

The Record

News from Epworth Children's Home



Annual Report Edition



The Extra Mile

Seventeen year old Eric stepped off a bus in Aiken, SC with his two younger sisters, his younger brother and his mother. They had no bags, no money and no shoes. This was the fifth state for them in three years. They had no connections to South Carolina, no one they could call and nowhere to sleep. So they began walking. Eric, his mother and siblings walked every mile from Aiken to Columbia in bare feet.

When they got to Columbia, someone picked the family up and took them to the hospital. It didn't take long for the hospital staff to realize the family had nowhere to go, and the SC Department of Social Services was contacted. Eric and his two sisters were placed at Epworth until a sustainable plan could be determined.

Eric is tall, soft spoken and respectful. When asked

about his school experience he responded, "I haven't been in school a whole lot." He came with no school records, so Mrs. Christy Mooneyhan, Epworth's Chief Academic Officer, went to work trying to discover as much as she could about his academic history. What she learned was troubling. "Eric is 17 years old, and has only five and one half credit hours," she said. "He can't graduate from high school this year with the other children his age." The more she learned the more troubling the news. Through years of experience, Epworth has learned that the majority of the children arrive performing an average of two grade levels behind their peers. Education is vital to helping break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame they have experienced. Epworth administers an educational assessment to each new resident. The assessment revealed that Eric not only lacked the credit hours to graduate with a high school diploma,

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Contribution Record for S.C. Methodists

Winter 2013

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 2012, \$1,454,903.89 was received from and or credited to the 1,014 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 \$6.18 this past year, which means the goal of an average gift of at least \$6.00 per United Methodist in S.C. was achieved. 2012 church giving reports reflect the following for S.C. United Methodist.

- United Methodist in S.C. – 235,501
- Average giving per member - \$6.18
- Number of United Methodist Churches – 1,014
- Number of congregations contributing at \$6 per member or greater – 321
- Number of congregations contributing \$0.00 – 239
- Number of congregations 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.

We celebrate the increase in congregational support, and know the best days are yet ahead for the children and families of Epworth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Annual Cook-Out-for-Kids BBQ

Sponsored by the
Epworth Alumni Association

Saturday, April 27th, 2013

11am - 4 pm

On Epworth's Campus

Chicken or Pork Plate - \$10

Boston Butt - \$30

Deserts & Sodas sold separately

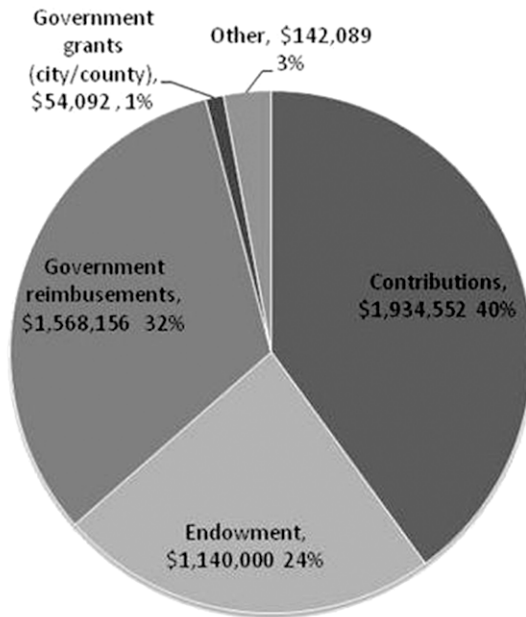
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2012 Revenue Sources

Total Revenue \$4,838,889

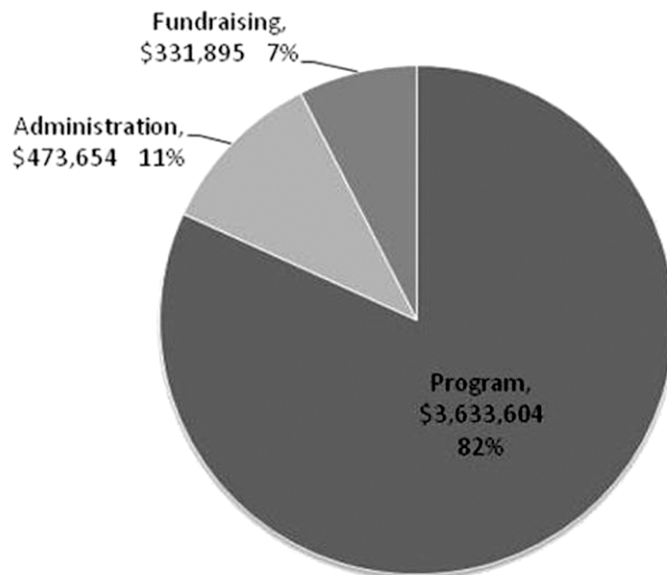
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2012 Expenses Excluding Depreciation

