

Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering

Sunday, May 12, 2019



Making an Indelible Mark

Janice was six years old when she realized something was not right in her family. Her older sister had run away when she was 17. Her mom would often sleep so late in the morning that Janice would miss school. Her dad would come around every so often and stay for a few days until he and Janice's mom would have an argument so loud that the police would come and take him away.

Janice was 12 when a social worker put her in a car and took her from her home and placed her with a relative. She stayed there for two weeks, but she found that was a worse place than her home so she ran away. The police found her and turned her over to DSS. She stayed with a foster family that lived in the county and she was scared and lonely and she begged to move.

She arrived at Epworth after two more failed placements and many disappointments, with a thick wall of, "Why should I trust you? Everyone else has let me down." Quiet, withdrawn, sad is how she could be described. The recipe for Janice to let down that wall just enough to see a little light was patience, kindness, never promising something that could not be fulfilled, and

consistency each day. Through all this and more she is experiencing the loving grace of God who whispers to Janice, "Yes my child, you are indeed most special. Walk with me into a new life."

Janice and many other children and young adults are those whom we as United Methodists have "adopted" to prepare for life beyond the child protective system. For 123 years we have been faithful by bringing children through some dark and scary times and introducing them to the Light.

The children at Epworth and the adults who lived part of their younger years at Epworth thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity in supporting this life changing ministry.

Thank you for making an indelible mark in a young person's life.

Mark 10:13-14

**Children's names and photos changed for confidentiality.*

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Did you know?

174

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

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. If every United Methodist in S.C. contributed \$10.00 the offering would total \$2,394,520!