



# Christmas with Epworth

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Merry Christmas, Christmas with Epworth Partner,

As the start of fall approaches, we are looking forward to all that the new season brings. Of course, this means the holidays are coming soon as well. We are already excited about the cooler temperatures, the soft glow of twinkling lights, decorating trees and hanging stockings, the smell of gingerbread (my favorite), and of course, opening gifts on Christmas morning. Because of your continuous generosity, the children of Epworth have delightful holidays full of joy and love in their home here at Epworth. Thank you for helping us cultivate warm holiday memories for the children we serve year after year.

It may seem early, but Christmas is just over 100 days away. Right now, our cottage staff and foster families are collecting the children's wishes so that they will be ready for you on October 7th. Each year, the wishes from the children are housed in a master wish list in the SignUp Genius app to simplify communicating the wishes to you. Additionally, there are necessary items included in the wish list that are used the other 364 days of the year, such as in our resource center, Katrina's Kloset. The center provides for the needs of foster parents and children throughout the Midlands and Pee Dee regions of our state and has expanded to now serve kinship caregivers as part of Epworth's new Kinship Navigation program. Here, caregivers can shop for necessities such as diapers and wipes, car seats, smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, hygiene products and more, all at no cost to them due to the generosity of our partners who donate to Katrina's Kloset.

On October 7th, the wish list goes live and can be found on the Epworth website at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org). Enclosed is an information sheet that explains the process for Christmas with Epworth. This includes how to choose wishes on SignUp Genius, details on packaging, drop-off instructions, and information on how to make a financial contribution. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me at (803) 256-7394 or by email at [skeller@epworthsc.org](mailto:skeller@epworthsc.org). It will be wonderful to speak with you.

Again, thank you for helping us ensure Christmas is extra special for all the children of Epworth. Grace and peace to you and yours as we approach this special time of year and celebrate the coming of our Savior once again.

With Thanksgiving,

  
Sydney Keller Kerr  
Volunteer Coordinator

