# EPWORTH Where Kids Find Strength

2012 Annual Report



## **Our Mission**

To help youth and families find strengths, break through obstacles, and build brighter futures.

# A message from our Chief Executive Officer



2012 was a great year for Epworth and the youth we serve. We fully incorporated Family Support Network into the Epworth structure and adopted its governance structure and one of its annual special events, The Wine Dinner & Auction. Together we have proven to be a very successful team.

Our advocacy efforts continued to bear fruit for older youth in foster care, and certainly a highlight of 2012 occurred when Governor Nixon signed House Bill 1577 into law at the Epworth Webster Groves campus in late summer. One of the best parts of that ceremony occurred when the Governor spent time with two of the youth who had originally suggested the legislation. They were inspired, and so were we. It was a great capstone to a fine year in growing our influence with the community as a whole.

We also set the stage in 2012 for additional growth in 2013 and beyond. We acquired a new program site in North St. Louis County that will enable us to deliver greatly expanded older youth and family-oriented services. We also continued with upgrades to our Webster Groves campus and our University City facilities to keep them contemporary and supportive of our service efforts.

Epworth is incredibly fortunate to partner with such amazing supporters. As you digest the statistics in this report, please be reminded that it's only possible with the incredible support of our staff, board, volunteers and community partners.

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Thanks to all of you!

Kim Dollinger

# Programs & Services

Because of your support, Epworth is able to keep families together, prevent abuse and neglect, and encourage self-sufficiency in at-risk youth served through one dozen programs. With your help, more than 5,300 youth and families were guided to find their strengths in 2012.

### Residential and Intensive Treatment

### 85 individuals served

Three levels of residential care are available for youth ages 11 to 18. The available care ranges from intense treatment with 24-hour supervision for youth experiencing severe emotional, behavioral or mental crises to less restrictive care for youth who attend schools, hold jobs, or participate in community-based activities.

### **Family Focus Treatment**

## 11 families served

This program helps youth gradually transition from residential treatment at Epworth to life at home with biological or foster families. Services include: in-home family therapy, parenting education, case management, psychiatric care, respite care, and after-care services.

### **Epworth Special Education School**

### 167 individuals served

The Special Education School serves students grades K-12 who display behaviors so significant it impedes their educational progress in their home schools. This program integrates intensive therapy with academic studies, vocational training, small classes, and life skills training to promote learning success.

## Youth Emergency Service (YES) Crisis Shelter

## 232 individuals served

Emergency shelter, food and therapeutic support for youth, ages 11 to 19, needing a safe place to stay due to abuse, neglect, homelessness or family conflict. The goal is to safely reunite families whenever possible.



# Programs & Services (continued)

### **Foster Care**

### 88 individuals served

Foster Care matches youth with loving, caring families where they can learn to trust and reap the benefits of a devoted family unit.

### Transitional & Independent Living Programs (TLP & ILP)

## 144 individuals served

Transitional and Independent Living Programs teach important life skills including budgeting, job readiness and parenting in an apartment setting to youth, ages 16 to 21. The ultimate goal is for youth to care for themselves emotionally, physically and financially.

### **Aging Out Initiative**

## 249 individuals served

Aging Out is a youth-driven program that is dedicated to equipping youth leaving foster care with the skills they need to be independent and self-sufficient by age 25. Youth receive life skills instruction such as budgeting, navigating the health care system, laundry, meal planning, etc.

### **Chafee Foster Care Independence Program**

## 491 individuals served

Youth in foster care, ages 14 to 21, are provided training and support through regular classes and individual meetings that focus attention on independent living skills. Program includes a drop-in center for youth to access resources, computers, phones, and laundry services.

### **Street Outreach Services (SOS)**

## 7,441 individuals served

The SOS team makes connections with homeless youth on the streets and in the Youth Drop-In Center with the intent to educate them about their options and to encourage them to find permanent housing. The primary goals of this program are to keep kids safe, off the streets, and connected to resources that help them develop independence.

### Family Support Network (FSN)

## 540 families served

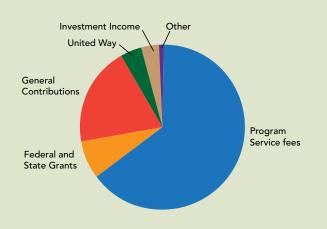
Family Support Network works to prevent child abuse and neglect by offering free weekly, in-home counseling to improve family communication and relationships and provide information on effective methods of stress management and conflict resolution.