Total Expenses \$4,439,153

(unaudited numbers)



2012 Residential Service Averages

- Year end residential population 12/31/12: 64
- Year end independent living population: 8
- Average residential population for 2012: 76
- Total Days of Care Provided: 28,167
- Total number of children served in 2012: 152
- Average days of service provided for each child: 185
- Average stay for children during 2012: 2 year and 3 months
- Gender Averages: Male 38% Female 62%
- Race Averages: African American-59.9% Caucasian-35.6%
Bi-racial-3.9% Hispanic-.6%
- Age Averages: (4-5) 1% (6-9) 10% (10-12) 12%
(13-16) 35% (17-18) 27% (19+) 15%

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1896 Society Members

As of December 31, 2012

Jacob C. Arant*
 Mary Frances Fitzgerald Cagle*
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 Nora W. Lee*
 Norman B. Collins II*
 Johnny & Marilyn Sue Evans*
 Gladys Rowell Sullivan*
 Betty L. Bruner*
 Sam G. Parler*
 Everett N. Infinger*
 George Robert Fowler*
 Anonymous*
 Harry Arthur Turner, Jr.*
 Martha E. Rentz*
 Elisabeth P. Taylor*
 Albert Armstrong
in Memory of Nell and Jan Armstrong
 Christopher H. & Dottie Watkins Lloyd Craft*
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 John E. & Vicki Holler
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 Theodore H. and Pegilie Walter
 Sidney R. Crumpton*
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 Elizabeth F. Biel*
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 Hall M. Outzs*
 Florence G. McGarrah*
 Mary Etta Johnson*
 H. Carlisle Booth*
 Marcus L. Hunt*
 Edwin Trumble*
 Albert H. Eargle*
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*denotes someone who is 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

2012 Data

Children Served:

Preschool (ages 1-4): 22
 Home-based (ages 1-4): 63
 Respite (ages 1-16): 16

Volunteers: 10
 Student Interns: 2

Total Giving to EEIC: \$27,673

Investing in Care!

2012 Individual & Business Sponsors

\$10,000 and Above

Anonymous
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Anonymous
Bonner Family Private Foundation Inc
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brittain
CG Fuller Foundation
Epworth Alumni Association
Mr. and Mrs. John Farley
Dr. and Mrs. John Schaberg
Moe's Columbia

\$10,000+ Congregational Sponsors

Church Name	City	Total
Union UMC	Irmo	\$45,439.01
St Pauls UMC	Orangeburg	\$38,112.00
Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia	\$31,236.22
Shandon UMC	Columbia	\$31,166.73
Chapin UMC	Chapin	\$28,607.05
Grace UMC	Columbia	\$24,017.00
Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington	\$23,484.09
First UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$22,326.00
Central UMC	Florence	\$21,720.00
Bethany UMC	Summerville	\$17,148.00
St Johns UMC	Aiken	\$16,989.44
Carteret Street UMC	Beaufort	\$15,901.00
Poplar UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$14,555.00
Christ UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$13,164.42
Buncombe Street UMC	Greenville	\$12,996.00
Faith UMC	Lexington	\$12,857.00
Washington Street UMC	Columbia	\$11,357.00
Macedonia UMC	Mullins	\$11,315.00
First UMC	Isle of Palms	\$10,982.90
Belin Memorial UMC	Murrells Inlet	\$10,620.15
St Johns UMC	Rock Hill	\$10,436.38
Dickson Memorial UMC	Townville	\$10,124.00

