

Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Natalie's family was broken.
She was in a downward cycle.
Her family needed help, quickly.
So they called Epworth.



*Break the cycle.
Give generously*

Today's Offering Helps Children like Natalie

Natalie's mother struggles with addictions and as a result is not able to care for her daughter. At first, Natalie's grandmother was able to provide care for Natalie and her three siblings (including one with special needs) but as she entered her teenage years providing for Natalie, the oldest granddaughter, became more difficult. Natalie started hanging out with the wrong crowd, a crowd that convinced her to take her grandmother's car for a joy-ride one afternoon—even though she did not know how to drive. That is when her grandmother called Epworth for help.

At first Natalie was resistant to living at Epworth. She portrayed a negative attitude and claimed to hate everything she encountered. She struggled at school and was often mean to other girls in her cottage. When staff or volunteers would offer to help, she would just stare back at them with empty eyes.

Then Natalie found out that Epworth had a

basketball team and joined it. Being a part of the team brought her joy and she started to develop friendships. She attended tutoring sessions and her grades improved. After a few months, she and her grandmother started attending family therapy together at Epworth to mend their strained relationship.

Now, after almost two years in Epworth's care, Natalie is thriving. She is consistently on the Honor Roll at school. Her behavior is much better and she is currently on the job search for her first part-time job. Her grandmother continues to be a part of her life but Natalie plans to stay at Epworth through college, where she hopes to study to be a lawyer.

These services to children and their families are available because of faithful people, like you. Make a generous gift today, knowing you are a partner with Epworth in transforming the futures of children, like Natalie.

**Child's name and photo changed for confidentiality.*



Did you know?

165

Number of children who received care at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

14

Children who grew up at Epworth and are now in college/job-training in Epworth's Independent Living Program.

100%

Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget.** Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.