

The Record

News from Epworth Children's Home



Annual Report Edition

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Travis dribbled down the court, paused, put up the shot and...swish. The Epworth junior boys team made another shot late in the game at the annual South Carolina United Methodist Tournament in North Augusta.

"Timeout! Timeout!" said the opposing coach.

The Epworth basketball team's last score put the game out of reach but there was still time on the clock. As the boys walked over to the bench, the Epworth players appeared to be scheming a new play for when the game resumed.

Epworth's coaches, Mr. Terry and Mr. Parsons, were puzzled. They wondered what Jamal, Kevin, Andy, Jerome and Travis* were up to. "It's nothing

coach, don't worry about it," Andy replied. The boys grabbed a sip of water. Then the referee blew his whistle and they ran back onto the court.

When he looked up, coach Parsons realized the other team made a substitution. Into the game came a boy by the name of Bobby who was much smaller than the rest of the boys. It was evident he had special needs. The crowd cheered as Bobby ran onto the court with a contagious smile on his face.

As the ball came down the court, the Epworth boys gave Bobby plenty of room to run around the court. One of Bobby's teammates took a shot, the ball bounced off the rim and bounced right to Epworth's center, Jamal. Jamal reached up for the rebound and turned around to find Bobby. When he saw Bobby

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Contribution Record for S.C. Methodists

Winter 2014

A Message from The Rev. John Holler
President

In the year of 1895, the Methodist people of South Carolina authorized the founding of Epworth Orphanage in order to provide a Christian home for children who needed a place to live. Since that time, the children who reside at Epworth continue to receive generous support through church congregations in our state.

While Epworth does not receive financial support from the Denomination and is not an apportioned item that receives financial support from the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Epworth does receive contributions from the majority of United Methodist congregations in South Carolina.

Two Sundays, Mother's Day in May and Work Day in September, are designated as Epworth Children's Home Sundays on which pastors are asked to highlight God's work through Epworth and receive a special offering for the support of the children of Epworth.

During the calendar year of 2013, \$1,477,333.60 was received from and or credited to the 1,007 United Methodist congregations in South Carolina. This total does not include "in kind" or volunteer work.

I am pleased to announce that the per member giving reached \$6.27 this past year, which means the goal of an average gift of at least \$6.00 per United Methodist in S.C. was achieved. 2013 church giving reports reflect the following for S.C. United Methodists.

United Methodist in S.C. – 235,489

Average giving per member - \$6.27
(an increase of \$0.09 per member)

Number of United Methodist Churches – 1,007

Number of congregations contributing at \$6 per member or greater – 340 (an increase of 19)

Number of congregations contributing \$0.00 – 213
(a decrease of 26)

Number of charges ordering Epworth offering materials – 431

On behalf of the staff and the children who live at Epworth, I thank everyone who has given and worked so diligently to reach this level of support. As we all see, this level of congregational support is crucial in providing the best possible care for our children.

Denominational support goals for 2013 are:

- an average of at least \$6.00 per member from every United Methodist in S.C.;
- every congregation contributing at least \$6.00 per member;
- no "zero" congregations;
- and every congregation observing Mother's Day and Work Day by receiving an offering for Epworth's Children.

