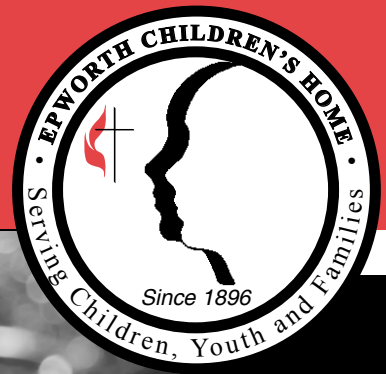


The Record

News from Epworth Children's Home



Getting on the Right Track

Annual Report Edition

Derek* did not have a stable childhood. He experienced emotional abuse and neglect at a very young age. The most stability he had was when he was with his elderly grandmother. Eventually she became his sole caretaker, but by then he was experiencing the after-effects of a childhood filled with trauma. He had low self-esteem and was socially immature for his age. He felt as if he did not really fit in anywhere.

Eventually those feelings overwhelmed Derek and he began to use drugs and alcohol. He grew to despise authority figures and a defiant behavior pattern immersed. Soon he began hanging out with the wrong crowd in his neighborhood. His new “friends” seemed like the perfect fit for

him, giving him purpose and sense of security. However, things spiraled out of control. Soon he found himself in trouble with the law and in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Derek entered a program with DJJ where he was given the tools to stop the downward spiral and find a way to start putting things on the right track. He did everything that was asked of him and he completed the program with a new outlook on life.

Unfortunately at the same time, his grandmother's health declined to a point where she could no longer take care of him. Without another place to go upon discharge from DJJ, Derek was placed

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Moving Forward

Spring 2017

A Message from The Rev. John Holler
President

The most recent national Kids Count Data Book (2016) provides an analysis of five basic conditions that describe many of our children in South Carolina. This annual publication provides an analysis of economic, educational, health, family, and general well-being of children in our state.

For over two decades South Carolina's children have ranked in the lowest tier in the nation in most indicators for quality of life. This distressing portrait is further tainted by the increasing numbers of children who suffer from abuse or neglect.

Economic conditions of children in S.C. ranked 37th, which is one state shy of the lowest tier nationally. Children's Health ranked 37th which is also one state shy of the lowest tier. Children who live in nurturing families and are part of Supportive Communities ranked 42nd. That ranking is in the lowest tier. Our Educational rating dropped from 41st to 43rd which kept S.C. in the lowest tier. Overall Child Well-being ranks 41st which places our children in the lowest tier nationally.

As you can see we have a long way to go to reach a point where we can be proud of the work we do in South Carolina to help many of our young children have a fighting chance to overcome the poor start they have experienced. Additional resources, research, dedication, and a sharper focus need to be brought to the table.

Epworth is answering the call of underserved children by continuing to raise the standard for child services both on and off of our campuses. Epworth has started a foster parent recruiting and support program. The goal is to recruit, train, and support foster parents who will provide a loving, stable, faith related home for children who need a family. The recruiting efforts are focused mainly on church congregations that can provide a nurturing environment to foster families.

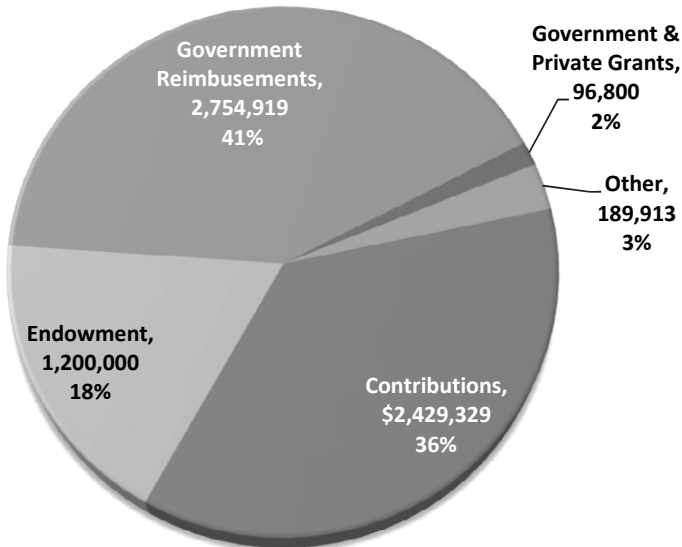
Epworth also plans to enlarge its innovative Family Care Center and move it to its new campus. This program which was designed by Epworth staff members, and community partners allows mothers and their children to live together on Epworth's campus in a home like environment. In this program mothers and children are able to continue living together while they receive the support and structured assistance that they need to move them toward healthy family functioning.