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	Zion UMC	\$1,345.00	7	\$192.14
	Ebenezer UMC	\$3,325.00	24	\$138.54
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$10,124.00	202	\$50.12
Charleston	Lebanon UMC	\$6,222.67	137	\$45.42
	Edisto Island UMC	\$2,192.00	62	\$35.35
	Wrens Chapel UMC	\$500.00	15	\$33.33
Columbia	Faith UMC	\$12,857.00	144	\$89.28
	Grace UMC	\$24,017.00	393	\$61.11
	Zion UMC	\$650.00	21	\$30.95
Florence	Elim UMC	\$2,475.00	35	\$70.71
	Earles UMC	\$1,500.00	38	\$39.47
	Paxville UMC	\$1,970.00	60	\$32.83
Greenville	Pisgah UMC	\$7,381.00	100	\$73.81
	Trinity UMC	\$1,830.00	26	\$70.38
	Fews Chapel UMC	\$2,913.00	64	\$45.52
Greenwood	Spann UMC	\$1,165.00	9	\$129.44
	Ebenezer UMC	\$2,310.00	87	\$26.55
	Ridge Spring UMC	\$462.00	19	\$24.32
Hartsville	Ashland UMC	\$1,800.00	15	\$120.00
	Mt Olivet UMC	\$4,282.01	74	\$57.87
	Shiloh UMC	\$5,263.00	231	\$22.78
Marion	Poplar UMC	\$14,555.00	71	\$205.00
	Pine Grove UMC	\$2,860.00	38	\$75.26
	Central UMC	\$1,770.00	38	\$46.58
Orangeburg	Shady Grove UMC	\$8,814.00	67	\$131.55
	St Pauls UMC	\$38,112.00	527	\$72.32
	Cameron UMC	\$1,025.00	15	\$68.33
Rock Hill	Shady Grove UMC	\$620.00	17	\$36.47
	Damascus UMC	\$920.00	43	\$21.40
	St Paul UMC	\$3,530.00	189	\$18.68
Spartanburg	Roebuck UMC	\$3,621.05	72	\$50.29
	Mesopotamia UMC	\$1,705.00	67	\$25.45
	Whitestone UMC	\$925.00	47	\$19.68
Walterboro	Trinity UMC	\$8,151.00	92	\$88.60
	Furman UMC	\$835.00	18	\$46.39
	Zion UMC	\$600.00	16	\$37.50

Number of Churches by District that gave \$0

District	Total	District	Total
Anderson	17	Hartsville	33
Charleston	23	Marion	21
Columbia	3	Orangeburg	20
Florence	33	Rock Hill	11
Greenville	13	Spartanburg	17
Greenwood	12	Walterboro	36
		Total	239

Volunteer Totals for 2012

New Volunteer Units Approved for service in 2012: **42**

Total Volunteer Units serving in 2012: **117**

Cottage Partners: **36**

Mentors: **20**

(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	\$9,284.16	974	\$9.53
	First UMC	\$7,008.43	892	\$7.86
	St Johns UMC	\$9,889.00	1486	\$6.65
Charleston	First UMC	\$10,982.90	629	\$17.46
	Hibben UMC	\$7,840.07	838	\$9.36
	Bethel UMC	\$6,026.00	847	\$7.11
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$31,236.22	1611	\$19.39
	Chapin UMC	\$28,607.05	1705	\$16.78
	Union UMC	\$45,439.01	2749	\$16.53
Florence	Central UMC	\$21,720.00	1880	\$11.55
	Highland Park UMC	\$6,191.00	1046	\$5.92
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$12,996.00	2467	\$5.27
	Mauldin UMC	\$9,423.00	1975	\$4.77
	St Mark UMC	\$6,839.00	1236	\$5.53
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$8,505.00	1907	\$4.46
	Central UMC	\$2,551.00	615	\$4.15
	Trinity UMC	\$8,262.41	757	\$10.91
Hartsville	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,817.11	1006	\$9.76
	Trinity UMC	\$8,951.39	693	\$12.92
Marion	First UMC	\$22,326.00	1848	\$12.08
	Christ UMC	\$13,164.42	1307	\$10.07
	St Johns UMC	\$16,989.44	1656	\$10.26
Orangeburg	Woodland UMC	\$6,981.50	981	\$7.12
	St Johns UMC	\$10,436.38	1940	\$5.38
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$3,080.04	611	\$5.04
Spartanburg	St Paul UMC	\$5,465.00	1058	\$5.17
	Bethel UMC	\$5,692.00	1351	\$4.21
	Trinity UMC	\$3,746.43	917	\$4.09
Walterboro	Carteret Street UMC	\$15,901.00	658	\$24.17
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$7,262.00	798	\$9.10