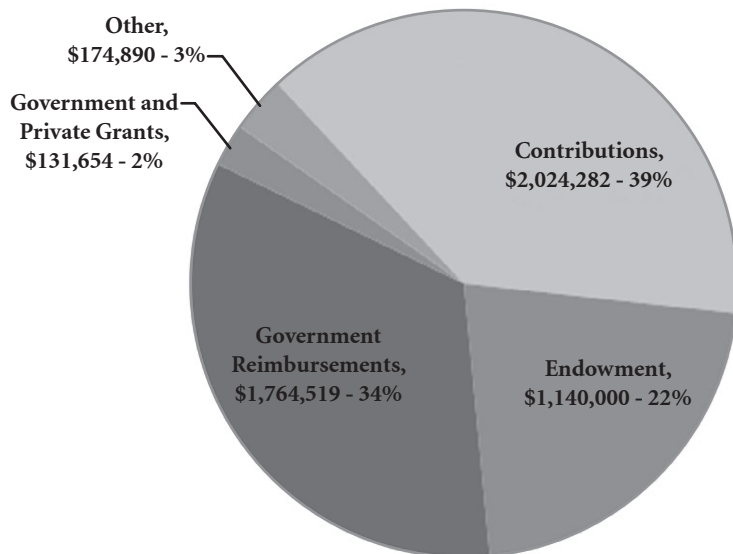
Total giving increased by \$102,887 in 2013. \$22,000 of the amount was credited to congregational giving. We celebrate the increase in congregational support, and know the best days are yet ahead for the children and families of Epworth.

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2013 Revenue Sources

Total Revenue \$5,235,345

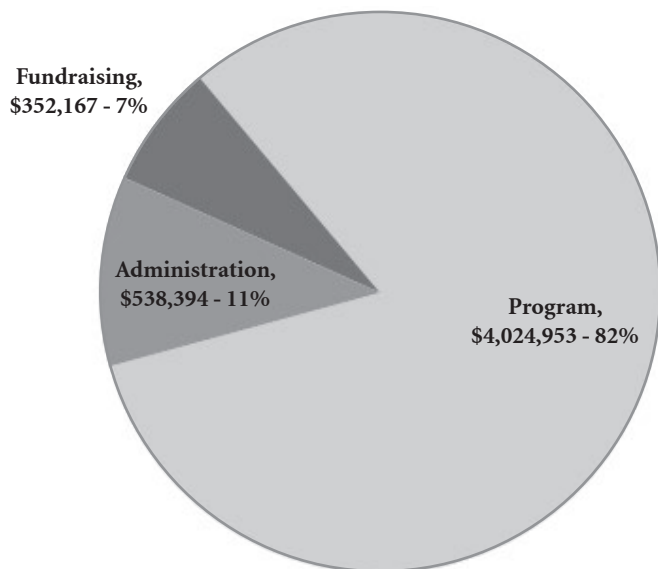
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2013 Expenses Excluding Depreciation

Total Expenses \$4,916,514

(unaudited numbers)



2013 Residential Service Averages

- Year end residential population 12/31/2013: 83
- Year end independent living population: 9
- Average residential population for 2013: 77
- Total Days of Care Provided: 27,464
- Total number of children served in 2013: 182
- Average stay for children during 2013: 13 months
- Gender: Male: 42% Female: 58%
- Race : African American -59% Caucasian—30%
Bi-racial—9% Hispanic—2%
- Ages: (0-3) 3% (4-5) 3% (6-9) 15% (10-12) 20%
(13-16) 35% (17-18) 20% (19+) 4%

Transforming lives!

1896 Society Members

As of December 31, 2013

Addison Estate*
Anonymous*
Albert Armstrong in Memory of Nell and Jan Armstrong
Elizabeth F. Biel*
H. Carlisle Booth*
Betty L. Bruner*
Mary Frances Fitzgerald Cagle *
Norman B. Collins II*
Christopher H. & Dottie Watkins Lloyd Craft*
Sidney R. Crumpton*
Ruth Morgan Dean*
Albert H. Eargle*
Johnny and Marilyn Sue Evans*
David Ewing*
William R. Flemming*
George Robert Fowler*
Thomas G. Herbert, Jr. & Miriam Pope Herbert*
Murray C. Hicks *
John G. and Carol M. Hipp
John E. & Vicki Holler
Vera M. Horne*
Marcus L. Hunt*
Charles A. & Eva Grey Hutchins
Everett N. Infinger*
Mary Etta Johnson*
Alvin A. McCall, Jr. & Wanda E. McCall
Florence G. McGarrah*
Elizabeth K. McKelvey*
Hall M. Outzs*
Sam G. Parler*
Elisabeth W. Parris*
Joy Presnick*
Martha E. Rentz*
Glenn D. Reynolds*
Hampton K. Snipes, Sr*
Gladys Rowell Sullivan*
Elisabeth P. Taylor*
Edwin Trumble*
Harry Arthur Turner, Jr.*
Theodore H. & Pegilie Walter
Lavetta D. Wimmer*

* = Deceased

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

Early Intervention Center

2013 Data

The EEIC serves children with developmental delays.

