

When Matthew first arrived at Epworth with his two siblings, he was a very different kid than he is today. A tall, skinny and quiet teenager, there was an underlying anger and insecurity about him, which was not surprising given the reasons that brought him to Epworth in the first place. Even the way he held himself conveyed discomfort, and the staff in his cottage were not sure they would be able to pry him out of his shell.

And as it turned out at first, they were not able to. After a short time, Matthew requested to leave Epworth, determined not to open himself up to the healing and help that Epworth could offer him. However, a few months later, he was back. While he was away, his circumstances reminded him of why he had come to Epworth before. This time, he was determined not to let history repeat itself, and that meant he had to give Epworth a chance.

When he came back, Epworth's campus minister, Pastor Meg Cook, encouraged him to find an outlet for some of the anger he had about what happened to him during his childhood. Matthew always loved music, so writing lyrics and jotting down ideas for spoken word performances seemed like a natural fit for him to release his energy. He wasn't too resistant at first, even



The Most Important Numbers

Spring 2018
A Message from The Rev. John Holler
President

The numbers recorded in this year's annual report tell a story about the financial and programmatic stability of Epworth Children's Home. We focus on numbers throughout the year in order to maintain our tradition of excellent service, and to ensure financial sustainability well into the future. I thank God and you for another strong chapter in the Epworth story, however, my focus in this column is on statistics that are not recorded in this or any other annual report. My focus today is on the smiles on the faces of young people as they grow, and the smiles of pride as we watch our children taste the flavors of hope, possibilities, and childhood joy.

We on campus become part of many different stories as we interact with our young people. There are stories of pain and disappointment, helplessness, poverty, mental illness, addiction, abuse, bad luck, loss and grief; ugly and pathetic stories. Sometimes the weight of being a part of these stories becomes almost too heavy to carry, but then along comes a season like this one. A season that changes the tone of the story, and brings with it renewal and new life. Ok, there are still young folks testing the limits, making non-productive decisions and "getting lost" between math class and history class at Dreher, but the feeling is different.

It began with Revolution, the United Methodist Conference major youth event where over 2,000 young people gather. One of Epworth's residents was chosen to present the spoken word, at both the beginning and end of the two day event, where his musical and compositional talent was on display in a miraculous way. His cottage mates, in support of him, had t-shirts made that looked like what the security people for rock stars wear. Next there were meaningful Good Friday and Easter services that highlighted birth, death, and new life and set the tone of leaving the past behind.

Then came the Dancing with the Stars fundraiser, which is a major event in Columbia. One of our teenagers was asked to participate. He accepted the challenge and did so well he has been invited to come back next year. He practiced hard, and was a hit! Next, two of our teenage boys were co-named as teens of the year at the S.C. Foster Parent Association banquet.

As I write this column the residents are on Spring Break, and it is Spirit Week on campus. The Epworth staff members have worked tirelessly to host an exciting event each day in addition to what happens on a regular basis.

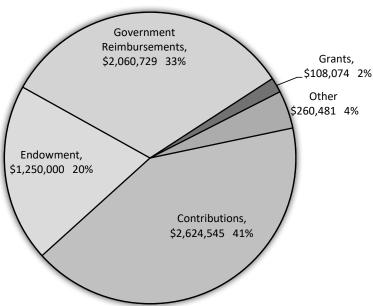
On Monday there was a talent show in the gym. There was an abundance of applause and smiles as talent (and lack of talent) was on full display. Tuesday included a campus cookout, potluck lunch, balloons, and a competitive kickball game that featured "uniforms" created by each cottage. Wednesday was so packed with shopping trips, regular campus activities, and evening bible study that there was no room for anything more. But Thursday more than made up for that. During the middle of the day, "College Day" was held. It emphasized the importance of continuing education, and featured speakers and information regarding the next steps in education. Then, on Thursday night there was the Spring Dance in the gym with music so loud I could not understand the lyrics nor dance to it. There were refreshments, and much laughter. Young and old were on the dance floor trying to display their signature "dance moves". There was wonderful energy and a sense of pure joy in the air.

