

The Record

News from Epworth Children's Home



Khalilah's Story

I am Khalilah, a current junior at Claflin University, majoring in Marketing with a Communications Minor. Like some, I grew up in a single parent home, my dad was in and out, but for the most part it was me, my mom and my six siblings. We always moved, we would stay in one spot for a year or so, then we would be in another apartment. Nothing was stable.

As a kid I always wondered why we would move so much, and it was not until I was 14 that I understood. Fourteen was an age to remember, it is where I realized that my mom was maybe overwhelmed and her life was moving faster than she thought it would.

Soon after all of the moving around town my mom realized she was out of options. I was missing days of school. My guidance counselor wanted to know what was going on and I told her. I believe my brother told her as well and from there, she met with my mom. My mother did not want us in the system. She did not want us separated so my guidance counselor found three of my siblings and me a place where we could call home—a place where we can still keep in contact with our mom, a place where we would be safe, a place where things would be stable. That place is called Epworth.

Thanks to Epworth, I was sheltered in a supporting environment where I was able to grow and benefit

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It Happens Here Every Day

Spring 2016

A Message from The Rev. John Holler
President

During the fourth week in January Epworth Children's Home was the host site for the South Carolina Methodist Youth Basketball Tournament. Teams from across the state gather every year to compete, worship, and make new friends. Epworth entered three teams in the tournament this year. The senior girls, the senior boys, and the junior boy's teams participated. All of the teams played hard and well, but by Saturday afternoon it was evident that if a trophy was to be won the junior boys team had the best chance of claiming a prize.

Volunteer coaches and Epworth staff members Terry Gainous and Taylon Holmes had the boys playing their best ball. Two more games to go to remain undefeated and make it to the championship game. They won the first one on Saturday evening, then late Saturday night they won again. Excitement reigned supreme; although I am not certain what excited the boys more, winning or the late night pizza supper that was waiting on them. One player shouted, "We are playing for the championship!" Another player shouted, "There is all the pizza we can eat downstairs!" Louder cheers erupted as the team disappeared down the stairs.

Sunday morning was a bit calmer as players, coaches, parents, youth chaperones, and the Epworth residents gathered in the Epworth gym for a community worship service. Volunteers from Chapin UMC's Praise Band provided uplifting music and Bishop Holston preached an excellent sermon as he reminded us why we were gathered together and what is really important in life. Some of our senior boys were so impressed they asked Bishop Holston after the service where his church was. It seems they wanted to go to his church and hear him again. That is high praise from a group of older teenagers.

Sunday afternoon arrived. Game time. The junior boys looked small in the Dreher High School gym. The other team looked bigger, stronger, faster, and they were. Our junior boys were beaten pretty soundly. They were discouraged, rallied, and then lost by a fairly wide margin. It took them a few minutes to recover. They

congratulated the winning team members and watched the champions receive their medals. The something amazing occurred. The Epworth boys lined up at center court and were presented with Runner's-Up medallions. The look of pride and the sense of accomplishment was evident by the smiles on their faces and the way the players gazed at the medallions they wore.

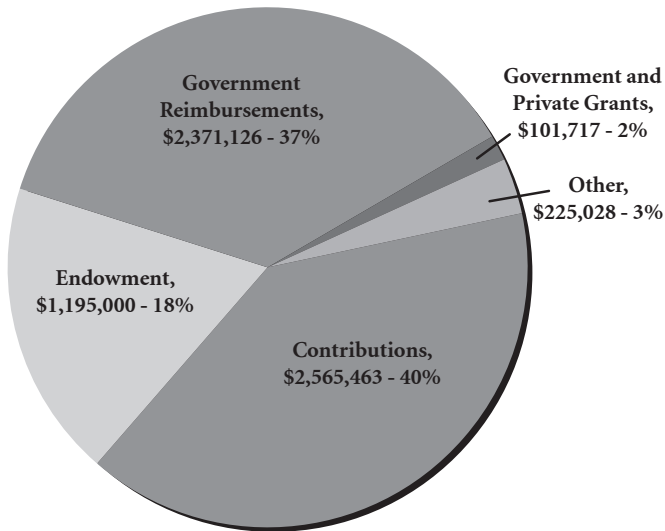
This small chapter in the life at Epworth captures what happens here every day. Miracles upon miracles occur as children and youth discover the God given potential in themselves and in others that they never even dreamed existed. Children and youth experience the highs and lows of life yet take the next step and then the next. And they learn not to give up, not to give in, and to believe in the future.

