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EPI Summer Night features Blue Sky Brothers at Three Heads Brewery

The event raises awareness and promotes inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.

Rochester, NY – June 23, 2022 – Empowering People’s Independence (EPI) is hosting its inaugural Summer Night event on June 30, 2022, at Three Heads Brewing in Rochester, NY. The event begins at 5:30 pm and Blue Sky Brothers, New York State’s premier Allman Brothers tribute band, takes the stage a 7:00 pm. The event’s \$5 suggested donation supports EPI programs and services that support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“The event seeks to raise awareness about the barriers and the limited choices that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities still sometimes face,” said Jeff Sinsebox, EPI President and CEO. “Our organization’s mission is to empower people with disabilities to pursue the life of their choosing. We work, every day, to build a community where everyone is valued and can thrive.”

EPI provides highly individualized services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The agency has been an early adopter of innovative service models that better meet the needs of the people with disabilities and improve their health, wellbeing, independence, and social inclusion. One of EPI’s largest program is Self-Direction, which gives people with developmental disabilities and their families the ability to choose they own services, where to live, who to hire for assistance.

Developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. Recent estimates in the United States show that about one in six, or about 17%, of children aged 3 through 17 years have a one or more developmental disabilities (CDC.gov). Over 128,000 individuals in New York State have developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, and other neurological impairments (NYC.gov).

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ABOUT EPI

EPI provides progressive, tailored care solutions to people with developmental disabilities, epilepsy, and brain injury. Headquartered in Rochester, NY and with offices in Syracuse and Binghamton, EPI provides comprehensive services in the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Western and Central New York regions. EPI's offerings include Self-Direction, Day and Community Habilitation, residential services, respite, and Health Homes. Read more about EPI programs and services at epiny.org.

ABOUT BLUE SKY BROTHERS

Paying tribute to The Allman Brothers Band's (ABB) original line up are members of Giant Panda Guerrilla Dub Squad, Mikaela Davis & Southern Star, The Moho Collective, The Mighty High and Dry, The Rita Collective, and The Flood.

Informed by years of intense study of the ABB sound, the musicianship in this thoughtfully curated group possesses an unmatched fire to honor the ABB's legacy. The band masterfully recreates the delicate blend of great song craft and the spirit of improvisation that long ago set the ABB apart, and now inspires each unique performance by this all Rochester line-up.

Blue Sky Brothers rocked an impressive show in their 2022 Lilac Festival debut, featuring songs from the acclaimed album, *Eat a Peach*, as well as other early classics from the band we have all grown to love and miss.

Kurt Johnson – Guitars / Vocals

Eric Carlin – Guitars / Vocals

Alan Murphy – Keys, Acoustic Guitar / Vocals

Tony Gallicchio – Keys / Percussion

Kyle Vock – Bass

Matt Bevan-Perkins – Drums / Timpani

Matt Ramerman – Drums / Percussion

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