

The Record

Annual Report Edition

News for our Supporters from Epworth Children's Home



When I stood up and announced to the children that together we were going to be leading worship for 800 people in our campus gymnasium, I got all sorts of reactions, but Vince's* reaction stopped me in my tracks.

Vince came to Epworth in October of 2010. Like the majority of our children, he had never been a part of a worshipping community, and wasn't at all excited to start. I have spent countless Sundays asking him to remove his ear buds or stand and participate in the service. His grades were a mess, because school was never a priority for the adults in his life. He didn't act interested in any campus activities, that is, until David* arrived at Epworth. David had a very influential Christian in his life, and immediately became involved in worship life on campus. He also became involved in church league basketball. Vince soon followed David's lead after they became fast friends. Both put their best into their basketball practices and games, but Vince was still struggling with worship.

One Sunday during UMYF, I told the children that Epworth would be welcoming 800 people to worship in our gym on Sunday, January 30, 2011, for the closing worship of the 35th Annual South Carolina United Methodist Basketball Tournament that Epworth would be hosting this year. I asked them each to think about how they might serve as a worship leader during the service, and made suggestions such as usher, greeter, choir member and even lector.

I wasn't surprised when David immediately spoke up, "Pastor Megan, I'll read," but I was shocked beyond belief when Vince said, "Me too!" I gave each of them their assigned readings, and asked them to wear black and white like the other children would be doing. They didn't like that idea,

and instead, promised to dress similarly.

Leading up to the big day, I intentionally checked in with Vince each Sunday to ask if he had read over his prayer, and his only response was a nod.

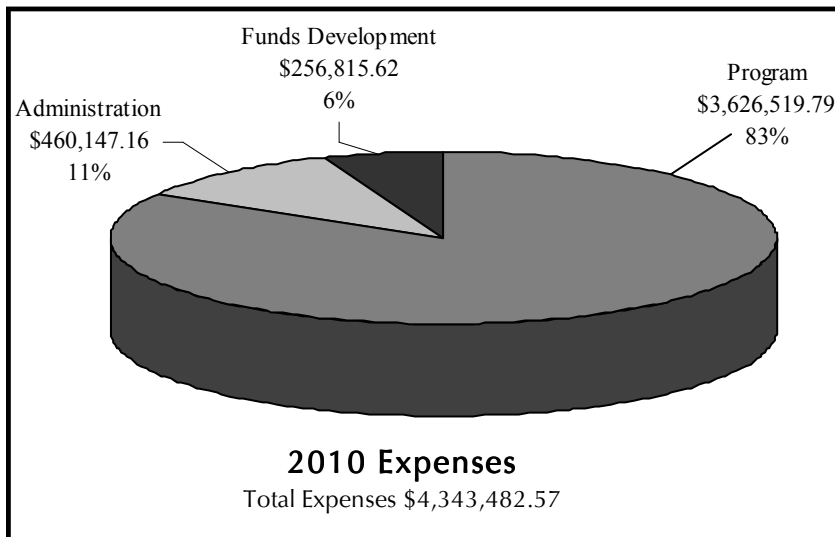
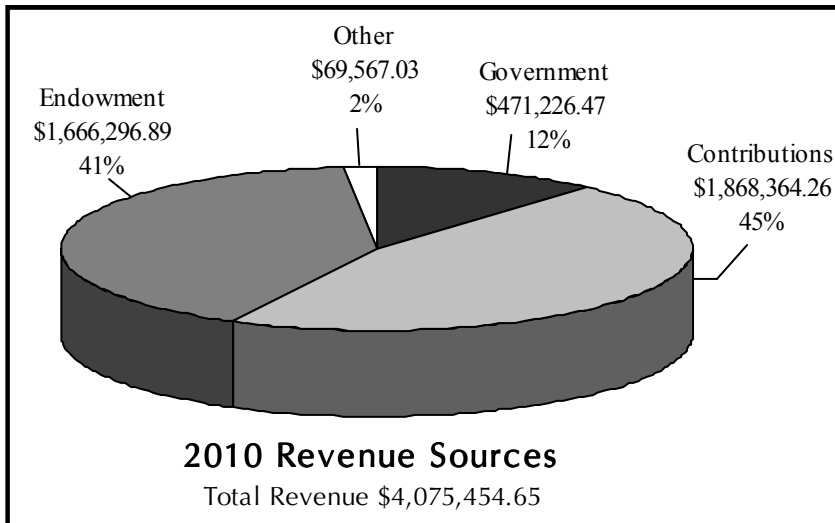
I was running around the morning of the event attending to last minute details when I saw

Vince and David arrive dressed alike and as handsome as I had ever seen them. A feeling of great pride flooded over me until I noticed that Vince didn't have his prayer in his hand. I gave him another copy, but when he walked past me toward the microphone he didn't have that one either. I whispered to him, "Where is your paper?" He responded, "I have it memorized." Quite honestly, my heart sank. I was nervous, but then Vince stood up to the microphone with great calm and recited the entire prayer from memory - loud and clear. Tears of pride formed in my eyes from the joy I experienced by seeing how much he had grown over the last several months.