The Annual Report issue of *The Record* is mainly about the past year. As you can see we had an outstanding year in many ways. A few of the highlights are as follows:

- Continued to create a **culture of success** which is reflected in the following statistics: For the fourth year in a row Epworth's high school students graduated at a 100% rate; 96% of residents had two or fewer behavioral referrals at school; 92% of students had a "C" average or better each quarter; and 43% of students earned academic honor roll each quarter.
- Received the **coveted 4-STAR rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management**, and commitment to accountability and transparency for the fourth year in a row. Fewer than 14% of all charities in the country receive the 4-star rating three or more years in a row.
- Became **nationally accredited** for a period of four years by the Council on Accreditation (COA) for Epworth's outstanding children's resident group home program and services.
- **Continued to expand the Higher Education / Independent Living program** by adding two full time

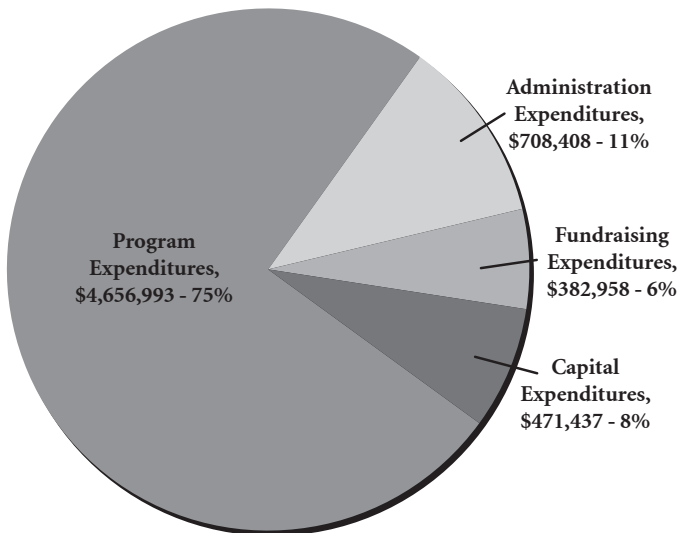
2015 Revenue Sources

Revenue \$6,458,334
(Unaudited)



