

## **Epworth Children & Family Services**

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Epworth Benefit Polo Match Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Charles County**

*St. Louis' Long-Running Charity Polo Match Highlights a Little Known Sport  
and a Nationally Recognized Child Welfare Organization*

**For Immediate Release** — Head to St. Charles County on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to watch one of the most uncommon public sports in St. Louis — the fast paced game of polo. A charity benefit polo match benefiting Epworth Children & Family Services will be held at Blue Heron Farms, 4020 Benne Road in Defiance, Mo., just five miles from I-40 at Hwy. DD in St. Charles.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Epworth Benefit Polo Match begins with family-fun activities at 3 p.m. The match will be played from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per car admission at the gate. Concessions will be offered, including mouth-watering BBQ, and wine courtesy of Robust Wines in Webster Groves, MO.

“Hundreds of people have turned out regularly for Epworth’s benefit match,” says Blue Heron Farms’ owner, Billy Busch, who along with his wife, Christi, serves as Honorary Chairs of the event. “It’s the longest-running and best-attended charity event each year for the St. Louis Benefit Polo team and we’re delighted to be able to promote awareness of Epworth while helping Epworth raise much-needed financial support.”

Stifel Nicolaus serves as a team sponsor for the Epworth Benefit Match. Senior Vice President Scott McCuaig and his wife Diane, herself a longtime volunteer and board member of Epworth, are long-time supporters of Epworth and the polo match.

“Epworth is respected throughout the state of Missouri and across the country for creating innovative and much-needed programs and services for at-risk youth and their families,” says Diane McCuaig, who also is a former social worker. “The polo match is an opportunity to raise awareness of Epworth’s great work while also creating an event that is fun for the entire family to enjoy on a Saturday afternoon.”

Epworth currently provides direct services for more than 800 at-risk youth per year, ranging in age from birth to 21 years. Among the therapeutic services offered are:

- Foster Family Recruitment & Training, and Foster Care Case Management
- Residential and Intensive Treatment Center

- Special Education School
- Family Focus Reunification Program
- Youth Emergency Service (YES) Crisis Shelter
- Transitional Living Program
- Independent Living Program
- Aging Out/Chafee
- 24-hour Emergency Crisis Helpline

“We’re personally behind Epworth because of the great way the organization is run to help youth,” says Scott McCuaig. “It’s up to volunteers and supporters to help support Epworth by raising funds so that it can continue doing the great work it’s known throughout the region for providing to youth and families.”

Epworth is actively seeking volunteers for a wide variety of programs and services as well as mentors to work directly with youth.

“There is a great need in our community to support at-risk youth and their families,” says Epworth Executive Director Kevin Drollinger. “We are so appreciative of our many supporters, sponsors, volunteers, staff and the public for donations of funds, time and talents. We’d love to break the record for attendance at this year’s polo match. Bring your friends and family, and come spend the afternoon with us watching the fastest team sport in the world while learning about our organization.”

*Epworth Children & Family Services was established in 1864 and is based in Webster Groves, Mo. A founding member of the Child Welfare League of America, Epworth provides a wide variety of services to at-risk youth ages birth to 21 and their families. The organization offers intensive residential and day treatment programs for youth and is nationally recognized for its independent and transitional living programs. It also operates a youth emergency shelter with a 24-hour youth hotline and provides therapeutic counseling and educational services in its accredited school. Epworth is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and has the BBB wise giving seal. Epworth is a Charter Member of the Missouri Coalition of Children’s Agencies, and is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. For more information about Epworth, log onto [www.epworth.org](http://www.epworth.org)*