* 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	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$10,124.00
	St Johns UMC	\$9,889.00
	Clemson UMC	\$9,284.16
Charleston	Bethany UMC	\$17,148.00
	First UMC	\$10,982.90
Columbia	Hibben UMC	\$7,840.07
	Union UMC	\$45,439.01
	Trenholm Road UMC	\$31,236.22
Florence	Shandon UMC	\$31,166.73
	Central UMC	\$21,720.00
Greenville	Manning UMC	\$9,770.00
	Highland Park UMC	\$6,191.00
	Buncombe Street UMC	\$12,996.00
Greenwood	Mauldin UMC	\$9,423.00
	Pisgah UMC	\$7,381.00
	Wightman UMC	\$9,127.37
Hartsville	Grace UMC	\$8,505.00
	St Mark UMC	\$6,839.00
Marion	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,817.11
	Trinity UMC	\$8,262.41
	St Johns UMC	\$5,962.19
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	St Johns UMC	\$16,989.44
	Shady Grove UMC	\$8,814.00
Spartanburg	St Johns UMC	\$10,436.38
	Woodland UMC	\$6,981.50
Walterboro	St Johns UMC	\$3,562.00
	Cannons Camp Ground UMC	\$6,783.33
	Bethel UMC	\$5,692.00
Walterboro	St Paul UMC	\$5,465.00
	Carteret Street UMC	\$15,901.00
	Trinity UMC	\$8,151.00
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$7,262.00

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Churches that Sent Groups to Epworth in 2012

Aldersgate UMC	Rock Hill, SC
Asbury Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Ashland UMC	Columbia, SC
Bethel UMC	Columbia, SC
Bethel UMC	Rowesville, SC
Bethesda UMC	Anderson, SC
Bethlehem UMC	Bishopville, SC
Branchville UMC	Branchville, SC
Breath of Life Lutheran Church	Columbia, SC
Broad Street UMC	Clinton, SC
Camp Swamp UMC	Loris, SC
Campobello UMC	Campobello, SC
Cannon's Camp Ground UMC	Spartanburg, SC
Cayce UMC	Cayce, SC
Chapin UMC	Chapin, SC
Christ UMC***	Bennettsville, SC
First UMC	Bennettsville, SC
First UMC	Marion, SC
First UMC***	Isle of Palms, SC
Fisher Chapel UMC	Hardeeville, SC
Frances Burns UMC	Columbia, SC
Garden City Chapel	Garden City Beach, SC
Gilbert UMC	Gilbert, SC
Good Shepard Lutheran Church	Columbia, SC
Gordan Memorial UMC	Winnsboro, SC
Grace UMC	Charleston, SC
Grace UMC	Columbia, SC
Harmony UMC	Ware Shoals, SC
Incarnation Lutheran Church	Columbia, SC
Jericho UMC	Cameron, SC
Jordan Charge UMC	Jordan, SC
Kingstree UMC	Florence, SC
Latta UMC***	Latta, SC
Lebanon UMC	Eastover, SC
Leesville UMC	Leesville, SC
Lyttleton Street UMC	Camden, SC
Midtown Fellowship	Columbia, SC
Mill Creek UMC	Columbia, SC
Mountain View UMC	Taylors, SC
Mt. Beulah UMC	Lake City, SC
Mt. Hebron UMC	West Columbia, SC
Mt. Horeb UMC	Lexington, SC
Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church	West Columbia, SC
New Hope UMC	Allendale, SC

New Hope UMC	Pomaria, SC
New Hope UMC	Wallace, SC
New Life UMC	Walterboro, SC
North UMC	North, SC
Northeast Presbyterian Church	Columbia, SC
Northeast UMC	Columbia, SC
Oak Grove UMC	Wallace, SC
Platt Springs UMC	West Columbia, SC
Plesant Hill UMC	Wallace, SC
Red Bank UMC	Lexington, SC
Rehoboth UMC	Columbia, SC
Riverbend Community Church	Lexington, SC
Rivercity Network	Columbia, SC
Riverland Hills Baptist Church	Irmo, SC
Salem UMC	Elgin, SC
Salem UMC	Florence, SC
Salem UMC	Irmo, SC
Shady Grove UMC	Irmo, SC
Shandon Baptist Church	Columbia, SC
Shandon UMC	Columbia, SC
St. Andrews by the Sea UMC	Hilton Head, SC
St. Andrews Parish UMC	Charleston, SC
St. John's UMC	Batesburg-Leesville, SC
St. John's UMC	Aiken, SC
St. John's UMC	Fort Mill, SC
St. John's UMC	Lugoff, SC
St. John's UMC	Rock Hill, SC
St. Lukes Lutheran Church	Prosperity, SC
St. Lukes/Okatie UMC	Bluffton, SC
St. Marks UMC	Greenwood, SC
St. Marks UMC***	Seneca, SC
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Columbia, SC
St. Pauls UMC	Ninety Six, SC
Suber Marshall Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia, SC
Trinity UMC	Blythewood, SC
Union UMC	Irmo, SC
Virginia Wingard UMC	Columbia, SC
Washington Street UMC	Columbia, SC
Wesley Memorial UMC	Columbia, SC
Wightman UMC	Prosperity, SC
Windsor UMC	Columbia, SC
Word of God Church and Ministries	Columbia, SC

****Denotes churches that spent the night on campus.

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but he also struggled with a learning disability that would prevent him from getting his GED.