Preschool: 13 Volunteers: 14
Home-Based: 40 Student Interns: 3
Respite: 12

Total Giving to EEIC: \$13,325

Attendance numbers are averages of children served per month.

Investing in Care!

2013 Individual & Business Sponsors

\$10,000 and Above

Anonymous
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 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brittain
 Building Systems Solutions
 Epworth Alumni Association
 Mr. and Mrs. John Farley
 Mr. and Mrs. William R. Flemming
 Friends of Epworth
 Mr. Richard E. Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. David McPherson

\$10,000+ Congregational Sponsors

Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia	\$40,329.88
First UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$31,168.00
Faith UMC	Lexington	\$27,605.12
Bethany UMC	Summerville	\$24,678.10
Union UMC	Irmo	\$21,270.85
Grace UMC	Columbia	\$20,325.00
Chapin UMC	Chapin	\$20,091.75
Little River UMC	Little River	\$19,800.25
Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington	\$18,679.65
Central UMC	Florence	\$18,371.90
St Johns UMC	Rock Hill	\$16,261.06
St Johns UMC	Aiken	\$15,606.75
Carteret Street UMC	Beaufort	\$14,972.00
Mt Hebron UMC	West Columbia	\$14,615.34
Hibben UMC	Mt Pleasant	\$14,452.00
Macedonia UMC	Mullins	\$13,992.45
Shandon UMC	Columbia	\$11,848.00
Grace UMC	North Augusta	\$11,370.00
Buncombe Street UMC	Greenville	\$11,244.71
Cameron UMC	Cameron	\$11,016.00
John Wesley UMC	Charleston	\$10,800.00
Salem UMC	Ballentine	\$10,517.00
Surfside UMC	Surfside Beach	\$10,262.00
Belin Memorial UMC	Murrells Inlet	\$10,107.00

Congregational totals include gifts from the congregation, special offerings and individual congregation members.

Highest Per Member Giving by District (599 or Less Members)

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Ebenezer UMC	\$3,800.00	22	\$172.73
	Zion UMC	\$1,100.00	8	\$137.50
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$6,857.00	192	\$35.71
Charleston	Edisto Island UMC	\$5,579.00	68	\$82.04
	Lebanon UMC	\$6,290.00	139	\$45.25
	Wrens Chapel UMC	\$500.00	15	\$33.33
Columbia	Faith UMC	\$27,605.12	148	\$186.52
	Grace UMC	\$23,150.00	393	\$58.91
	Zion UMC	\$705.00	20	\$35.25
Florence	Elim UMC	\$1,975.00	35	\$56.43
	Paxville UMC	\$2,122.00	65	\$32.65
	Andrews Chapel UMC	\$540.00	18	\$30.00
Greenville	Trinity UMC	\$1,995.00	27	\$73.89
	Fews Chapel UMC	\$4,099.00	66	\$62.11
	Bethel UMC	\$1,610.00	35	\$46.00
Greenwood	Spann UMC	\$1,220.00	13	\$93.85
	Trenton UMC	\$1,899.00	58	\$32.74
	Ridge Spring UMC	\$485.00	19	\$25.53
Hartsville	Sandy Grove UMC	\$2,838.50	46	\$61.71
	Ashland UMC	\$900.00	16	\$56.25
	McLeod Chapel UMC	\$1,685.00	54	\$31.20
Marion	Central UMC	\$9,586.00	38	\$252.26
	Pine Grove UMC	\$2,322.00	38	\$61.11
	Macedonia UMC	\$13,992.45	320	\$43.73
Orangeburg	Cameron UMC	\$11,016.00	15	\$734.40
	Shady Grove UMC	\$8,476.00	66	\$128.42
	East Bethel UMC	\$629.16	14	\$44.94
Rock Hill	St Paul UMC	\$6,015.00	186	\$32.34
	Shady Grove UMC	\$500.00	17	\$29.41
	Damascus UMC	\$1,275.00	44	\$28.98
Spartanburg	Whitestone UMC	\$2,975.00	44	\$67.61
	Roebuck UMC	\$3,727.00	83	\$44.90
	Mesopotamia UMC	\$2,375.00	69	\$34.42
Walterboro	St John UMC	\$2,000.00	18	\$111.11
	Cypress UMC	\$6,192.00	88	\$70.36
	Furman UMC	\$1,165.00	18	\$64.72