Today (Friday), will feature a campus wide Family Feud game where the cottage teams will compete for prizes. It should be most spirited. Then tonight will feature a fashion show in the gym. I have not asked what kinds of fashions will be on display. This too should be most entertaining!

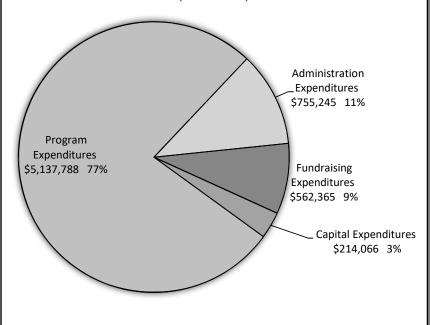
It is during times like these that we see unbridled joy come from behind the masks that many have learned to wear in order to survive emotionally, and we <u>remember</u> and we <u>know</u> how precious abundant life is, and we know that the most important numbers in this issue of *The Record* are the uncounted smiles these numbers represent.

2017 Revenue Sources Total Revenue \$6,303,829 (Unaudited)





2017 Total Expenditures Excluding Depreciation Total Expenses \$6,669,464 (Unaudited)



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2017 Residential Service Figures

January 1st - December 31st 2017

- Average residential population for 2017: 53
- Total Days of Care Provided: 20,011
- (44%) 58 out of 131 of residents discharged from Residential Care were reunified with family or placed with a family member
- Total number of children served in 2017: 184
- Average stay for children during 2017: 275 days
- 20,011 total days of care were provided
- Gender: Male: **54**% (99 of 184) Female: **46**% (85 of 184)
- Race: African American 104/184 = **56.52**% Caucasian 60/184 = **32.6**% Bi-racial 16/184 = **8.69**% Hispanic 1/184 = **.54**%

Other - 3/184 = 1.63% (3 American Indian)

- Ages: (0-3) = (1 of 184) = .33% (4-5) = (0 of 184) = 0% (6-9) = (12 of 184) = 6.52%
 - $(10-12) = (30 \text{ of } 184) = \mathbf{16.30\%}$ $(13-16) = (95 \text{ of } 184) = \mathbf{51.63\%}$ $(17-18) = (39 \text{ of } 184) = \mathbf{21.19\%}$ $(19+) = (7 \text{ of } 184) = \mathbf{3.80\%}$

Epworth Family Care Center 2017 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.

- Number of mothers served in 2017: 8
- Number of children served in 2017: 16





Epworth Early Intervention Center (EEIC) 2017 Data

The EEIC serves children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Preschool: 23 (non-duplicated) Home-Based: 46 (non-duplicated)

Respite: 7 children from 6 families (non-duplicated)

Volunteers: 15 Student Interns: 2

Total Giving to the EEIC: \$16,288.00

Attendance numbers are totals of children served for the year.

Epworth Academic Points of Interest 2016-2017

- 100% of seniors graduated at the end of the 2016-17 school year. This is the 5th consecutive year with 100% graduation rate.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 91% of residents tested below grade level in reading on initial assessment testing.
- By the end of the 2016-17 school year, 81% of those residents had shown improvement in their reading scores on final assessment testing, with 67% improving more than one full grade level
- During the 2016-17 school year, 82% of residents tested below grade level in math on initial assessment testing.
- By the end of the 2016-17 school year, 73% of those residents had shown improvement in the math scores on final assessment testing, with 62% improving more than one full grade level.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 83 students were placed at Epworth for at least 30 days. Of those, 87% were provided direct tutoring services. The remaining 13% had access to support as needed and requested.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 3,241 tutoring sessions were offered with an attendance rate of 83%.
- During the 2016-17 school year, the tutoring center provided 8 tutors (5 certified and 3 non-certified) and 2 volunteer tutors.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 80% of residents maintained an overall "C" average or higher.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 32% of residents earned Honor Roll.
- During the 2016-17 school year, 97% of residents had 2 or fewer behavioral referrals during a quarter.





