



**Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering**  
**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Allie and her sister Mabry arrived on Epworth's campus last summer. They had been removed from their home by the South Carolina Department of Social Services, along with their two younger siblings who were placed in a foster home with Epworth's Foster Care program. Allie and Mabry missed their siblings but were thankful to be living together in the same cottage on Epworth's campus.

Initially, Allie did not want to go back home. At 16 years old, Allie was the oldest sibling of four. As her home life became unbearable with substance use and neglect, Allie had taken on the role of caregiver of her siblings. She felt protective and knew that they were in a safer environment on Epworth's campus and in a loving foster home.

Their mother was enrolled in an addiction treatment program and was working hard on her treatment goals so that she could become a better parent. The sisters, along with their mother, began to participate in family therapy at Epworth. The goal was to help rebuild their relationship and hopefully work toward reunification. Epworth is not only providing Allie and Mabry and their siblings with the care they need, but her family has been provided the opportunity to break a destructive cycle in their lives and create a promising future.

As their stay at Epworth lengthened, the siblings missed each other, and Epworth's staff worked together with the foster family to reunite the siblings with their mother at Family Day. This is a monthly event on Epworth's campus that gives children a chance to reunite with family members and play games and enjoy fellowship.

The more time that Allie spent with her mother at family therapy and monthly Family Day, her strained relationship began to restore itself. The counselors were able to help Allie process her feelings of resentment and anger. Her relationship with her mother improved so much that Allie felt ready to begin transitional visits in hopes of becoming a restored family by this summer.

These services to children and their families are available because of faithful people, like you. Make a generous gift today to Epworth's Mother's Day offering knowing you are a partner with Epworth in transforming the futures of children, like Allie and Mabry.

**Mark 10:14-16**

*\*Children's names and photo changed for confidentiality.*

## Did you Know?

**191**

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

**265**

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care 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.**