2015 Total Expenditures Excluding Depreciation

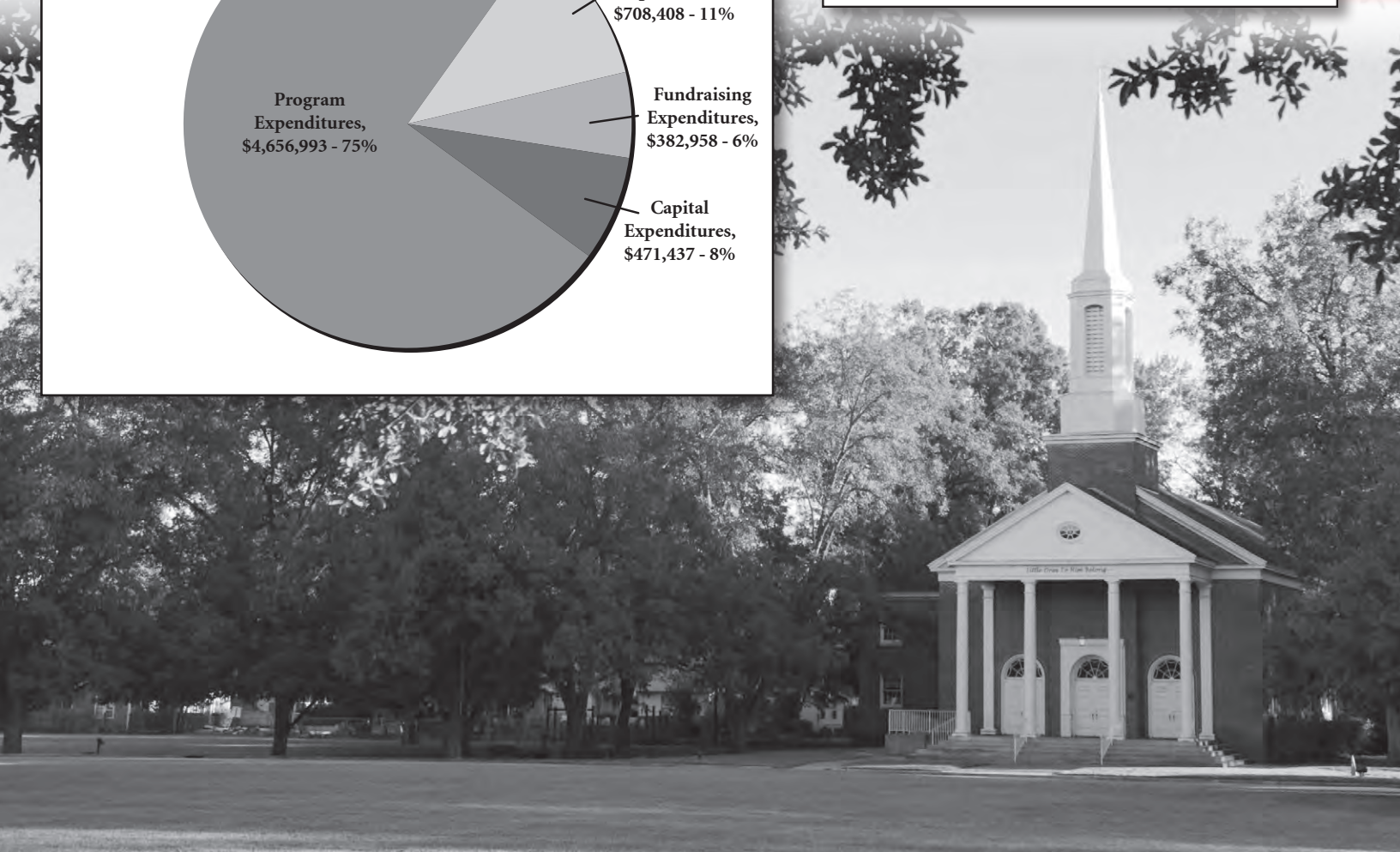
Total Expenses \$6,219,796
(Unaudited)



2015 Individual & Business Sponsors

\$10,000 and Above

Aflac
Anonymous
Anonymous
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina
Bonner Family Private Foundation Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brittain
C.W. and Dorothy G. Love Foundation
CG Fuller Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Cope
Epworth Alumni Association
Mr. and Mrs. John Farley
Friends of Epworth
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Horlbeck
Mr. William J. Hrushesky & Ms. Patricia Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Marsh
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McGuire
Rebecca and David McPherson
N.W. White & Co.
Mr. Jamie O'Steen
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pate
Dr. and Mrs. John Schaberg



2015 Residential Services Figures

January 1st – December 31st 2015

- Year end residential population 12/31/2015: 76
- Year end independent living population: 13
- Average residential population for 2015: 78
- Total Days of Care Provided: 27,062
- Total number of children served in 2015: 165
- Average stay for children during 2015: 1 year and 48 days
- Gender: Male: 44% Female: 56%
- Race: African American - 72/165 = 44% Caucasian - 66/165 = 40%
Bi-racial - 10/165 = 6% Hispanic - 12/165 = 7% Other - 5/165 = 3%
(2 Middle Eastern, 1 Asian, 2 American Indian)
- Ages: (0-3) 0% (4-5) 4% (6-9) 18% (10-12) 26%
(13-16) 38% (17-18) 10% (19+) 4%