Number of Churches by District that gave \$0

District	Total	District	Total
Anderson	16	Hartsville	34
Charleston	17	Marion	15
Columbia	4	Orangeburg	19
Florence	24	Rock Hill	8
Greenville	13	Spartanburg	14
Greenwood	8	Walterboro	41
		Total	213

Volunteer Totals for 2013

New Volunteers Units Approved for service in 2013: **39**

Total Volunteer Units serving in 2013: **123**

Cottage Partners: **44**

Mentors: **38**

(A Volunteer Unit is an individual or group approved to serve in some capacity on campus.)

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

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Clemson UMC	\$9,636.45	1011	\$9.53
	St Johns UMC	\$6,964.00	1482	\$4.70
	Trinity UMC	\$4,570.00	988	\$4.63
Charleston	Hibben UMC	\$14,452.00	828	\$17.45
	First UMC	\$8,591.00	629	\$13.66
	John Wesley UMC	\$10,800.00	1308	\$8.26
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$40,329.88	1651	\$24.43
	Asbury Memorial UMC	\$7,970.00	656	\$12.15
	Mt Hebron UMC	\$14,615.34	1207	\$12.11
Florence	Central UMC	\$18,371.90	1864	\$9.86
	Highland Park UMC	\$5,312.10	1064	\$4.99
Greenville	Memorial UMC	\$3,462.00	636	\$5.44
	Mauldin UMC	\$9,407.00	2019	\$4.66
	Buncombe Street UMC	\$11,244.71	2520	\$4.46
Greenwood	Wightman UMC	\$5,446.75	623	\$8.74
	St Mark UMC	\$9,166.00	1237	\$7.41
	Grace UMC	\$11,370.00	1895	\$6.00
Hartsville	Trinity UMC	\$8,884.42	775	\$11.46
	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$8,395.00	996	\$8.43
	St Johns UMC	\$3,603.00	608	\$5.93
Marion	First UMC	\$31,168.00	1883	\$16.55
	Trinity UMC	\$9,648.00	717	\$13.46
	Surfside UMC	\$10,262.00	1018	\$10.08
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$15,606.75	1700	\$9.18
Rock Hill	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$8,160.51	633	\$12.89
	St Johns UMC	\$16,261.06	1969	\$8.26
	St Johns UMC	\$5,400.00	915	\$5.90
Spartanburg	St Paul UMC	\$7,921.00	1030	\$7.69
	Bethel UMC	\$5,949.00	1351	\$4.40
Walterboro	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$7,540.00	810	\$9.31

*Top three churches giving at \$4.00 per member or higher are listed.
The conference goal is \$6.00 per member.

