



# Christmas with Epworth

*“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”*

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Dear Christmas with Epworth Partner,

Without a doubt, the holidays are indeed the most wonderful time of year! We look forward to cooler temperatures, holidays sights and sounds, twinkling lights, Christmas caroling, decorating the tree, baking cookies, church events and activities, and of course opening gifts on Christmas morning. Because of your kindness and generosity, year after year, our children have wonderful holidays filled with excitement and love as they experience Christmas in their home here at Epworth. Thank you for helping us to create warm holiday memories for the children who call Epworth home.

It may seem a tad early but Christmas will be here before we know it! Here at Epworth, the cottage staff are already collecting wishes from the children so that they will be ready for you on October 14 when the wish list goes live on the website. Each year, the children submit their wishes to me and I, in turn, create a master Wish List in SignUp Genius from which these wishes along with other necessities may be chosen by you. Also included in the Wish List are items for use for the other 364 days of the year. Clothing, undergarments, toiletries, school supplies, birthday gifts, special outings and day-to-day needs for the year are included in the Christmas with Epworth Wish List. You see, most children come to Epworth with only the clothes they are wearing. When they arrive, they receive a welcome basket filled with a comforter, sheets, towels, clothing, pajamas, shoes, undergarments, toiletries and school supplies. Arrival day at Epworth is like Christmas to our children as watching the children react to receiving things of their very own is a beautiful sight. Birthdays are celebrated, special events and educational activities are enjoyed throughout the year thanks to your generosity.

On October 14, the Wish List will go live and can be found at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org). Enclosed is an information sheet that explains the process for Christmas with Epworth, how to choose wishes from the Wish List, packaging, drop off instructions as well as making financial contributions online. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached by phone at 803-681-0304 or by email at [brobinson@epworthsc.org](mailto:brobinson@epworthsc.org). I will be delighted to talk with you.

Again, thank you for helping us to make Christmas extra special for the children here at Epworth. Blessings to you and yours as we approach this special time of year and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Gratefully,

Beth C. Robinson  
Volunteer Coordinator

P.S. The **DROP OFF** location for Christmas gifts will be in the Rec. Center off of Holly Street. When coming from Devine Street turn onto Holly Street and proceed until you reach the Rec. Center on the left.