Also, in the next couple of months, Epworth's highly successful Higher Education and Independent Living program for youth 18 to 23 will become the Center for Independent Living and will move to the new Trenholm Road campus and expand its capacity. This program, under the direction of Laurie Brandes, prepares Epworth residents for life beyond Epworth with college scholarships, job training, life skills classes and experiences, supervision, guidance, and a safe living environment.

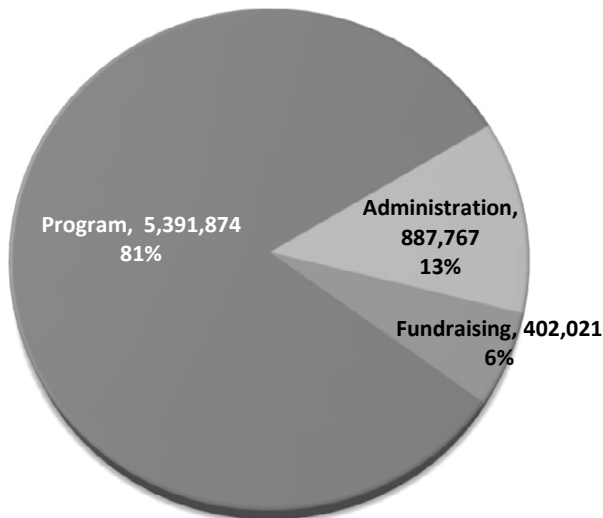
We in South Carolina do have miles to go before we can brag about the way we care for our most vulnerable children, but Epworth and partner institutions across our state are moving forward one step at a time. I thank you for your support as we walk together.

2016 Revenue Sources
Revenue \$6,670,961
(Unaudited)

Revenue



2016 Total Expenditures
Including Depreciation
Total Expenses \$6,681,273*
(Unaudited)



*Does not include purchase of the former Carolina Children's Home property.

2016 Individual & Business Sponsors

\$10,000 and Above

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2016 Residential Services Figures

January 1st – December 31st 2016

- Year-end residential population 12/31/2016: **54**
- Year end independent living population: **11**
- Average residential population for 2016: **71**
- Total Days of Care Provided: **23,815**
- (61%) 57 out of 94 of residents discharged from Residential Care were reunified with family or placed with a family member
- Total number of children served in 2016: **149**
- Average stay for children during 2016: **1 year and 56 days**
- **23,815** total days of care were provided
- Gender: Male: **42%** (62 of 149) Female: **58%** (87 of 149)
- Race: African American – 72/149 = **48%** Caucasian – 52/149 = **35%**
Bi-racial – 12/149 = **8%** Hispanic – 10/149 = **7%**
Other – 3/149 = **2%** (3 American Indian)
- Ages: (0-3) **0%** (4-5) **0%** (6-9) **17%** (25 of 149) (10-12) **24%** (35 of 149)
(13-16) **40%** (59 of 149) (17-18) **15%** (22 of 149) (19+) **5%** (7 of 149)

Epworth Family Care Center

2016 Data

The FCC serves mothers with substance addictions and their children. The families live together in a cottage on Epworth's campus and receive treatment as a whole family through a 6-month program.