Each day, I am blessed to see the transforming power that time spent at Epworth can have for a child like Vince who has experienced great hurt. Vince didn't care, because no one had ever shown him what it means to be CARE'd about. Through team sports like basketball, consistent worship on Sundays, and the building of positive

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Thank You!

We give thanks to all of our donors for their generous contributions to Epworth Children's Home during 2010. To be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us, we have chosen not to list all of our donors in print.

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2010 Church Giving Totals

Highest Congregational Giving Totals by District

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Anderson | Dickson Memorial UMC | \$8,287.00 |
| | Clemson UMC | \$5,282.00 |
| | First UMC, Easley | \$4,807.19 |
| | St Johns UMC | \$4,500.00 |
| Charleston | Bethany UMC | \$18,361.00 |
| | Moncks Corner UMC | \$11,242.00 |
| | John Wesley UMC | \$11,215.13 |
| | Hibben UMC | \$8,358.00 |
| Columbia | Union UMC | \$41,920.36 |
| | Trenholm Road UMC | \$31,257.51 |
| | Gordon Memorial UMC | \$26,460.79 |
| | Shandon UMC | \$22,048.24 |
| Florence | Central UMC | \$14,021.00 |
| | Manning UMC | \$7,794.26 |
| | Highland Park UMC | \$3,495.00 |
| | Kingstree UMC | \$3,419.65 |
| Greenville | Buncombe Street UMC | \$9,912.00 |
| | Mauldin UMC | \$7,767.58 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$5,414.67 |
| | Aldersgate UMC | \$5,251.00 |
| Greenwood | Grace UMC, North Augusta | \$8,041.00 |
| | St Mark UMC | \$7,354.30 |
| | Main Street UMC | \$5,187.60 |
| | Wightman UMC | \$4,740.25 |
| Hartsville | Lyttleton Street UMC | \$7,352.75 |
| | Trinity UMC, Sumter | \$7,030.28 |
| | Trinity UMC, Darlington | \$4,920.20 |
| | Bethlehem UMC | \$4,700.00 |
| Marion | Belin Memorial UMC | \$11,755.22 |
| | First UMC, Myrtle Beach | \$10,922.00 |
| | Macedonia UMC | \$10,127.00 |
| | Surfside UMC | \$7,507.00 |
| Orangeburg | St Johns UMC, Aiken | \$14,442.96 |
| | Bethel UMC, Jackson | \$9,841.89 |
| | Shady Grove UMC | \$9,093.00 |
| | Clinton UMC | \$5,951.00 |
| Rock Hill | St Johns UMC, Rock Hill | \$16,583.04 |
| | Woodland UMC | \$6,028.31 |
| | Pleasant Hill UMC | \$5,042.00 |
| | Philadelphia UMC | \$4,135.00 |
| Spartanburg | Cannons Camp Ground UMC | \$9,718.69 |
| | Gramling UMC | \$4,877.00 |
| | Grace UMC, Union | \$3,251.79 |
| | Bethel UMC, Spartanburg | \$3,132.50 |
| Walterboro | Carteret Street UMC | \$13,870.00 |
| | Cypress UMC | \$6,474.00 |
| | St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC | \$6,140.30 |
| | Bethel UMC, Ruffin | \$5,764.00 |

Number of Churches Per District Giving \$0 in 2010

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Anderson | 19 |
| Charleston | 28 |
| Columbia | 1 |
| Florence | 28 |
| Greenville | 13 |
| Greenwood | 9 |
| Hartsville | 34 |
| Marion | 24 |
| Orangeburg | 22 |
| Rock Hill | 8 |
| Spartanburg | 15 |
| Walterboro | 47 |
| Total | 248 |