Midlands Family Care Center

2015 Data

The MFCC 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 12/31/15: 2
- Children in the FCC on 12/31/15: 3
- Number of mothers served in 2015: 14
- Number of children served in 2015: 25
- Number of graduations in 2015: 8

**In collaboration with Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)*



Epworth Early Intervention Center (EEIC)

2015 Data

The EEIC serves children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Preschool: 20

Home-Based: 47

Respite: 7

Volunteers: 15

Student Interns: 2

Total Giving to the EEIC: **\$28,707.27**

Attendance numbers are totals of children served for the year.

2014-2015 Academic Year Summary

- 100% (8 of 8) of high school seniors graduated
- 100% of high school graduates continued into higher education/job training
- 82% of residents (with placement of 20 days or longer) received academic tutoring at Epworth.
- The Barnes Learning Center at Epworth provided 9 tutors (including 2 volunteer tutors)
- 43% of residents earned public school Honor Roll each quarter.*
- 92% of residents maintained an overall “C” average or higher
- 96% of residents received 2 or fewer disciplinary referrals each quarter.*

**Percentages based on averages of the 2014-15 Academic Year*



Rev. Holler Letter - Continued from Page 2

case workers and additional financial resources. This program is designed to serve a growing population of youth between the ages of 17 and 22 who are “aging out” of child care, yet need additional supervision, resources, guidance and a safe place to live.

This issue of *The Record* also points to the future. After much thought, planning, and prayer, the Epworth Board of Trustees voted to purchase the 19 acre campus and the 14 buildings that comprise Carolina Children’s Home. This purchase was made to facilitate the growing need for children’s services that Epworth provides. This acquisition gives Epworth a second campus from which to operate and is only 1.6 miles from the main Epworth campus.

Several programmatic initiatives that can be housed on the additional campus as funding becomes available are:

1) Expansion of the Independent Living/Higher Education program for older residents as they make the

transition from high school to college or job training programs.

2) Create the Center for Excellence in Foster Care and Adoption where potential foster and adoptive parents are recruited, trained, and supported through church congregations in South Carolina.

3) Create the Center for Child and Family Wellbeing which could encompass a wide array of services for children, families, and professionals working in child welfare careers. This center would strengthen Epworth’s continuum of care approach by adding resources and services not yet available to many children and families.

I invite you to read this Annual Report with thankful hearts for resilient children, and then look toward the future with optimism and with belief that new miracles will continue to occur every day.

Investing in Care!

\$10,000+ Congregational Sponsors

Union UMC	Irmo	\$100,156.00
Grace UMC	Columbia	\$85,057.00
Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia	\$49,603.70
Chapin UMC	Chapin	\$42,670.91
Central UMC	Florence	\$30,952.22
Bethany UMC	Summerville	\$29,205.00
First UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$20,989.00
Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington	\$20,963.18
Grace UMC	North Augusta	\$20,810.00
Shandon UMC	Columbia	\$19,214.82
St Johns UMC	Aiken	\$18,237.50
Carteret Street UMC	Beaufort	\$17,160.00
St Johns UMC	Rock Hill	\$17,005.30
First UMC	Isle of Palms	\$16,909.00
Mt Hebron UMC	West Columbia	\$15,166.88
Buncombe Street UMC	Greenville	\$14,626.50
St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	Hilton Head	\$14,474.00
Trinity UMC	Conway	\$14,060.50
Surfside UMC	Surfside Beach	\$13,647.00
Hibben UMC	Mount Pleasant	\$13,595.50
John Wesley UMC	Charleston	\$12,360.00
Boiling Springs UMC	Lexington	\$12,091.34
Belin Memorial UMC	Murrells Inlet	\$11,697.00
Macedonia UMC	Mullins	\$11,217.00
Sharon UMC	Greer	\$11,021.00
Pond Branch UMC	Gilbert	\$10,733.00
Dickson Memorial UMC	Townville	\$10,405.00
Shady Grove UMC	Cameron	\$10,364.00

