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“I can't believe I did it. I can't believe I'm graduating.” Even though each child at Epworth has a different story, their reaction to graduating from high school is often the same—excitement and disbelief.

The campus has been buzzing for the past month with talk about summer plans, jobs, and graduation. While summer trips and jobs are very exciting to the children who live at Epworth, graduation is a bigger deal. So many children who come to Epworth are the first in their family to graduate from high school, the first to even consider, let alone be accepted, to college, and first to admit that there was a time when they thought they could never achieve that goal.

This year Epworth had eight seniors graduate from Dreher High School. That's a record number of graduates! The children were ecstatic. Some of them have been at Epworth for a short period of time, while others have been there for many years. When they arrive on campus, their priority is usually safety. That is the most they can dream of attaining. Epworth staff, volunteers, and friends work every day to provide each child with the tools they need to build their confidence and skills to become self-sufficient members of the community and learn it's safe to dream big.

Each time a child says that they can't believe they did something, an Epworth staff member reminds them that they believed in them all along. Believing in and supporting the children who call Epworth home are two of the many ways Epworth provides the comprehensive care that transforms the lives of the children.