2010 Church Giving Totals and

Highest Per Member Giving by District (600 or higher Membership)

| District | Church | Total Giving | Members | \$ Per Member |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Anderson | Clemson UMC | \$5,282.00 | 943 | \$5.60 |
| | First UMC | \$4,807.19 | 889 | \$5.41 |
| | Trinity UMC | \$3,144.00 | 989 | \$3.18 |
| | St Johns UMC | \$4,500.00 | 1,556 | \$2.89 |
| Charleston | First UMC | \$7,379.62 | 601 | \$12.28 |
| | Hibben UMC | \$8,358.00 | 832 | \$10.05 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$6,837.00 | 807 | \$8.47 |
| | John Wesley UMC | \$11,215.13 | 1328 | \$8.45 |
| Columbia | Union UMC | \$41,920.36 | 2780 | \$15.08 |
| | Trenholm Road UMC | \$31,257.51 | 2098 | \$14.90 |
| | Ashland UMC | \$9,021.98 | 909 | \$9.93 |
| | Mt Hebron UMC | \$9,690.59 | 1133 | \$8.55 |
| Florence | Manning UMC | \$7,794.26 | 643 | \$12.12 |
| | Central UMC | \$14,021.00 | 2028 | \$6.91 |
| | Highland Park UMC | \$3,495.00 | 1022 | \$3.42 |
| | St Paul UMC | \$1,565.00 | 633 | \$2.47 |
| Greenville | Buncombe Street UMC | \$9,912.00 | 2363 | \$4.19 |
| | Mauldin UMC | \$7,767.58 | 1863 | \$4.17 |
| | Covenant UMC | \$4,513.00 | 1170 | \$3.86 |
| | Aldersgate UMC | \$5,251.00 | 1476 | \$3.56 |
| Greenwood | Central UMC | \$4,501.00 | 634 | \$7.10 |
| | St Mark UMC | \$7,354.30 | 1157 | \$6.36 |
| | Main Street UMC | \$5,187.60 | 1218 | \$4.26 |
| | Grace UMC | \$8,041.00 | 1929 | \$4.17 |
| Hartsville | Trinity UMC | \$7,030.28 | 823 | \$8.54 |
| | Lytleton Street UMC | \$7,352.75 | 1039 | \$7.08 |
| | First Church UMC | \$2,862.50 | 647 | \$4.42 |
| | St Luke UMC | \$4,171.00 | 1066 | \$3.91 |
| Marion | First UMC, Conway | \$7,336.04 | 897 | \$8.18 |
| | Surfside UMC | \$7,507.00 | 987 | \$7.61 |
| | First UMC, Myrtle Beach | \$10,922.00 | 1,828 | \$5.97 |
| | Trinity UMC, Conway | \$3,753.00 | 658 | \$5.70 |
| Orangeburg | St Johns UMC, Aiken | \$14,442.96 | 1607 | \$8.99 |
| | St Pauls UMC | \$5,478.00 | 621 | \$8.82 |
| Rock Hill | St Johns UMC | \$16,583.04 | 1,946 | \$8.52 |
| | Woodland UMC | \$6,028.31 | 958 | \$6.29 |
| | First Church UMC, Lancaster | \$3,701.00 | 777 | \$4.76 |
| | First Church UMC, Clover | \$3,594.00 | 815 | \$4.41 |
| Spartanburg | St James UMC | \$2,199.51 | 653 | \$3.37 |
| | St Paul UMC | \$2,590.00 | 1,082 | \$2.39 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$3,132.50 | 1,314 | \$2.38 |
| | Trinity UMC | \$2,025.00 | 919 | \$2.20 |
| Walterboro | Carteret Street UMC | \$13,870.00 | 1,320 | \$10.51 |
| | St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC | \$6,140.30 | 787 | \$7.80 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$2,316.00 | 863 | \$2.68 |

Congregations that Sent Volunteers During 2010

Windsor UMC, *Columbia*
 Christ UMC, *Bennettsville*
 Bethlehem UMC, *Bishopville*
 Union UMC, *Irmo*
 Red Bank UMC, *Lexington*
 Shandon UMC, *Columbia*
 St. John's UMC, *Rock Hill*
 Suber Marshall Memorial UMC,
Columbia
 Aldersgate UMC, *West Columbia*
 Bethany UMC, *Summerville*
 John Wesley UMC, *Charleston*
 Pleasant Hill UMC, *Fort Mill*
 Lexington UMC, *Lexington*
 Midtown Fellowship, *Columbia*
 Shandon Baptist Church, *Columbia*
 East Lake Community Church,
Lexington
 Mt. Hebron UMC, *West Columbia*
 Mt. Horeb, *Lexington*
 Latta UMC, *Latta*
 Platt Springs UMC, *West Columbia*
 Virginia Wingard UMC, *Columbia*
 Asbury Memorial UMC, *Columbia*
 Lytleton Street UMC, *Camden*
 Bluffton UMC, *Bluffton*
 Riverbend Community Church,
Lexington
 Trenholm Road UMC, *Columbia*
 Jordan Charge UMC, *Florence*
 Pisgah UMC, *Florence*
 Wesley Memorial UMC,
Darlington
 First UMC, *Marion*
 Bethel UMC, *Columbia*
 Isle of Palms UMC, *Isle of Palms*
 Harmony UMC, *Ware Shoals*
 Washington Street UMC, *Columbia*
 Trinity UMC, *Blythewood*