Eric's hurdles didn't end with his academic challenges. When his Epworth Case Manager, Ms. Brianna Guy, tried to talk to him about his future, his only response was, "I want to be a professional basketball player." Eric lacks the insight to see the truth of his own reality. He is very close to the age of 18 when he can legally sign himself out of Epworth's care. Knowing that he is not in a position to support himself, the staff at Epworth have been diligent in helping him grasp his viable possibilities for his future.



Ms. Guy and others on staff spent numerous weeks, days and hours with Eric, introducing him to alternatives, but nothing swayed him from his idea of being a professional basketball player. Ms. Guy was concerned for Eric and his future. She had one final option, and she presented it to him. "Eric, what do you think about Job Corps?"

Eric, as he always did, graciously agreed to learn more about Ms. Guy's new ideas. Eric was polite and respectful during the conversation. He asked questions and interacted with Ms. Guy and his DSS Case Worker. After leaving the office he said nothing for a long while. "It was really quiet in the car," said Ms. Guy. "But then I asked him what he thought about the idea."

"I think I'd like to be a plumber," Eric said.

Ms. Guy was shocked. She was also delighted. It was the first time Eric had said anything that represented he might be beginning to comprehend the importance of this decision.

"A plumber?" she responded. "Yes. I think being a plumber would be good," he told her.

Eric has taken ownership in the first steps of a plan for his future. He and Ms. Guy returned to the cottage and begin thinking about what steps he needs to take to be accepted to Job Corps and begin his training as a plumber. This, albeit hopeful, is simply a start.

Not only does Eric need additional academic support, but he has also experienced a great deal of trauma. He needs therapy to help him heal from that trauma. He and his mother and siblings are in family therapy weekly. This service is offered to families free of charge. Epworth knows that in order to break the cycle, the behaviors of the families must change. Although Eric is 17, he is emotionally and developmentally younger than that. He misses his mother deeply and cries during the therapy sessions. The emotional hurt is great for him and often distracts him from moving forward with his life. Ms. Guy understands this and offers a great deal of patience as she gently directs and encourages him.

Eric's story is difficult. He has many needs that would never be met if Epworth provided only room and board. Eric knows what it means to walk miles of his life in pain, but now that he is at Epworth, he is learning what it can mean to walk in hope and new life. Epworth staff members, like Ms. Guy and Mrs. Mooneyhan, are going the extra mile for Eric and every child who calls Epworth home. They know what it takes to help break the cycle so that when the children leave Epworth's safety and security they will be better equipped to navigate life's many miles.



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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.

The Friends of Epworth was formed by a small group of community leaders who began individually volunteering at Epworth Children's Home to give back to their community. Little did they realize how much their lives would be impacted by the children they served. The Friends Board includes Leadership Columbia Graduates, mentors and cottage partners, and local business professionals who have made Epworth their charity of choice. Mitzie Schafer, Director of Development for Epworth Children's Home and liaison to the Friends of Epworth, said of the group, "It's exciting to see a group of young professionals with the passion to take the difficult steps to organize themselves in a way that allows them to maximize their abilities to network and raise funds to support our children."

The Friends of Epworth formed at the beginning of 2012 with grand ideas and aspirations. They are a sitting Board of seven members, who are personally invested in the work Epworth does. In the summer of 2012, the Board officially submitted their nonprofit 501(c)(3) application to the IRS and began to more specifically define their strategic and marketing plans by launching a website and Facebook page. The Friends intend to engage businesses throughout South Carolina to raise awareness and support for the children who call Epworth home. Their mission is to enrich the lives of children by raising undesignated funds to be given to Epworth Children's Home.

On February 15, 2013, the Friends of Epworth hosted A Picture Perfect Gala benefiting Epworth Children's Home. The Gala is the first event hosted by the Friends. Chairman Steve Taylor said "I am proud to support an organization like Epworth that helps take care of children and families in need. I look forward to finding more creative ways to advance Epworth's mission in the future." This is just the beginning for the Friends of Epworth, a group that will surely gain the attention and support of the business community in and around South Carolina.



*Introducing the
Friends of Epworth Board*



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