Highest Congregation Giving by Total Dollars By District

District	Church Name	Total
Anderson	Clemson UMC	\$9,636.45
	St Johns UMC	\$6,964.00
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$6,857.00
Charleston	Bethany UMC	\$24,678.10
	Hibben UMC	\$14,452.00
	John Wesley UMC	\$10,800.00
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$40,329.88
	Faith UMC	\$27,605.12
	Grace UMC	\$23,150.00
Florence	Central UMC	\$18,371.90
	Manning UMC	\$8,571.25
	Ebenezer UMC	\$5,910.38
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$11,244.71
	Mauldin UMC	\$9,407.00
	Aldersgate UMC	\$5,797.00
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$11,370.00
	St Mark UMC	\$9,166.00
	Wightman UMC	\$5,446.75
Hartsville	Trinity UMC	\$8,884.42
	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$8,395.00
	Shiloh UMC	\$6,163.00
Marion	First UMC	\$31,168.00
	Little River UMC	\$19,800.25
	Macedonia UMC	\$13,992.45
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$15,606.75
	Cameron UMC	\$11,016.00
	Shady Grove UMC	\$8,476.00
Rock Hill	St Johns UMC	\$16,261.06
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$8,160.51
	St Paul UMC	\$6,015.00
Spartanburg	St Paul UMC	\$7,921.00
	Cannons Camp Ground UMC	\$7,314.35
	Bethel UMC	\$5,949.00
Walterboro	Carteret Street UMC	\$14,972.00
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$7,540.00
	Cypress UMC	\$6,192.00

2012-2013 Academic Year Summary

- 100% of high school seniors graduated.
- 100% of high school graduates continued into higher education through Epworth's Independent Living Program.
- 85% of residents (with placement of 20 days or longer) received academic tutoring at Epworth.
- The Barnes Learning Center at Epworth provided 17 tutors (including 9 volunteer tutors).
- 47% of residents earned public school Honor Roll each quarter.*
- 48% of residents earned Epworth's Academic Achievement Incentive each quarter.*
- 96% of residents received 2 or fewer disciplinary referrals each quarter.*

*Percentages based on averages of the 2012-13 Academic Year

Churches that Sent Groups to Epworth in 2013

Asbury Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Ashland UMC	Columbia, SC
Bethany UMC	Charleston, SC
Bethel UMC	Forest Acres
Bethel UMC	Rowesville, SC
Bible Way Church	Columbia, SC
Branchville UMC	Branchville, SC
Cannon's Camp Ground UMC	Spartanburg, SC
Cayce UMC	Cayce, SC
Central UMC	Newberry, SC
Chapin UMC	Chapin, SC
Christ UMC	Bennettsville, SC
Disciples UMC	Greenville, SC
First Presbyterian Church	Columbia, SC
First UMC	Bennettsville, SC
First UMC	Isle of Palms, SC
First UMC	Marion, SC
First UMC	Tupelo, MS
France Burns UMC	Columbia, SC
Garden City Chapel	Gaden City Beach, SC
Gilbert UMC	Gilbert, SC
Good Samaritan UMC	Lake Wylie, SC
Gordan Memorial UMC	Winnsboro, SC
Grace UMC	Columbia, SC
Grace UMC	North Augusta
Hibben UMC	Mt. Pleasant
Hope Christian Academy	Columbia, SC
Jericho UMC	Camero, SC
Jordan Charge UMC	Jordan, SC
Journey UMC	Columbia, SC
Latta UMC	Latta, SC
Lebanon UMC	Eastover, SC
Leesville UMC	Leesville, SC
Lexington Prebyterian Church	Lexington, SC
Lyttleton Street UMC	Camden, SC
Mechanicsville UMC	Sumter, SC
Midtown Fellowship	Columbia, SC
Mill Creek UMC	Columbia, SC
Mt. Herbron UMC	West Columbia, SC
Mt. Horeb UMC	Lexington, SC