- Mothers in the FCC on 12/31/16: **2**
- Children in the FCC on 12/31/16: **5**
- Number of mothers served in 2016: **6**
- Number of children served in 2016: **13**
- Number of graduations in 2016: **3**



Epworth Early Intervention Center (EEIC)

2016 Data

The EEIC serves children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Preschool: 20

Home-Based: 53

Respite: 7 children from 6 families

Volunteers: 18

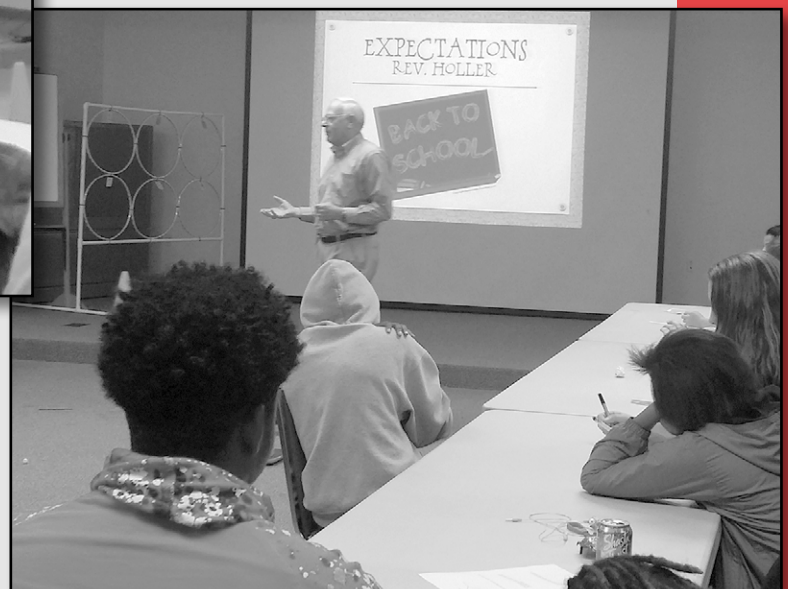
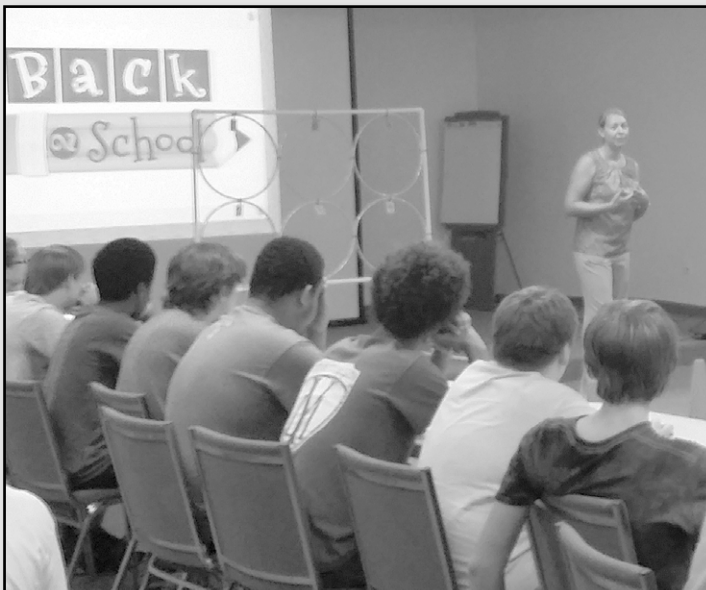
Student Interns: 2

Total Giving to the EEIC: \$8,021.64

Attendance numbers are totals of children served for the year.

Epworth Academic Points of Interest 2015-2016

- 82.7% of residents tested below grade level in reading on initial assessment testing.
- 82% of those residents showed improvement in reading scores on final assessment, with 46% improving more than one full grade level
- 76.5% of residents tested below grade level in math on initial assessment testing.
- 75% of those residents showed improvement in the math scores on final assessment, with 46% improving more than one full grade level.
- 103 students were placed at Epworth for at least 30 days. Of those, 85% were provided direct tutoring services. The remaining 15% had access to support as needed and requested.
- Provided 8 tutors (5 certified and 3 non-certified) and 2 volunteer tutors.
- 86% of residents maintained an overall "C" average or higher.
- 33% of residents earned Honor Roll.
- 97% of residents had 2 or fewer behavioral referrals during a quarter.
- 100% of seniors graduated at the end of the 2015-16 school year. This is the 4th consecutive year with 100% graduation rate. All graduates have either enrolled in post-secondary schools or job training programs.



