



Christmas with Epworth

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Dear Christmas with Epworth Partner,

As we begin to move away from the heat of the summer, we're looking forward to the events that fall brings. Of course, this also means that the holidays are right around the corner. We are getting excited about cooler temperatures, holiday sights and sounds, twinkling lights, decorating the tree, baking cookies, church activities, and opening gifts on Christmas morning. Because of your kindness and generosity, year after year, our children have wonderful holidays filled with excitement and love in their home here at Epworth. Thank you for helping us to create warm holiday memories for the children we serve.

It may seem a tad early, but Christmas will be here before we know it. Right now, our cottage staff and foster families are collecting wishes from the children so that they will be ready for you on October 9th when the wish list goes live on the Epworth website. Each year, the children's wishes and other necessities populate a master wish list in SignUp Genius to simplify communicating the wishes to you. Also included in the wish list are items to be used the other 364 days of the year, days like arrival day. When children come to Epworth, they receive a welcome basket filled with a comforter, sheets, towels, clothing, pajamas, shoes, undergarments, toiletries, and school supplies. Arrival day is like Christmas for our children as they generally arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Foster children are also remembered with First Night Bags and other things as needed in the early days of their placement. Your generosity allows Epworth to provide for the children we serve all year long, especially during the holidays, on transition days and on their birthdays.

On October 9th, the wish list goes live and can be found at www.epworthchildrenshome.org. Enclosed is an information sheet that explains the process for Christmas with Epworth, how to choose wishes from the wish list on SignUp Genius. It also includes details on packaging, drop-off instructions, and information on making financial contributions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You may reach me at 803-256-7394 or by email at lfusco@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,



Lisa Livingston Fusco

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P.S. The **Columbia Drop Off** location is the Supply Building on our Millwood Campus. Please program 901 Sims Avenue into your GPS and follow the signs to the drop off. If you choose to support a foster care office, a notification with the drop off location, address, times, and instructions will be emailed to you once you complete the online sign up.