New Life UMC	Walterboro, SC
Northeast Presbyterian Church	Columbia, SC
Northeast UMC	Columbia, SC
Pinopolis UMC	Pinopolis, SC
Pisgah UMC	Florence, SC
Platt Springs UMC	West Columbia, SC
Pleasant Hill UMC	Indian Land, SC
Pleasant Hill UMC	Wallace, SC
Riverbend Community Church	Lexington, SC
Shandon Baptist Church	Columbia, SC
Shandon UMC	Columbia, SC
St. Andrews By The Sea	Hilton Head, SC
St. John's UMC	Aiken, SC
St. John's UMC	Rock Hill, SC
St. John's UMC	Sumter, SC
St. John's UMC	Fort Mill, SC
St. Luke's UMC	Hartsville, SC
St. Marks UMC	Greenwood, SC
St. Marks UMC	Seneca, SC
St. Matthews	Orangeburg, SC
St. Michael UMC	Kingstree, SC
St. Paul's UMC	Florence, SC
St. Paul's UMC	Ninety Six, SC
St. Peters Lutheran	Chapin, SC
Swansea UMC	Swansea, SC
The Harvest	Lexington, SC
The Shack Ministry at USC	Columbia, SC
Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia, SC
Trinity Presbyterian	Columbia, SC
Trinity UMC	Blythewood, SC
Trinity UMC	Conway, SC
Union UMC	Irmo, SC
USC Campus Ministry	Columbia, SC
Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Washington Street UMC	Columbia, SC
Wesley Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Westminster Presbyterian	Columbia, SC
Wightman UMC	Prosperity, SC
Windsor UMC	Columbia, SC

Business and Community Volunteer Groups

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 USC Football Ladies

was just a few feet away, he pretended to bobble the ball and then “lost control” of it as it bounced directly into Bobby’s hands just feet from the hoop.

For just a moment everyone in the stands fell silent. Stunned at what they were seeing.

Bobby snatched the ball and launched a shot but it fell short. Jamal reached up and caught the ball in the air. He turned around and “accidentally” dropped the ball right into Bobby’s hands again. Bobby grabbed the ball put up a shot and... swish...the ball dropped right through the basket!

The crowd went wild as the stands and players erupted with cheers. Suddenly the scoreboard seemed completely irrelevant.

Jamal grabbed the ball and passed it to his teammate, Kevin. Kevin also “lost the ball” and it bounced directly to Bobby who immediately put up another shot. Swish...he scored another basket.

The crowd was now moved to tears, as were the Epworth coaches. The secret play the boys had scripted during the last timeout was not about the Epworth team at all, it was about giving Bobby the opportunity to score.

The scene played out one more time and then the final buzzer sounded. Bobby ran around the gym in pure joy with his teammates.

Coach Parsons wiped away the tears from his eyes and turned around when a lady tapped him on his shoulder. The lady was sobbing and tears poured down on her cheeks. She composed herself and said, “Coach, I’m Bobby’s mother. That was the first time Bobby has ever scored a basket. He is going to remember this moment forever. We all will.”

For many of the children at Epworth, the campus basketball team is the first time they have played organized sports. The basketball court is a place where they learn valuable lessons and enjoy the feeling of being a part of something bigger. This year’s junior boy’s team, all of whom came to Epworth from a series of tragic situations, came together and gave Bobby the opportunity of a lifetime. Epworth strives to provide many and various “opportunities of a lifetime” for our residents, and during this game it was evident that our residents are following in our footsteps.

Our boys went on to win the tournament championship that weekend, bringing another trophy home to the Epworth gymnasium. But as Coach Parsons eloquently stated when they returned to campus, “I’m proud of the championship, but our great moment was when our players saw a need and provided for Bobby and his parents. I’m so proud of my boys.”



In addition to the junior boys, the Epworth Memorial Senior Girls team also brought home a trophy to campus. The girls received the tournament’s Milford Sportsmanship Award.



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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Annual Cook-Out-for-Kids BBQ

Sponsored by the

Epworth Alumni Association

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

On Epworth's Campus

Chicken or Pork Plate - \$10

Boston Butt - \$30

Desserts & Sodas sold separately

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AND JOIN US!**

For more information email
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Thank You, Friends of Epworth!



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A special thanks to the Friends of Epworth who hosted their annual gala on February 14. All proceeds are given to Epworth Children's Home. The Friends of Epworth are local community leaders who formed in 2012 to enrich the lives of children by raising undesignated funds through businesses and communities partners.

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