. So if that's you, here's our current wish list:

- Kitchen renovation
- A Van
- \$100 Cushions for outdoor love seat & chair
- \$200 TV for the bedroom Mr. Morris just left
- \$200 Vacuum cleaner
- \$175 New Grill for the backyard (They should be on sale now.)
- \$300 lawn mower
- \$300 Shrubs and plants for our new garden area

Donations can be made through PayPal. Just go to our website: Elderly Persons in Community and click on PayPal.

## I would like to donate

- \$25     \$50     \$100     SURPRISE US!

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Please send your tax-deductible donation to: EPIC, 910 York St., Cincinnati, OH 45214.

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## From the Director



I hope this newsletter finds you happy and content. By the time you read this, I will have returned from my vacation so I know I will be well rested.

So many wonderful and challenging things have happened at EPIC the past few months. Here are a few of the highlights.

Our 26th Annual Dinner was a huge success.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, but especially to PNC Bank and Mercy Health who were our Gold sponsors, we cleared almost \$10,000 dollars this year! From the delicious food from Power Inspires Progress to the gentle music, it was an absolutely delightful evening.

Ed Hartmann of Furniture Fair fame was again our sparkling emcee. Ed is a true friend to EPIC. He donates his evening and his talent. He works the room like the most seasoned politician making each and every guest feel welcome. He is a true blessing to EPIC.

The garden is absolutely gorgeous - full of flowers and vegetables. See elsewhere in the newsletter for all the folks responsible for this.



We've had our challenges too. The sewer line connecting EPIC to the City's lines over time has filled with debris (this is a very old home remember) causing sewage to back up into the house. Of course this happened on a Sunday night. Three bedrooms, part of the laundry room, the staff's bathroom and a hallway were all affected.

What could have been an absolute nightmare was not, due to the thoughtfulness of the contractors we work with. Monday morning I called Berg-Berry, our insurance company and on Tues., Jay Land, the adjustor from Philadelphia Insurance Company was at EPIC. By Wed. Roto Rooter had cleared the sewer line, cleaned and sanitized everything. Then the plumbing had to be done and new flooring laid. Butch Thiel from United Carpet Outlet worked his installers' schedule around our needs and in two weeks everything was back to normal at EPIC with a minimum of upset to our residents.

We have such great support from everyone; it's just a matter of letting EPIC's Friends know our needs and someone steps in to help. Thank you to every single person who helps EPIC. We appreciate each and every one of you.

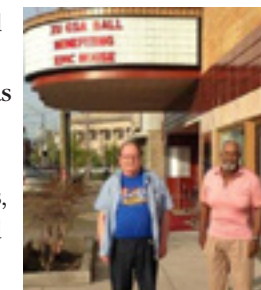
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## Grants

EPIC now has the beautiful gazebo. The gazebo was financially assisted by the John Hauck Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, John W. Hauck, E. Allen Elliot and Narley L. Haley, Co-trustees.

Although the grant came from the John Hauck Foundation we want to thank Cornelius and Janet Hauck for their support. Cornelius is the great, great grandson of John Hauck who built the Hauck House on Dayton St. which is now a museum open to the public.

Xavier graduate students hold a charity ball each year and donate the profits to a local nonprofit. This year they chose EPIC! It was held on April 17 at the old 20th Century Theater in Oakley. Residents Joe and Jim attended along with Marlene, Cindy Givens, board member and Jim Bettner, EPIC board president.



The George B. Riley Foundation provided funding for the new flooring in the common area and two bedrooms. We now have new flooring throughout the house and we are so grateful.

When the new garden needed fencing, PNC and Ethicon stepped up and provided the funding for that.

We are incredibly grateful to all of them for their support!

## Welcome



Sometimes you just "luck out" when you find a new employee. We ask a lot from our staff: know how to care graciously for our residents, being an expert cleaner and an excellent cook. In Derrick Murray we have a perfect match. He has nursing home experience so he knows the ins and outs of caring for an elderly population AND he's a graduate of "Cincinnati Cooks!" The residents have

certainly been enjoying all the delicious meals he prepares using some of the vegetables from our own garden.

## Bill Hall

We're happy to report that Bill Hall has returned to EPIC. He took a nasty fall getting out of his friend's car and had to spend two months doing intense physical therapy. The visit Bill appreciated most was Star's. Thank goodness the nursing home allowed him. Now, Bill's resting safely at home with Star often by his side. And Bill has promised to be more careful in the future.