Investing in Care!

\$10,000+ Congregational Sponsors

Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia	\$56,679.68
Chapin UMC	Chapin	\$45,122.25
Central UMC	Florence	\$40,507.26
Shandon UMC	Columbia	\$32,070.00
Buncombe Street UMC	Greenville	\$25,112.16
Bethany UMC	Summerville	\$24,445.00
Carteret Street UMC	Beaufort	\$24,220.00
Union UMC	Irmo	\$23,832.88
First UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$21,491.00
Grace UMC	North Augusta	\$21,161.00
Belin Memorial UMC	Murrells Inlet	\$19,829.17
St Johns UMC	Aiken	\$19,475.63
St Johns UMC	Rock Hill	\$19,370.59
Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington	\$19,145.00
Washington Street UMC	Columbia	\$18,702.00
Wesley UMC	Hartsville	\$17,814.91
First UMC	Isle of Palms	\$15,467.00
Hibben UMC	Mount Pleasant	\$12,084.00
Macedonia UMC	Mullins	\$11,734.60
Covenant UMC	Greer	\$11,718.55
Mt Hebron UMC	West Columbia	\$11,111.01
Shady Grove UMC	Cameron	\$10,779.00
Gramling UMC	Gramling	\$10,217.50
St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	Hilton Head	\$10,012.00

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

Number of Churches by District that gave \$0

<u>District</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anderson	18	Hartsville	37
Charleston	27	Marion	24
Columbia	4	Orangeburg	20
Florence	31	Rock Hill	10
Greenville	11	Spartanburg	15
Greenwood	9	Walterboro	25
		Total	231

Highest Congregation Giving by Total Dollars By District

District	Church Name	Total
Anderson	Clemson UMC	\$9,971.06
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$9,655.00
	St Johns UMC	\$8,101.00
Charleston	Bethany UMC	\$24,445.00
	First UMC	\$15,467.00
	Hibben UMC	\$12,084.00
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$56,679.68
	Chapin UMC	\$45,122.25
	Shandon UMC	\$32,070.00
Florence	Central UMC	\$40,507.26
	Manning UMC	\$7,660.00
	Kingstree UMC	\$7,424.00
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$25,112.16
	Covenant UMC	\$11,718.55
	Mauldin UMC	\$9,029.00
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$21,161.00
	St Mark UMC	\$7,928.00
	McCormick UMC	\$7,307.00
Hartsville	Wesley UMC	\$17,814.91
	Trinity UMC	\$8,138.00
	Lytleton Street UMC	\$8,011.00
Marion	First UMC	\$21,491.00
	Belin Memorial UMC	\$19,829.17
	Macedonia UMC	\$11,734.60
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$19,475.63
	Shady Grove UMC	\$10,779.00
	Trinity UMC	\$8,098.88
Rock Hill	St Johns UMC	\$19,370.59
	Woodland UMC	\$6,446.77
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$6,363.00
Spartanburg	Gramling UMC	\$10,217.50
	St Paul UMC	\$7,119.00
	Bethel UMC	\$7,058.00
Walterboro	Carteret Street UMC	\$24,220.00
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$10,012.00
	Bethel UMC	\$4,913.00