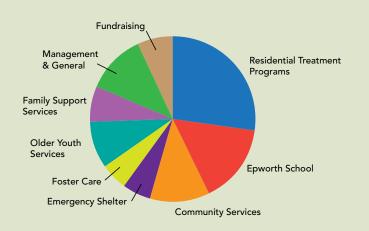


## Jessica Found Strength to Make Better Choices.

I used to be depressed. I hated everyone and everything. I refused to go to school, refused to leave the house, and even stopped taking care of myself. Worst of all, I was violent toward my family, and I was afraid they would give up on me. I ended up living at Epworth, where they taught me how to deal with my anger and make better choices. The best part was when I got to go home because of the Family Focus program. My therapist at Epworth started coming to my house to help me stay on track with all the successes I had on campus. She helped me and my family through the tough times. I learned that my mom really does love me and wants me to get better. My therapist even taught my mom how to be a better parent. Life isn't perfect, but my family and I know that Epworth will help us when we need it. Today, I like to go to school and do stuff with my family because now when I look in the mirror, I like who I see.

# Financial Report





### Revenue

Program Service Fees	\$9,371,928
Federal & State Grants	\$1,101,943
General Contributions	\$2,781,888
United Way	\$595,881
Investment Income	\$549,142
Other	\$49,976
Total Revenue & Public Support	\$14,450,758

### **Net Assets**

Total beginning net assets	\$12,299,433
Total ending net assets	\$14,417,229
Change in Net Assets	\$2.117.796

### **Expenses**

Residential Treatment Programs	\$3,504,806
Epworth School	\$2,006,957
Community Services	\$1,493,591
Emergency Shelter	\$727,758
Foster Care	\$685,941
Older Youth Services	\$1,184,874
Family Support Services	\$893,440
Management & General	\$1,476,688
Fundraising	\$892,481
Total Expenses	\$12,866,536

# Thank You!

Epworth has been incredibly fortunate to have successful events because of all the wonderful people and companies who participate, sponsor, donate, and volunteer. Thank you for being a part of these events in 2012!



### The Wine Dinner & Auction

When: Saturday, November 10, 2012 Where: The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis Honored: Susan McLaughlin

Funds raised: Over \$365,000

Wine collectors and enthusiasts gathered for a special evening to celebrate, bid on rare wines and unique trips, and dance the night away.







### Pillar of Strength Award Dinner

When: Friday, March 2, 2012 Where: Palladium, St. Louis Honoring: Friends of Epworth Funds raised: More than \$375,000

Epworth has been blessed by the friend-raising and fund-raising efforts of the Friends of Epworth for more than 50 years.



When: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Where: Blue Heron Farms Polo Club

Honorary Co-Chairs: Christi and Billy Busch

Funds raised: Over \$40,000

More than 1,100 supporters attended the event to watch team Kräftig and team Wells Fargo Advisors battle for the win which went to team

Wells Fargo Advisors.









## 2012 Volunteer Service

Volunteers are essential to Epworth's success. They mentor and tutor youth, help with projects such as landscaping, painting, and sorting donations, and participate in many other activities. Thank you to all of Epworth's volunteers for your many hours of service!



Number of Volunteers – 1,014 Volunteer Hours – 8,958





# Marcus Found Strength to Be Resposible.

When I was 17, my mom died. My dad was never in the picture, so I was on my own and ended up on the streets. My friend let me crash at his place, but his dad got tired of me always being around and took me to YES, Epworth's Crisis Shelter. I didn't like it at first because I had never stayed in a place like YES. I had to do chores, follow rules, and talk with a therapist. The staff was supportive and told me I had potential. Even though I was doing well at YES, I still didn't have a place to live. Then the therapist told me about the Transitional Living Program, and I knew I would be safe. Epworth gave me a place to live so I could get on track. They connected me with a GED program so I could complete high school and hooked me up with a vocational person who helped me look for a job. Everyone congratulated me when I passed the GED test and found a job. The Epworth staff believed in me and helped me see that I had the strength to make it. I'm working and learning to be responsible for myself, and I am excited to look into college.

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