and Volunteer Hours Reported

Congregations that Sent Overnight Mission Groups During 2010

Isle of Palms UMC, *Isle of Palms*
Latta UMC, *Latta*
Pleasant Hill UMC, *Fort Mill*
St. John's UMC, *Rock Hill*

Volunteer Reporting

Total Volunteers for 2010 = 459

(These volunteers came onto campus and assisted with everything from raking leaves, to leading activities, to re-roofing buildings.)

Total Cottage Partner Visits = 162

Total # of Cottage Partners = 28

(Cottage Partners are groups connected directly to a cottage. They provide everything from fun activities, to birthday celebrations, to parties.)



Highest Per Member Giving by District (599 or fewer membership)

| District | Church | Total Giving | Members | \$ Per Member |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Anderson | Zion UMC | \$600.00 | 8 | \$75.00 |
| | Ebenezer UMC | \$3,054.00 | 50 | \$61.08 |
| | Dickson Memorial UMC | \$8,287.00 | 206 | \$40.23 |
| | Donalds UMC | \$200.00 | 7 | \$28.57 |
| Charleston | Edisto Island UMC | \$750.00 | 68 | \$33.53 |
| | Wrens Chapel UMC | \$400.00 | 15 | \$26.67 |
| | Moncks Corner UMC | \$5,452.00 | 494 | \$22.76 |
| | Lebanon UMC | \$751.60 | 137 | \$17.82 |
| Columbia | Gordon Memorial UMC | \$26,460.79 | 234 | \$113.08 |
| | Zion UMC | \$745.00 | 18 | \$41.39 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$4,583.70 | 134 | \$34.21 |
| | Monticello UMC | \$705.00 | 32 | \$22.03 |
| Florence | Asbury UMC | \$2,290.76 | 61 | \$37.55 |
| | Cumberland UMC | \$1,500.00 | 45 | \$33.33 |
| | St Paul UMC | \$2,485.00 | 61 | \$40.74 |
| | Wesley UMC | \$780.00 | 40 | \$19.50 |
| Greenville | Esperanza Mission UMC | \$5,414.67 | 42 | \$128.92 |
| | St John UMC | \$2,000.00 | 28 | \$71.43 |
| | North Greenville UMC | \$4,466.00 | 63 | \$70.89 |
| | Owings UMC | \$3,645.00 | 93 | \$39.19 |
| Greenwood | Ebenezer UMC | \$4,588.00 | 94 | \$48.81 |
| | Soule Chapel UMC | \$1,340.00 | 32 | \$41.88 |
| | Spann UMC | \$293.00 | 10 | \$29.30 |
| | Capers Chapel UMC | \$870.00 | 36 | \$24.17 |
| Hartsville | Mt Joshua UMC | \$1,840.00 | 19 | \$96.84 |
| | Ashland UMC | \$700.00 | 21 | \$33.33 |
| | Mt Croghan UMC | \$2,580.00 | 133 | \$19.40 |
| | Mt Tabor UMC | \$1,492.53 | 77 | \$19.38 |
| Marion | Central UMC | \$1,840.00 | 43 | \$42.79 |
| | Macedonia UMC | \$10,127.00 | 329 | \$30.78 |
| | Center UMC | \$1,843.00 | 62 | \$29.73 |
| | Poplar UMC | \$1,753.00 | 59 | \$29.71 |
| Orangeburg | Shady Grove UMC | \$9,093.00 | 72 | \$126.29 |
| | Bethel UMC | \$9,841.89 | 177 | \$55.60 |
| | Clinton UMC | \$5,951.00 | 164 | \$36.29 |
| | Charles Wesley UMC | \$1,768.00 | 60 | \$29.47 |
| Rock Hill | Grace Community UMC | \$500.00 | 16 | \$31.25 |
| | Shady Grove UMC | \$622.51 | 46 | \$13.53 |
| | Richburg UMC | \$1,275.11 | 112 | \$11.38 |
| | New Hope UMC | \$175.00 | 17 | \$10.29 |
| Spartanburg | Fairmont UMC | \$1,353.00 | 58 | \$23.33 |
| | Pleasant View UMC | \$3,130.00 | 156 | \$20.06 |
| | Florence Chapel UMC | \$9,718.69 | 588 | \$16.53 |
| | Hebron UMC | \$1,190.00 | 72 | \$16.53 |
| Walterboro | Cypress UMC | \$6,474.00 | 87 | \$74.41 |
| | Furman UMC | \$1,100.00 | 21 | \$52.38 |
| | Zion UMC | \$725.00 | 18 | \$40.28 |
| | Trinity UMC | \$3,415.00 | 88 | \$38.81 |