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

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Ebenezer UMC	\$4,240.00	23	\$184.35
	Zion UMC	\$1,000.00	11	\$90.91
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$9,655.00	188	\$51.36
Charleston	Edisto Island UMC	\$8,398.00	81	\$103.68
	Lebanon UMC	\$4,781.00	158	\$30.26
	First UMC	\$15,467.00	512	\$30.21
Columbia	Faith UMC	\$5,580.00	167	\$33.41
	Whaley Street UMC	\$4,458.00	146	\$30.53
	Zion UMC	\$575.00	19	\$30.26
Florence	Andrews Chapel UMC	\$1,340.00	17	\$78.82
	Elim UMC	\$2,100.00	31	\$67.74
	Scranton UMC	\$2,200.00	55	\$40.00
Greenville	Pisgah UMC	\$6,008.00	77	\$78.03
	Trinity UMC	\$1,775.00	25	\$71.00
	Bethel UMC	\$4,087.00	63	\$64.87
Greenwood	Spann UMC	\$1,725.00	13	\$132.69
	Ebenezer UMC	\$4,103.32	76	\$53.99
	Warrenville UMC	\$1,780.00	35	\$50.86
Hartsville	Ashland UMC	\$800.00	16	\$50.00
	Wesley UMC	\$17,814.91	430	\$41.43
	McLeod Chapel UMC	\$1,375.00	54	\$25.46
Marion	Boykin UMC	\$3,600.00	33	\$109.09
	Pine Grove UMC	\$1,200.00	20	\$60.00
	Main Street UMC	\$6,785.00	147	\$46.16
Orangeburg	Shady Grove UMC	\$10,779.00	60	\$179.65
	East Bethel UMC	\$1,050.00	15	\$70.00
	Kearse UMC	\$550.00	8	\$68.75
Rock Hill	Shady Grove UMC	\$500.00	17	\$29.41
	Damascus UMC	\$1,202.00	49	\$24.53
	Ebenezer UMC	\$565.00	32	\$17.66
Spartanburg	White Stone UMC	\$1,695.00	36	\$47.08
	Roebuck UMC	\$3,726.00	85	\$43.84
	Mesopotamia UMC	\$2,700.00	66	\$40.91
Walterboro	Gillette UMC	\$1,685.00	21	\$80.24
	Zion UMC	\$1,039.00	15	\$69.27
	Green Pond UMC	\$3,100.00	56	\$55.36

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

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Clemson UMC	\$9,971.06	1037	\$9.62
	Grace UMC	\$5,369.62	639	\$8.40
	First UMC	\$5,305.99	898	\$5.91
Charleston	Hibben UMC	\$12,084.00	785	\$15.39
	John Wesley UMC	\$8,732.28	1155	\$7.56
	Bethel UMC	\$6,262.00	847	\$7.39
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$56,679.68	1687	\$33.60
	Chapin UMC	\$45,122.25	2106	\$21.43
	Washington Street UMC	\$18,702.00	927	\$20.17
Florence	Central UMC	\$40,507.26	1928	\$21.01
	St Paul UMC	\$6,410.00	607	\$10.56
	Highland Park UMC	\$6,140.00	936	\$6.56
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$25,112.16	2649	\$9.48
	Memorial UMC	\$5,404.00	637	\$8.48
	Covenant UMC	\$11,718.55	1961	\$5.98
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$21,161.00	1677	\$12.62
	Wightman UMC	\$6,015.81	670	\$8.98
	Central UMC	\$4,276.00	611	\$7.00
Hartsville	Trinity UMC	\$8,138.00	785	\$10.37
	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$8,011.00	1037	\$7.73
	First Church UMC	\$3,410.00	620	\$5.50
Marion	Trinity UMC	\$9,917.25	740	\$13.40
	First UMC, Myrtle Beach	\$21,491.00	1839	\$11.69
	First UMC, Conway	\$8,423.00	838	\$10.05
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$19,475.63	1837	\$10.60
Rock Hill	St Johns UMC	\$19,370.59	2017	\$9.60
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$6,363.00	675	\$9.43
	Woodland UMC	\$6,446.77	979	\$6.59
Spartanburg	New Beginnings UMC	\$5,448.00	627	\$8.69
	St Paul UMC	\$7,119.00	879	\$8.10
	Bethel UMC	\$7,058.00	1305	\$5.41
Walterboro	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$10,012.00	736	\$13.60
	Bluffton UMC	\$4,696.60	604	\$7.78
	Bethel UMC	\$3,649.00	832	\$4.39

**Top three churches giving at \$4.00 per member or higher are listed.*

The conference goal is \$6.00 per member.