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

Highest Congregation Giving by Total Dollars By District

District	Church Name	Total
Anderson	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$10,405.00
	Clemson UMC	\$8,237.32
	St Johns UMC	\$7,600.00
Charleston	Bethany UMC	\$29,205.00
	First UMC	\$16,909.00
	Hibben UMC	\$13,595.50
Columbia	Union UMC	\$100,156.00
	Grace UMC	\$85,057.00
	Trenholm Road UMC	\$49,603.70
Florence	Central UMC	\$30,952.22
	Highland Park UMC	\$7,627.00
	Manning UMC	\$7,528.00
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$14,626.50
	Sharon UMC	\$11,021.00
	Mauldin UMC	\$9,037.00
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$20,810.00
	St Mark UMC	\$8,155.25
	Epting Memorial UMC	\$7,585.41
Hartsville	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,063.00
	Trinity UMC	\$8,249.50
	St Luke UMC	\$6,534.00
Marion	First UMC	\$20,989.00
	Trinity UMC	\$14,060.50
	Surfside UMC	\$13,647.00
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$18,237.50
	Shady Grove UMC	\$10,364.00
	Clinton UMC	\$9,023.00
Rock Hill	St Johns UMC, Rock Hill	\$17,005.30
	St Johns UMC, Fort Mill	\$8,336.00
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$6,867.15
Spartanburg	Trinity UMC	\$9,463.23
	Cannons Camp Ground UMC	\$8,087.00
	Reidville Road UMC	\$7,801.00
Walterboro	Carteret Street UMC	\$17,160.00
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$14,474.00
	Trinity UMC	\$7,322.25

Number of Churches by District that gave \$0

<u>District</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anderson	13	Marion	19
Charleston	28	Orangeburg	16
Columbia	3	Rock Hill	10
Florence	28	Spartanburg	9
Greenville	14	Walterboro	29
Greenwood	11		
Hartsville	31	Total	211



St John's UMC, Rock Hill Youth Work Day

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

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Ebenezer UMC	\$3,950.00	23	\$171.74
	Zion UMC	\$1,000.00	11	\$90.91
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$10,405.00	173	\$60.14
Charleston	Edisto Island UMC	\$8,950.00	76	\$117.76
	Aldersgate UMC	\$6,133.00	165	\$37.17
	First UMC	\$16,909.00	499	\$33.89
Columbia	Grace UMC	\$85,057.00	394	\$215.88
	Faith UMC	\$9,346.00	157	\$59.53
	Zion UMC	\$730.00	19	\$38.42
Florence	Elim UMC	\$2,400.00	33	\$72.73
	Andrews Chapel UMC	\$1,015.00	18	\$56.39
	Lane UMC	\$1,600.00	57	\$28.07
Greenville	Pisgah UMC	\$6,221.00	78	\$79.76
	Trinity UMC	\$1,960.00	27	\$72.59
	Bethel UMC	\$4,315.00	65	\$66.38
Greenwood	Spann UMC	\$1,160.00	12	\$96.67
	Trenton UMC	\$3,114.00	63	\$49.43
	Epting Memorial UMC	\$7,585.41	190	\$39.92
Hartsville	Ashland UMC	\$600.00	16	\$37.50
	Shiloh UMC	\$6,345.50	235	\$27.00
	Epworth UMC	\$2,467.00	92	\$26.82
Marion	Ebenezer UMC	\$2,262.00	46	\$49.17
	Central UMC	\$1,253.00	33	\$37.97
	Macedonia UMC	\$11,217.00	310	\$36.18
Orangeburg	Shady Grove UMC	\$10,364.00	65	\$159.45
	Springfield UMC	\$2,594.45	45	\$57.65
	Clinton UMC	\$9,023.00	171	\$52.77
Rock Hill	Shady Grove UMC	\$500.00	17	\$29.41
	Richburg UMC	\$305.00	17	\$17.94
	Aldersgate UMC	\$2,739.00	215	\$12.74
Spartanburg	Trinity UMC	\$9,463.23	98	\$96.56
	White Stone UMC	\$3,360.00	37	\$90.81
	Roebuck UMC	\$3,676.00	82	\$44.83
Walterboro	Zion UMC	\$1,376.00	15	\$91.73
	Trinity UMC	\$7,322.25	90	\$81.36
	Furman UMC	\$1,200.00	19	\$63.16

