



BRIGHT DREAMS, NOT NIGHTMARES.

Have you ever stopped to think about what the future looks like to a hungry child whose parents lost their jobs and home? Or to the neglected child who lives in a locked bedroom of a drug-infested house? Or to a child whose body is covered with bruises from abuse? To these children the future is not an exciting dream of possibilities—it is a nightmare.

Epworth Children's Home refuses to let these circumstances define childhood for God's children. We open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. Epworth goes above and beyond just food and a place to live. Every day it provides 86 children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the faith formation they need to heal and belong. Join Epworth and stand with these children as together we promise to transform their future.



Why Do Children Need Epworth?

Children who call Epworth home arrive through private and government placements. Each is a part of a fractured family system that is struggling with one or more of the effects of homelessness, neglect, abuse, addiction, and poverty. Epworth children come from all across South Carolina, most of whom are between the ages of four and 18. The majority of our children are part of a sibling group. Many arrive without even a change of clothes. Most of our children come here from places where physical and emotional safety, health care, educational opportunities, and nutrition have been severely compromised.

How Are Children Transformed At Epworth?

When a child arrives at Epworth, our trained staff takes each child shopping for new clothes and personal items. Children receive on-site health care, safe housing, and three meals a day plus snacks. They receive the support system needed to help them heal and grow into healthy and happy children. Each child is encouraged to aim higher to create a bright future that breaks the cycle of abuse, neglect, and dependency.

Epworth gives loving care to children who often have never experienced a nurturing environment. Each child is placed in one of ten cottages on campus, with 24/7 nurturing adult support. They study, play, travel, and live together as a family. Children learn the importance of trust and friendship with their cottage mates—often making lifelong friends. Children attend public schools and are provided with robust tutoring both in the cottage and in Epworth's Barnes Learning Center. Each child receives a variety of services and opportunities to help break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame they have experienced, including:

- Health Care
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Worship
- Youth Group
- Family Therapy
- Summer Camp
- Holiday Activities
- Basketball Teams
- Swimming Lessons
- Cottage Partners
- Life Skills Training

What Happens After Epworth?

Children stay at Epworth for various lengths of time, from a few days and weeks to several years, but eventually children take the lessons learned here and move to the next chapter of their lives. They leave Epworth to be reunited with their families, placed with foster or adoptive families, or transition into independent living as young adults. For children who turn 18 and complete their high school studies, Epworth offers an independent living program that guides residents through college or job-training programs as they transition into independence. Our goal is that each child's future is forever changed because of the love, care and life skills learned at Epworth.



Want to know more?

Call for a campus visit and tour!

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You Can Make a Difference!

GIVE

Each child's transformative care is made possible by the generous gifts Epworth receives from people like you. Your gift will make it possible for Epworth to continue to meet each child's physical, educational, spiritual and emotional needs on a daily basis. Send your gift to PO Box 50466, Columbia, SC 29250, or give online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

VOLUNTEER

Epworth believes in surrounding children with positive role models to build their support system and self-esteem. Volunteering shows children that you love and care about them. Donate your time and talents by contacting Beth Robinson for individual and group opportunities and our upcoming volunteer training sessions at 803-256-7394 or brobinsont@epworthsc.org.

REMEMBER

Leave your legacy for generations to follow by remembering Epworth in your will or estate planning. Planned gifts of any size to the Epworth endowment make a difference to children in need for years to come. Notify us of planned gifts of \$25,000 or more and you will join the prestigious Epworth Society of 1896. Please contact Andrew Boozer, Vice President for Development aboozer@epworthsc.org for a conversation.

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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. Founded in 1896, Epworth is a ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church in Columbia, South Carolina.



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TRANSFORMS THE LIFE OF A CHILD.



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