# 2015 Annual Dinner Report

Thanks to the generosity of PNC Bank and Mercy Health, this year's Annual Dinner brought almost \$10,000 to EPIC. I can't thank them enough and all those who worked so diligently to make the evening a huge success. Ed Hartmann from Furniture Fair, who donated his time to be emcee, was so incredibly charming and funny. There are no words to describe how welcome he makes everyone feel. He's truly a remarkable supporter of EPIC and we appreciate not only his talents but the sheer unselfishness he gives of his time.

Sherrie Hudson received the Roy Kaiser Volunteer Service Award this year. Go to our Facebook Page if you want to see how she contributes to EPIC. Everything on there is courtesy of Sherrie!



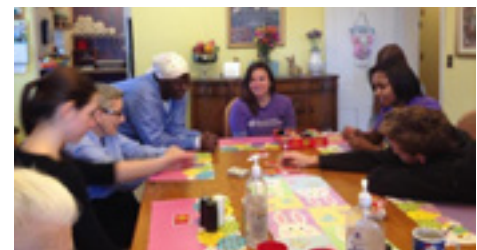
# We Thank Our Volunteers!

EPIC couldn't survive without the help of some really fantastic volunteers! In the past few months:

High school students from the Mayerson Summer Service Learning Program worked in the garden and visited with the residents.

Go Cincinnati has helped EPIC for nine years. They do some really heavy work. This year they completed the wall around the flower beds in addition to mulching all the beds. They created a paved area so we can keep our garbage cans away from the patio tables and chairs and then ended the day by hosting a cookout for the residents, staff and volunteers.

Students from Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy played games with residents and staff.

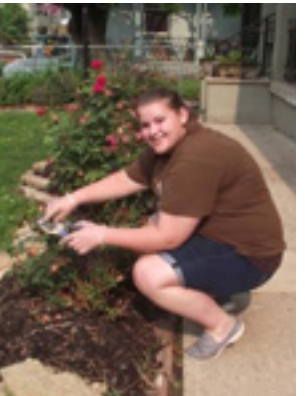
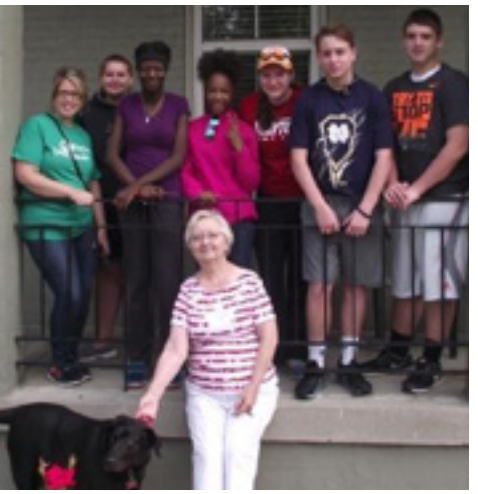
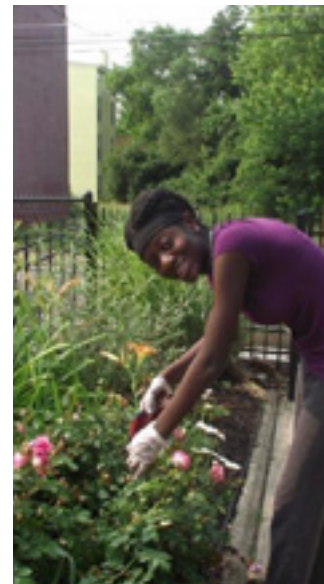


Fidelity Investments and Christ Temple Apostolic Church held a combined personal care drive for us and USI Insurance just dropped off 8 boxes of personal care items. Thank you all!

The sophomore class at Mother of Mercy High School spent a day helping at EPIC as part of their annual retreat.

Humana employees held a personal care drive for EPIC, and after they delivered the items, they spent some time volunteering and visiting with the residents.

We can't show a video in a newsletter, but please take the time to check it out on Facebook produced by Project Impact 2015. Project Impact is part of the University of Cincinnati Lindner School of



Joe, Jim and Marlene were Sherry Hudson's guests at the Seven Hills Sinfonietta's final concert at Walnut Hills High School. After the concert, the three of them were invited to SHS Board member Jane Paraskevopolous' for a wonderful dinner.

Business. Students work with non-profits to increase visibility in the community. Thanks to the students' work, sponsor contacts have increased and EPIC's Facebook traffic has increased significantly. They even set up a Twitter account!

And let's not forget the children! Preschoolers from the School of Creative Children visited the residents. They made a poster with their names and handprints on it and sang a song.

We are truly blessed and we thank everyone for their much needed help!