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

District	Church Name	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Clemson UMC	\$8,237.32	1030	\$8.00
	Trinity UMC	\$4,326.35	705	\$6.14
	First UMC	\$5,212.61	889	\$5.86
Charleston	Hibben UMC	\$13,595.50	796	\$17.08
	John Wesley UMC	\$12,360.00	1144	\$10.80
	Bethany UMC	\$29,205.00	3353	\$8.71
Columbia	Union UMC	\$100,156.00	2777	\$36.07
	Trenholm Road UMC	\$49,603.70	1693	\$29.30
	Chapin UMC	\$42,670.91	2044	\$20.88
Florence	Central UMC	\$30,952.22	1904	\$16.26
	Highland Park UMC	\$7,627.00	705	\$10.82
	St Paul UMC	\$6,354.00	609	\$10.43
Greenville	Memorial UMC	\$7,186.00	662	\$10.85
	Buncombe Street UMC	\$14,626.50	2610	\$5.60
	Aldersgate UMC	\$7,122.08	1307	\$5.45
Greenwood	Grace UMC	\$20,810.00	1664	\$12.51
	Wightman UMC	\$7,192.92	669	\$10.75
	St Mark UMC	\$8,155.25	1247	\$6.54
Hartsville	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,063.00	1026	\$8.83
	First Church UMC	\$5,277.00	635	\$8.31
	Trinity UMC	\$5,572.41	772	\$7.22
Marion	Trinity UMC	\$14,060.50	755	\$18.62
	Surfside UMC	\$13,647.00	1038	\$13.15
	First UMC	\$20,989.00	1878	\$11.18
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$18,237.50	1770	\$10.30
Rock Hill	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$6,867.15	661	\$10.39
	St Johns UMC, Fort Mill	\$8,336.00	906	\$9.20
	St Johns UMC, Rock Hill	\$17,005.30	1990	\$8.55
Spartanburg	Cannons Camp Ground UMC	\$8,087.00	604	\$13.39
	St Paul UMC	\$6,754.00	982	\$6.88
	New Beginnings UMC	\$3,940.00	600	\$6.57
Walterboro	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$14,474.00	736	\$19.67

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

The conference goal is \$6.00 per member.



Advent UMC Youth Group



Chapin UMC Cottage Renovation Project

Churches that Sent Groups to Epworth in 2015

Advent UMC, Simpsonville
Aldersgate UMC, Greenville
Asbury Memorial UMC, Columbia
Ashland UMC, Columbia
Bethany UMC, Charleston
Bethany UMC, Summerville
Beulah UMC, Gilbert
Cannon's Camp Ground UMC, Spartanburg
Carteret Street UMC, Beaufort
Central UMC, Newberry
Chapin UMC, Chapin
Covenant UMC, Greer
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia
First UMC, Bennettsville
First UMC, Isle of Palms

Grace UMC, North Augusta
Highland Park UMC, Florence
John Wesley UMC- Charleston
Jordan Charge UMC, Jordan
Living Springs Lutheran Church, Columbia
Midtown Fellowship, Columbia
Mt. Beulah UMC, Lake City
Mt. Horeb UMC, Lexington
New Beginnings UMC, Boiling Springs
Newspring Church, Columbia
Northeast UMC, Columbia
Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill
Platt Springs UMC, West Columbia
Pleasant Hill UMC, Indian Land
Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia
Shandon UMC, Columbia