Epworth Independent Living Program2017 Data

The Independent Living Program is for clients over age 18, who have completed high school and are enrolled in post-secondary job training, college courses, or are entering the job market.

15 in Independent Living for 2017

Epworth Foster Care Program

Our Foster Care Program recruits, trains, and licenses families to foster children in their homes.

We licensed our first home in June 2017 and began placing foster children in July 2017.

of Epworth foster homes licensed - 9

of clients served - 12



Churches that Sent Volunteer Groups to Epworth in 2017

Advent UMC, Simpsonville Aldersgate UMC, Greenville Asbury Memorial UMC, Columbia

Asbury Memorial UMC, Columbia
Bethany UMC, Charleston
Bethany UMC, Summerville
Bethel UMC, Forest Acres
Carteret Street UMC, Beaufort
Central UMC, Newberry

Covenant UMC, Greer

Chapin UMC, Chapin

First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

First UMC, Bennettsville First UMC, Isle of Palms First/Clover UMC, Clover Grace UMC, North Augusta
Highland Park UMC, Florence
Jordon Charge UMC, Manning
Journey UMC, Columbia

Lexington UMC, Lexington
Lyttleton Street UMC, Camden

Korean Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Midtown Fellowship Church, Columbia

Mt. Hebron UMC, West Columbia Mt. Horeb UMC, Lexington Newspring Church, Columbia Northeast UMC, Columbia

Platt Springs UMC, West Columbia Pleasant Hill UMC, Rock Hill Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia Shandon UMC, Columbia
St James UMC, Spartanburg
St John's UMC, Rock Hill
Surfside UMC, Surfside Beach
Swansea First Baptist Church
Trenholm UMC, Columbia
Trinity UMC, Blythewood
Union UMC, Irmo

Virginia Wingard UMC, Columbia Washington Street UMC , Columbia

Waters Edge UMC, Beaufort Wesley Memorial UMC, Columbia Wightman UMC, Fort MIll

Windsor UMC, Columbia

2017 Businesses, Schools and Community Volunteer Groups

Alfred Williams & Company

Alpha Psi Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

American Legion AmeriCorps Vista Bikers of South Carolina

Breakfast Optimist Club of Columbia Calison Tighe & Robinson Law Firm

Camp Horseshoe
Canoeing for Kids

Chick-fil-A Columbia and Lexington

Chick-fil-A Garners Ferry Columbia Chicktime Chapter Columbia Police Department

Edens Fort Jackson GaBBY Bows Get Engaged Media Girl Scouts of South Carolina

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Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

Junior League of Columbia

Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Inc.

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Richland County Community Development

Richland County Sheriffs Office

Rolling Jokers Riding Group Saluda Shoals Foundation

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Southern Valet
The Southern Strutt

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US Marshalls Office USC Athletics USC- Chi Omega