Churches that Sent Groups to Epworth in 2016

Advent UMC, Simpsonville	Grace Presbyterian Church, Columbia	Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia
Aldersgate UMC, Greenville	Grace UMC, North Augusta	Shandon UMC, Columbia
Asbury Memorial UMC, Columbia	Grace UMC, Pickens	St John's, Rock Hill
Ashland UMC, Columbia	Highland Park UMC, Florence	St. Paul UMC
Bethany UMC, Charleston	Incarnation Lutheran Church, Columbia	Surfside UMC
Bethany UMC, Summerville	Jordan Charge UMC, Jordan	Surfside UMC, North Myrtle Beach
Bethel UMC (Columbia)	Journey UMC, Columbia	The Shack Campus Ministry at USC, Columbia
Bluffton UMC	Leesville UMC, Leesville	Traveler's Rest UMC
Buford Street UMC, Gaffney	Long Creek Church of Christ	Trenholm Road UMC, Columbia
Brookland Baptist	Manning UMC	Trinity UMC, Blythewood
Carteret Street UMC, Beaufort	Midtown Fellowship Church, Columbia	Trinity UMC, Conway
Cayce UMC, Cayce	Mt. Horeb UMC, Lexington	Union UMC, Irmo
Central UMC, Newberry	New Hope UMC	Washington Street UMC, Columbia
Chapin UMC, Chapin	NewSpring Church, Columbia	Wesley Memorial UMC, Columbia
Covenant UMC, Greer	Northeast UMC, Columbia	Wightman UMC, Prosperity
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia	Platt Springs UMC, West Columbia	Wooland UMC, Fort Mill
First UMC, Bennettsville	Pleasant Hill UMC, Indian Land	Zion UMC Confirmation Class (Lancaster)
First UMC, Isle of Palms	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia	
Flourish Church	Saint John Baptist Church, Columbia	

2016 Businesses, Schools and Community Volunteer Groups

Alpha Gamma Delta	Fort Jackson	Palmetto Paralegal Association
Alpha Psi Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha	Girl Scouts of America	Richland County CASA
BCBSSC	Girl Scouts of South Carolina	Richland County Sheriffs Department
Ben Lippen School	Girls on the Run	Rolling Jokers Riding Group
Bikers of South Carolina	Girls on Track	SCANA
Brennen Elementary School	Go Go Lazer Tag	Scott Hannon Memorial Foundation
Callison Tighe & Robinson Law Firm	Gregg Animal Hospital	South Carolina Department of Corrections
Carolina Girls USC Dance Team	Hammond School	South State Bank
Chick fil A - Columbia & Lexington Locations	Hand Middle School	Southern Valet
Colonial Life	Heathwood Hall Episcopal School	The Concert Truck
Colonial Life Arena	Home Depot	The Southern Strutt
Columbia Ballet School	Junior League of Columbia	University of South Carolina
Columbia Kiwanis Club	Keller Williams	US Marshalls Office
Columbia Civitan Club	Lowe's	USC Football Players & Coaches
Columbia Police Department	Lululemon Athletica	USC Men's & Women's Basketball Players and Coaches
Cromer's P-Nuts	Marcus Lattimore Foundation	USC School of Nursing
Dentsville Masonic Lodge	Mary Kay Diamond Divas Unit	USC Women's Soccer Team
D's Wings - Cayce	Mayor Benjamin - Books 2 Boys	Verizon
Dutch Fork Lacrosse Team	MB Kahn	Y-IMPACT at USC
Edens	Moe's Columbia	

2016 Volunteer Totals

A volunteer unit is an individual or group approved to serve in some capacity on campus.