St Andrew UMC, Easley
St Marks UMC, Seneca
St. John Baptist Church
St. Johns UMC, Rock Hill
The Shack Campus Ministry at USC, Columbia
Trenholm Road UMC, Columbia
Union UMC, Irmo
Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC, Columbia
Wagener UMC, Wagener
Washington Street UMC, Columbia
Wesley Memorial UMC, Columbia
Wesley UMC, Columbia
Wightman UMC, Prosperity
Windsor UMC, Columbia

2015 Businesses, Schools and Community Volunteer Groups

Ag First Bank
Alpha Psi Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha
BB&T
BCBSSC
Ben Lippen School
Bikers of South Carolina
Brennen Elementary School
Callison Tighe & Robinson Law Firm
Carolina Rebels Motorcycle Club
Chick fil A
Cocky's Reading Express
Colonial Life
Colonial Life Arena
Columbia Ballet School
Columbia College
Columbia Police Department
CreatAthon
Dentsville Masonic Lodge

Dutch Fork Lacrosse Team
Edens
Fort Jackson
Girls on the Run
Girls on Track
Go Go Lazer Tag
Gregg Animal Hospital
Hammond School
Hand Middle School
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School
Junior League of Columbia
M B Kahn
Moe's Columbia
Palmetto Paralegal Association
PPG
Quaker Steak & Lube
SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
SCANA

Scott Hannon Memorial Foundation
Sergeant Audie Murphy Club of Ft. Jackson
Snyder Electric
Southern Valet
Southeastern Freight Lines
TD Bank
The Southern Strutt
Thunder Tower Harley Davidson
University of South Carolina
US Marshalls Office
USC Darla Moore School of Business
USC Football Players & Coaches
USC Men's & Women's Basketball Players & Coaches
USC School of Nursing
Zeta Tau Alpha- USC

2015 Volunteer Totals

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

Total Number of Volunteers: **2,097**
New volunteer Units Approved for service in 2015: **29**
Total Volunteer Units serving in 2015: **70**
Cottage Partners: **24**
Mentors: **32**
Estimated Value of Volunteers: **\$242,908.00**



*Callison-Tighe
Easter Basket
Donation*



*Cocky's
Reading
Express*



*Olivia's
Annual
Donations
to
Epworth*

from the many opportunities awarded to me. As a resident there, I learned things about myself that I did not know.

When I arrived to Epworth I felt a sense of security. Once I settled in, for the first time in my life I felt like I had control of my life. I was always independent even as a child, I had responsibilities as a child and I always made sure everything was alright. When I settled in at Epworth things were different. I did not have to look after my siblings, I did not HAVE to make sure everything was alright. My responsibility was taking care of me.

Epworth enhanced my leadership skills. There were times where I thought I would not make it. For example, graduating high school. I was not too excited as the other girls in my cottage were to graduate high school. I was more worried, more afraid; afraid that I was going to be alone. For the first time in my life I opened up to a stranger about my fears and my worries. This stranger ended up being my confidant, this stranger ended up being an important person in my life and she was my case manager/cottage coordinator at Epworth, Ms. Ieshia Gee.

Ms. Gee has ensured me that life after high school would give me a chance to grow and learn more about myself. She said to walk out on faith and not by sight. Which meant to me it might seem scary but with God I cannot lose. She told me about Epworth's Higher Education program, which I was fond of and decided to look more into. After graduation I decided to join the Higher Education program where I met Mrs. Laurie Brandes, our Higher Education director. Mrs. Brandes is another person at Epworth who has taught me a lot and helped me see something in myself that I did not see at the time.

After high school I attended Midlands Technical College where I majored in Human Services and then later changed to Business Administration. At that time I was unsure about a lot of things other than my major, and my grades were not great. I had a talk with Mrs. Brandes and it was not a normal chit-chat like we usually have. It was more motivational. I took her words and kept them in mind as I chose to transfer to another school. I needed to grow up, I needed to be at a distance and transferring to a school 45 minutes away made me sure of everything. That is where I learned about resilience. I learned that I had setbacks but no matter how many times I got knocked down, I bounced back ready for more. I locked fear away and threw away the key.