USC Men's & Women's Basketball Players

and Coaches USC School of Nursing USC Womens Soccer Team

Wofford Chaplain's Office

Young Democrats/Young Republicans

2017 Volunteer Totals

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

Total Volunteers on Campus 2,379

Total Number of Volunteer Groups 95

Estimated Volunteer Hours Served 13,768

Estimated Value of Volunteer Service \$234,056.00

\$10,000+ Congregational Sponsors

Mt Horeb UMC	Lexington	\$71,236.64
Trenholm Road UMC	Columbia	\$47,099.40
Shandon UMC	Columbia	\$44,730.00
St Johns UMC	Aiken	\$37,426.63
Chapin UMC	Chapin	\$36,948.00
Bethany UMC	Summerville	\$29,377.15
Buncombe Street UMC	Greenville	\$29,072.71
Union UMC	Irmo	\$27,831.33
Grace UMC	North Augusta	\$21,421.00
St Johns UMC	Rock Hill	\$20,562.52
Central UMC	Florence	\$20,124.00
Highland Park UMC	Florence	\$19,273.50
First UMC	Myrtle Beach	\$18,318.00
Sharon UMC	Greer	\$17,883.00
Belin Memorial UMC	Murrells Inlet	\$17,794.91
Covenant UMC	Greer	\$14,900.00
John Wesley UMC	Charleston	\$14,451.00
Macedonia UMC	Mullins	\$14,429.00
Carteret Street UMC	Beaufort	\$14,110.00
Mt Hebron UMC	West Columbia	\$13,203.66
Laurens Road UMC	Greenville	\$12,956.40
Ashland UMC	Columbia	\$12,346.00
Washington Street UMC	Columbia	\$12,246.00
St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	Hilton Head	\$12,223.00
Clemson UMC	Clemson	\$11,806.75
Dickson Memorial UMC	Townville	\$11,694.00
Surfside UMC	Surfside Beach	\$11,297.55
Cannons Camp Ground UMC	Spartanburg	\$10,851.31
Trinity UMC	Spartanburg	\$10,835.95
Edisto Island UMC	Edisto Island	\$10,563.00
Hibben UMC	Mount Pleasant	\$10,395.00
Manning UMC	Manning	\$10,321.00

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

Highest Congregation Giving by Total Dollars By District

District	Church	Total
	Clemson UMC	\$11,806.75
Anderson	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$11,694.00
	St Johns UMC	\$9,650.00
	Bethany UMC	\$29,377.15
Charleston	John Wesley UMC	\$14,451.00
	Edisto Island UMC	\$10,563.00
	Mt Horeb UMC	\$71,236.64
Columbia	Trenholm Road UMC	\$47,099.40
	Shandon UMC	\$44,730.00
	Central UMC	\$20,124.00
Florence	Highland Park UMC	\$19,273.50
	Manning UMC	\$10,321.00
	Buncombe Street UMC	\$29,072.71
Greenville	Sharon UMC	\$17,883.00
	Covenant UMC	\$14,900.00
	Grace UMC	\$21,421.00
Greenwood	Epting Memorial UMC	\$6,339.50
	McCormick UMC	\$5,972.00
	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,267.00
Hartsville	Trinity UMC	\$9,259.00
	St Luke UMC	\$7,948.00
	First UMC	\$18,318.00
Marion	Belin Memorial UMC	\$17,794.91
	Macedonia UMC	\$14,429.00
	St Johns UMC	\$37,426.63
Orangeburg	Shady Grove UMC	\$9,932.00
	Clinton UMC	\$5,415.00
	St Johns UMC	\$20,562.52
Rock Hill	Trinity UMC	\$6,328.38
	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$5,811.00
	Cannons Camp Ground UMC	\$10,851.31
Spartanburg	Trinity UMC	\$10,835.95
	New Beginnings UMC	\$6,435.77
	Carteret Street UMC	\$14,110.00
Walterboro	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$12,223.00
	Church of the Palms UMC	\$7,510.27

Number of Churches by District that gave \$0

District	Total	District	Total
Anderson	18	Marion	27
Charleston	25	Orangeburg	17
Florence	26	Rock Hill	11
Greenville	17	Spartanburg	13
Greenwood	16	Walterboro	27
Hartsville	41	Total	238