The Epworth Society of 1896

Members of the Epworth Society of 1896 have chosen to remember the children of Epworth Children's Home in their will or estate planning at a level of \$25,000 or higher, and informed Epworth of their decision.

"Our mother made the decision to include the children of Epworth in her will more than 30 years ago after taking a tour and meeting the children. When I think about her life, it brings me joy to know she will continue to make children smile even after her death."

The Daughter of an Anonymous Society Member

Because of the gifts of the past, Epworth is in a financial position to provide CARE to children regardless of the government's ability to pay room and board. In these uncertain economic times, this has helped ensure Epworth's continued ability to provide quality CARE for children in need. Our thanks to our members living and deceased who help make this possible.

For more information contact Mr. Andy Cox at 803-256-7394 or acox@epworthsc.org.

1896 Society Members as of December 31, 2010

Gladys Sullivan Rowell*

Betty L. Bruner*

Sam G. Parler*

Everett N. Infinger*

George Robert Fowler*

Louise J. Timms

Anonymous*

Harry Arthur Turner, Jr.*

Martha E. Rentz*

Elisabeth P. Taylor*

Albert Armstrong

in Memory of Nell and Jan Armstrong

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**denotes someone who is deceased*

A legacy of CARE

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relationships with peers and adults, children like Vince find new hope and direction for life at Epworth Children's Home.

I would like to share a special word of thanks to all of our tournament volunteers, and to the churches who provided gymnasium space for the weekend. More than 48 teams and 700 players participated in the weekend. The Mitch Milford Award was given to the Senior Boys Team from Grace UMC for their positive sportsmanship during the tournament. Union UMC Senior boys, Mt. Horeb UMC Junior Boys, Trinity UMC Senior Girls, and Simpsonville

UMC Junior Girls brought home the championship trophies. All of the youth who participated in the tournament will have fond memories for the years to come, and for those who call Epworth home the opportunity to play a team sport will impact their relationships in a positive manner, just like it did for Vince.

Peace, Pastor Megan Gray
Pastor at Epworth Children's Home



Residential CARE *provided to* *children living on campus in 2010*

Year End Residential Population: 79

Year End Independent Living Population: 8 (4 students live on Epworth's campus, 4 live in college dorms)

Average Residential Population for 2010: 78 children

Total number of children served in 2010: 141**

***This number does not include children served by the EEIC*

Average stay of the children on campus as of December 31, 2010: 2 years, 5 months

Gender Averages:

33% - Male

67% - Female

Race Averages:

59% - African American

37% - Caucasian

4% - Bi-racial

Age Averages:

3% - Ages 4-5

16% - Ages 6-9

18% - Ages 10-12

26% - Ages 13-15

26% - Ages 16-17

11% Ages 18+



CARE *provided by the* Early Intervention Center *in 2010*

Number served through Preschool Services:

25 children ages 1-5 years

Number served through Home-Based Services:

85 children ages birth - 4 years

Number served through Respite Care:

17 children ages 4 months - 15 years





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**Children's names have been changed for confidentiality.*

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The mission of Epworth Children's Home is to serve children, youth and families through a caring, accepting and safe Christian community, where hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, self and others is developed.

Cook-Out for Kids BBQ Fundraiser

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EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

11 am—4 pm

2900 Millwood Avenue

Columbia, SC 29205

On Epworth's Campus

\$8—Chicken or Pork plate with all the fixin's

\$25—Boston Butt

**Purchase tickets at the event or before by visiting:
<http://cookoutforkids.terapad.com> or by emailing
epworthalumniassociation@gmail.com**

**BAKE SALE DESSERTS by
The Red Hat Honeys of Columbia**

**The Palmetto A's will be on site with 30 beautifully
restored Model A Fords**

The Alumni Association members are past residents and staff members from Epworth Children's Home. This is the third annual BBQ fundraiser. The Alumni would like for supporters to know that all proceeds will benefit the current residents of Epworth in appreciation for what Epworth provided for them during a difficult time in their own lives.

See you there!