Epworth has put some amazing people in my life, people that do not believe in just doing their job, but doing more than their job. Sometimes I do not think that they know that they are impacting someone's life on a day to day basis—that they are molding and shaping a person into something totally opposite of what they are used to.

I do not think that THEY knew that they have impacted my life in a major way. I was nervous, scared, and afraid of my future. Epworth has made me realize that I have control over my future and with their moral support I went after my future. I will continue to harvest all lessons and blessings for I've been encouraged to become more than where I came from.



Khalilah delivered this testimony at the annual Friends of Epworth Gala on Friday, February 26, 2016.



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A Legacy of Respect, Love and Service



Mr. J. W. Hendrix's legacy will continue for generations to come through his planned gift to the Epworth Endowment.

“Respect each other and play by the rules and you’ll be alright.” These words sound like good advice we might give our children here at Epworth. Yet, they were spoken by Mr. J.W. Hendrix a few years ago when asked about his recipe for being a good citizen. Mr. Hendrix’s words are simple, yet very wise, and they are words he followed in his own life as he built successful businesses and served as a leader in his community.

Epworth is most fortunate that Mr. Hendrix provided a substantial gift to Epworth in his will. His generosity will allow us to develop programs and services that will help instill his legacy of respecting others in our Epworth children for years to come.

J.W. Hendrix lived in the West Columbia area for his entire life. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned home and soon took over the operation of a grocery store and gas station on Augusta Highway. Over the years, he expanded his grocery business to several stores, but he always gave his customers personal attention and much kindness.

His “flagship” store that had the most impact on his West Columbia community was the Hendrix Red and White Grocery and Hardware. Customers there could buy groceries, gas, all kinds of hardware, and even ride Sandy, his famous mechanical riding horse, for one dime. Best of all, Mr. Hendrix’s customers remember his friendly service and his dedication to providing them with a neighborhood store that could meet all their grocery and hardware needs. His store even served as an official polling place during elections. In an age when huge superstores and impersonal chain stores have taken over most of the business landscape, people fondly remember Mr. Hendrix’s interest and enthusiasm in making sure his stores were focused on local customer satisfaction and service.

J.W. Hendrix displayed leadership throughout his community, serving on Lexington County Council, numerous community committees, and as a co-founder of the statewide Food Retailers Association, a network of local grocery stores that worked to provide better quality standards and service to customers. He was an active member of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church and served on many committees there over the years. Mr. Hendrix also was a talented musician who loved to get together with friends on Friday nights at Bill’s Picking Parlor in West Columbia. His mother had taught him how



Even as a young man, Mr. Hendrix believed in respect, love and service. After working at a grocery and serving in World War II, he owned Hendrix Red & White Grocery and Hardware in West Columbia. Under his ownership the store became a fixture in the community, especially to local children.



Mr. J.W. and Mrs. Berdie Hendrix

to play the guitar when he was a child, and he enjoyed picking and playing music all his life.

Respecting his fellow citizens, loving his community, serving that community with his own leadership and experience, and understanding the joy of living, made Mr. J.W. Hendrix a special man. He shared his talents, insights, and hard work all his life with those in his community. Now, after his death, his generosity will continue to help others. Epworth will use Mr. Hendrix's gift to serve our children as they learn and grow into young women and men of whom we hope Mr. Hendrix would be proud.

What will be your legacy?

For more information about planned/estate giving opportunities to provide for the children of Epworth for generations to come, please contact Andrew Boozer, Vice President of Development and Communications, at 803-256-7394 or aboozer@epworthsc.org.

Society of 1896

Addison Estate*
 Anonymous*
 Bill & Lois M. Abrams*
 Albert Armstrong in Memory of
 Nell and Jan Armstrong
 Elizabeth F. Biel*
 H. Carlisle Booth*
 Betty L. Bruner*
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