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“Epworth saved my life,” said an Epworth Alumnus from the class of '54 at last year's Cookout for Kids BBQ. “If it weren't for Epworth, I'd probably be in prison.” Regardless of the amount of time a child spends at Epworth Children's Home, the impact can be monumental. Children who come to Epworth often have their lives turned upside down from the trauma they experience. Epworth serves as a safe haven to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self-respect, responsibility and productivity.

Epworth's Alumni Association is the official organization for former residents, employees and friends of Epworth. The Association serves to foster friendships and fellowship among those who have been influenced by Epworth. Epworth's Facebook page and the Alumni's group page are often places for former residents to get information on upcoming events, reconnect and share stories with one another. A former resident from the mid-1970s recently wrote to Epworth saying, “Thanks to Epworth Children's Home for giving my sister, two brothers and myself a chance of having a life and not being split up into separate homes. It has been a long time since I lived there, but it was an experience that I will never forget. Thank you, Epworth.” Hearing stories and words of appreciation from Alumni who lived at Epworth more than 40 years ago is always heartwarming.

Epworth invites you to come hear those stories first hand. Spring is the time of year when the Alumni get together to host their Annual Cookout for Kids BBQ to raise money for Epworth Children's Home. This year it is on Saturday, April 27th from 11am – 4pm. Come out to Epworth's campus to invest in the comprehensive care that Epworth provides to each and every resident, past and present, who call this wonderful place home. For more information regarding the BBQ, please visit the Alumni tab on Epworth's website at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.