Total Volunteers on campus	2,451
Total Number of Volunteer Groups	92
Estimated Volunteer Hours Served	17,212
Estimated Value of Volunteers	\$297,210.00

into the custody of the Department of Social Services. His case worker reached out to Epworth to see if he would be a good fit.

After getting to know Derek and reading glowing recommendations from DJJ, the solicitor's office, DSS and his counselors, he was admitted to live in a cottage at Epworth. Derek viewed Epworth as a welcomed opportunity to continue to grow and redirect his life. He quickly adapted to the cottage environment and bonded with the staff who worked with him. He befriended the other boys and quickly became a positive influence in the cottage.

Derek enrolled in school. His troubled past meant that his grades had not always been perfect but Epworth worked with the local school district to get him enrolled in a program where he could complete his high school studies and begin to establish work history at the same time. Through the program he began working in the school dining operations.

A few days later, he decided to take a few extra steps. He drafted a resume on the computer and printed it off and walked over to the Epworth dining hall one afternoon. He explained that he was getting experienced in the food service industry and he wanted a job at the dining hall. There was not an immediate opening in the dining hall but Epworth agreed to help him in his pursuit, including connecting him with other job resources, once he became more established in his school and study habits.

A few days after that, a volunteer group came to Epworth to talk with the teenage boys. The group is a social club that consists of men from all walks of life, from doctors to teachers. On this day, however, the program leader was a member who was a deputy in the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

For Derek, like many of the boys in the cottages, his interaction with law enforcement had not always been a positive experience and he struggled to relate to police officers. However, on this day, he found common ground because the officer speaking to them had one day been in his shoes. The officer also grew up in a children's home.

For the next few hours, the boys and officer played role playing games, enjoyed time together and just got to know each other on a personal level. Soon the afternoon was over, but the impact of the activity was on-going. Derek stopped one of his cottage staff and mentioned that he had a much different perspective of the police after the event. He even said that he might want to be a police officer one day.

Derek's growth at Epworth continues today. He walks with confidence around campus and he is excelling in all that is expected of him in the cottage, at school and at work. He has turned his life around, and Epworth is committed to helping him stay on the right track and achieve his successes.

As he finishes his high school studies and work programs he will stay in the cottage, but he is already talking about joining Epworth's Independent Living Program when he has finished high school. There he will have more freedom than life in the cottage, which of course comes with a few more responsibilities. He will be able to explore his options post-high school, whether that is higher education, job training school, or career readiness. Along the way Epworth will provide a safe and stable place to live as well as a support system that teaches life skills and lessons needed for independence.

Derek's young life has not been an easy one, and like all young people he has many hurdles still in front of him. Yet through his growing moments, Epworth is providing him a space where he not only can turn his life around but also place him on the right track to set him up for a lifetime of success.

Follow-up: Family Reunified!

In the last issue of *The Record*, readers learned about a family in the Epworth Family Care Center. Bria and her two young children came to Epworth at the end of the summer as Bria tried to overcome her on-going battles with addiction. At the end of January, Bria graduated from the program after completing all of her addiction treatments and assuming full parental responsibility for her children. The family is now officially reunified and living independently!

Bria and her children have moved back to the low-country to be near family who can provide a helping hand in raising the children. She calls to check-in with her “Epworth family” from time to time as she begins a new chapter in her life. Everyone is doing well and staying on the right track to be a happy and healthy family.



News from the Family Care Center: Just days after Bria's graduation, a new mother was admitted into the program and it is currently at capacity with four mothers and ten children, most of which are under the age of four!

Society of 1896

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A special thanks to the Friends of Epworth who hosted their annual Gala on March 17, 2017. 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. The event was a great fundraiser and "friend-raiser" for the children at Epworth. Thank you for all that you do for the children at Epworth!

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We would like to thank the Epworth Alumni Association for another successful Cookout for Kids BBQ. The 9th annual Cookout for Kids BBQ was held on April 8, 2017 on Epworth's campus. The BBQ fundraiser is hosted by adults who spent some or all of their childhoods at Epworth. 100% of proceeds from the fundraiser are donated directly to Epworth.



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