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16th Annual Charity Polo Match to Benefit Epworth Saturday, June 11th in St. Charles County

St. Louis' Long-Running Charity Polo Match Highlights a Little Known Sport and a Child Welfare Organization that supports youth in Foster Care

St. Louis, MO, April 13 — Pack up the kids and head to St. Charles County on Saturday, June 11th to watch Blue Heron Farms vs. Wells Fargo Advisors battle for the win in one of the most uncommon public sports in St. Louis — the fast-paced game of Polo. The charity polo match benefiting Epworth Children & Family Services will be held at Blue Heron Polo Club, 4020 Benne Road in Defiance, Mo., just five miles from HWY 64 at Missouri DD.

Epworth's 16th Annual Charity Polo Match begins at 3 PM with family-fun activities, including inflatable rides, face painting, Belgian horse drawn wagon rides, BBQ, drinks and more. The Polo match starts at 4 PM. Admission is only \$25 per car at the gate.

"Once again, Christi and I are honored to host and sponsor this year's Polo Game for Epworth," says Blue Heron Farms' team captain, Billy Busch. "Epworth serves many families and children in need and we are proud to be a part of this wonderful organization. The Epworth Game has historically been one of the best games of the season and this year will be no different. World-class players and horses will showcase their talent in what's sure to be a fast and exciting game."

Epworth's polo match is made possible thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors and individual donors. New to this year's lineup of community partners is team sponsor Wells Fargo Advisors.

"Wells Fargo Advisors has a strong corporate interest and involvement in the communities that we serve and we are delighted to be a part of Epworth's Charity Polo

Match,” says Kevin Whitehead, Market Administrator. "Epworth Children & Family Services has been in existence almost as long as Wells Fargo itself; they began 147 years ago helping Civil War orphans while Wells Fargo just celebrated its 150th anniversary. I think it highly appropriate that the two institutions join together at this time to further the efforts in helping the young people and families of our communities."

Epworth provides direct services for more than 2,000 at-risk youth and families per year. These youth are typically experiencing a variety of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues often stemming from a history of neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Epworth offers the following therapeutic services:

Chafee Life Skills Training Classes	St. Louis Aging Out Initiative
Emergency Respite	Special Education School
Family Focus Reunification	Street Outreach Services (SOS)
Foster Care Case Management	Teen Parenting
Independent Living Program (ILP)	Transitional Living Program (TLP)
Intensive Treatment Unit	Youth Emergency Service (YES) Crisis Shelter
Residential Treatment	

“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 the work that we do within the community.”

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About Epworth Children & Family Services

Epworth Children & Family Services was established in 1864 and serves the Greater St. Louis region. A founding member of the Child Welfare League of America, Epworth provides a wide variety of services to at-risk youth ages birth to 25 and their families. The organization offers intensive residential and day treatment programs for youth, and 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 and has the BBB wise giving seal. Epworth is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. For more information about Epworth, log onto epworth.org.