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

District	Church	Total	Members	\$/Member
Anderson	Ebenezer UMC	\$4,795.00	19	\$252.37
	Zion UMC	\$635.00	8	\$79.38
	Dickson Memorial UMC	\$11,694.00	188	\$62.20
	Edisto Island UMC	\$10,563.00	79	\$133.71
Charleston	Aldersgate UMC	\$7,008.00	171	\$40.98
	Lebanon UMC	\$5,130.00	160	\$32.06
	Zion UMC	\$1,146.00	20	\$57.30
Columbia	Whaley Street UMC	\$5,495.00	148	\$37.13
	First UMC	\$8,296.71	261	\$31.79
	Elim UMC	\$3,070.00	31	\$99.03
Florence	Andrews Chapel UMC	\$1,090.00	16	\$68.13
	Scranton UMC	\$3,100.00	52	\$59.62
	Laurens Road UMC	\$12,956.40	56	\$231.36
Greenville	Pisgah UMC	\$6,100.00	77	\$79.22
	Trinity UMC	\$1,696.00	24	\$70.67
	Spann UMC	\$1,415.00	21	\$67.38
Greenwood	New Chapel UMC	\$1,580.00	34	\$46.47
	Lebanon UMC	\$330.00	9	\$36.67
	Ashland UMC	\$748.00	18	\$41.56
Hartsville	McLeod Chapel UMC	\$1,677.00	54	\$31.06
	Bethel UMC	\$1,750.00	82	\$21.34
	Boykin UMC	\$3,600.00	39	\$92.31
Marion	Macedonia UMC	\$14,429.00	292	\$49.41
	Central UMC	\$1,425.00	36	\$39.58
	Shady Grove UMC	\$9,932.00	59	\$168.34
Orangeburg	Kearse UMC	\$1,400.00	9	\$155.56
	Union UMC	\$4,913.00	82	\$59.91
	Damascus UMC	\$1,070.00	35	\$30.57
Rock Hill	St Paul UMC	\$4,245.00	203	\$20.91
	Trinity UMC	\$6,328.38	367	\$17.24
Spartanburg	White Stone UMC	\$2,275.00	34	\$66.91
	Roebuck UMC	\$4,198.10	85	\$49.39
	Mesopotamia UMC	\$1,850.00	64	\$28.91
	Green Pond UMC	\$4,100.00	55	\$74.55
Walterboro	Trinity UMC	\$7,362.00	101	\$72.89
	Furman UMC	\$1,140.00	19	\$60.00
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Highest Per Member Giving by District (600 or Higher Members)

District	Church	Total	Members	\$/Member
· · · · · ·	Clemson UMC	\$11,806.75	1059	\$11.15
Anderson	Grace UMC	\$4,864.38	616	\$7.90
	St Johns UMC	\$9,650.00	1412	\$6.83
	Hibben UMC	\$10,395.00	775	\$13.41
Charleston	John Wesley UMC	\$14,451.00	1174	\$12.31
	Bethany UMC	\$29,377.15	3441	\$8.54
	Trenholm Road UMC	\$47,099.40	1687	\$27.92
Columbia	Mt Horeb UMC	\$71,236.64	4054	\$17.57
	Chapin UMC	\$36,948.00	2166	\$17.06
	Highland Park UMC	\$19,273.50	761	\$25.33
Florence	St Paul UMC	\$8,438.43	609	\$13.86
	Central UMC	\$20,124.00	1940	\$10.37
	Memorial UMC	\$6,911.00	636	\$10.87
Greenville	Buncombe Street UMC	\$29,072.71	2740	\$10.61
	Covenant UMC	\$14,900.00	1920	\$7.76
	Grace UMC	\$21,421.00	1687	\$12.70
Greenwood	Central UMC	\$4,328.00	608	\$7.12
	Wightman UMC	\$3,217.76	680	\$4.73
	Trinity UMC	\$9,259.00	773	\$11.98
Hartsville	Lyttleton Street UMC	\$9,267.00	1013	\$9.15
	First Church UMC	\$5,135.91	615	\$8.35
	First UMC	\$18,318.00	1518	\$12.07
Marion	Trinity UMC	\$8,827.00	744	\$11.86
	First UMC	\$9,039.00	773	\$11.69
Orangeburg	St Johns UMC	\$37,426.63	1883	\$19.88
Oraligeourg	Edisto Fork UMC	\$200.00	1698	\$0.12
	St Johns UMC	\$20,562.52	2018	\$10.19
Rock Hill	Pleasant Hill UMC	\$5,811.00	692	\$8.40
	First Church UMC	\$4,361.00	721	\$6.05
Spartanburg	New Beginnings UMC	\$6,435.77	656	\$9.81
	St Paul UMC	\$4,372.00	675	\$6.48
	Lyman UMC	\$3,359.00	628	\$5.35
	St Andrew By-the-Sea UMC	\$12,223.00	766	\$15.96
Walterboro	Bluffton UMC	\$5,648.00	644	\$8.77
	Bethel UMC	\$5,151.50	842	\$6.12

Investing in Care!

Continued from Cover



though he didn't quite understand why Pastor Meg was nudging him to write. He picked up a journal, and started putting his lyrics and thoughts on paper.

At first, the lyrics were angry and pretty rough around the edges. Pastor Meg and cottage staff Travis Diaz worked with him, and told him the most important thing to do at first was just to get out what he was feeling. Sometimes Matthew would bring lyrics to them on a napkin, or a piece of scrap paper, or a memo on a phone. They would help him sort through what he was feeling and trying to say, and before long, the rough lyrics turned into actual songs. Beautiful, heart-felt songs that gave a voice to all of the emotions that stirred inside Matthew.

One Sunday, not long after he embarked on his song writing journey, Pastor Meg was sick and could not make it to church. While she was out, the Epworth staff began a team effort to lead the Sunday service. To everyone's surprise, Matthew offered to help be a worship leader for the service in Pastor Meg's absence. The teenage boy who was once so reserved that he would rarely speak to others, stood in front of the entire congregation and read the announcements then continued to help lead the residents and staff in their weekly worship.

Things were blossoming for Matthew at school, too, and his musical talents were not going unnoticed there. Walter Graham, the choral director at Matthew's school encouraged him to try out for the choir. Not only did

Matthew try out, he was chosen as a bass singer for the South Carolina state choir! He had come a long way from the quiet teen with angry lyrics.

His transformation from the child he was when he arrived to the young man he is today became most apparent at Revolution earlier this year. Revolution is a United Methodist Church event where youth from across the state can gather for a weekend and discuss issues relevant to young people, explore their relationship with Christ, and meet other teens from all over South Carolina. Matthew decided Revolution would be the weekend where he would perform for the over 2000 people in attendance, and showcase all the lyrics and spoken words that he had been working on so diligently.

He was not without fear, however. Pastor Meg was his cheerleader once again, and reminded him not only of how far he had come, but also of the message and example he was setting for all the other children both at Epworth, as well as those he would meet at Revolution. The other boys in his cottage looked up to Matthew, so much so that they had t-shirts made for the weekend that said "Security," self-appointing themselves (in a tongue in cheek way) as Matthew's security detail. Matthew performing at Revolution elevated him to celebrity status in their eyes, and Matthew did not want to let them, Pastor Meg, or his school choir director down.

When the moment came, Matthew shined. In fact, when he stepped out on stage at Revolution, there were tears in almost everyone's eyes. The shy, angry boy that had arrived at Epworth a couple years ago had completely been transformed into a leader and an example for his peers. As he started his performance with a rendition of "Oh, Happy Day," the crowd swayed, and Pastor Meg, Travis, and all of Matthew's cottage staff beamed with pride.

Society of 1896

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The mission of Epworth Children's Home is to serve children, youth and families through a caring, accepting and safe Christian community, where hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, self and others is developed.



We would like to thank the Epworth Alumni Association for another successful Cookout for Kids BBQ. The 10th annual cookout for kids BBQ was held on April 14th, 2018 on Epworth's campus. This 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.



A special thanks to the Friends of Epworth who hosted their Palate Party at Hay Hill on March 10, 2018. 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 community partners. The event was a great fund-raiser and "friend-raiser" for the children at Epworth. Thank you for all that you do for the children at Epworth!

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