



We don't define  
success, we  
**empower it.**

Annual Report 2021





## D's Story

What would you do with a second chance? It so happens that in life there are often no second chances. However, the Chafee program offers just that to its clientele. Clientele like D, who has been enrolled in the program since 2014 when she was 15 years old. Upon entering foster care D was already pregnant with her first child and was leaving a situation that left her with a myriad of traumas. Ideally, Chafee would assist D with making up for lost education and life skills.

Initially, D did not utilize the services of the Chafee program though. Instead, D made a series of decisions that would make her life even more difficult in the future. She dropped out of school and got pregnant with her second child. She continued to mostly ignore what Chafee could do to assist her with learning life skills.

It was years later when she aged-out of foster care in early 2020 that she realized how unprepared she was for the world after foster care. She was a single parent with two children, no high school education, no work experience, and no home. That's when D finally began to work with her Chafee Service Coordinator toward independence – toward a second chance.

The first step forward to D becoming independent was to secure a Family Unification Project housing voucher which would pay her rent upon finding an apartment. Once she had her housing voucher her next goal was to lay the foundations needed to be accepted for an apartment. Over the course of the next year her Chafee Service Coordinator assisted D with getting her first job, obtaining her and her children's documentation,

and applying for apartments. During this time Chafee also provided D with diapers monthly, connected her with the resources to obtain anxiety and depression medications, and provided food when needed.

In October of 2021, after over a year of searching desperately for an apartment, D and the Chafee Service Coordinator succeeded in getting accepted for an apartment with her voucher and Chafee was able to pay her security deposit. By the beginning of November D moved in to her first apartment. Chafee provided furniture, household items, and clothes – as D and her children had few belongings after couch-hopping for over a year.

Today, D is no longer homeless, she is capable of getting a job on her own, and she is focused on becoming a stable adult. When she turns 23 in a matter of months D will age-out of Chafee services. D's goal for after she leaves the Chafee program is to save money so she can move to a safer part of the city and work a stable job.

D was dealt a bad hand in life and spent 5 years unwilling or unable to take the steps necessary to find her second chance. The lasting impression of change can be seen in D when she speaks to her younger sister – a current Chafee client who is still in foster care. She tells her: "Don't do what I did. Take advantage of what Chafee can teach you before you are homeless. They will be there to support you even after you leave foster care, but you have to listen to what they are trying to do to help you now before you have to go through what I did." The strongest legacy Chafee can leave is the story of a life that has been changed for the better. Due to the continued funding of the Chafee program, D got her second chance and now she influences her sister to reach for her second chance as well.

**“At Epworth I am most proud of myself for having enough courage to talk about my trigger. I also have gained a lot more respect.”**

- Youth in our Epworth Residential Services



In 2021, Epworth served over **13,000** people in the St. Louis Region through our programs.



### Foster Care

Epworth's Foster Care programs – including **Epworth Children's Permanency Partnership** and the **Epworth Chafee Program** – work with children, teens, and those who have aged out of the foster care system to find stable, permanent homes, learn life skills, and transition to self-sufficiency and independence, while maintaining the support system we nurture while providing these services to our clients.

### Mental Health

Epworth's Mental Health Services provide care, guidance, and support from initial assessment to diagnosis and treatment from qualified and devoted mental health professionals. From **Epworth Psychological Services** to the **Epworth Family Support Network** to housing foster youth on our Webster Groves campus through our **Epworth Residential Services**, we are proud to be a trusted mental healthcare provider in our community.

### Housing Services

Epworth's Housing Services help teenagers and young adults in our region find semi-permanent, stable, and safe housing on their path to independence and self-sufficiency. We have more than 75 apartments all over the St. Louis area for youth who have aged out of foster care to participate in our **Epworth Transitional Living Program**, and operate an apartment complex through our **Epworth Intrada Program** that provides permanent supportive housing for youth who have aged out of foster care.

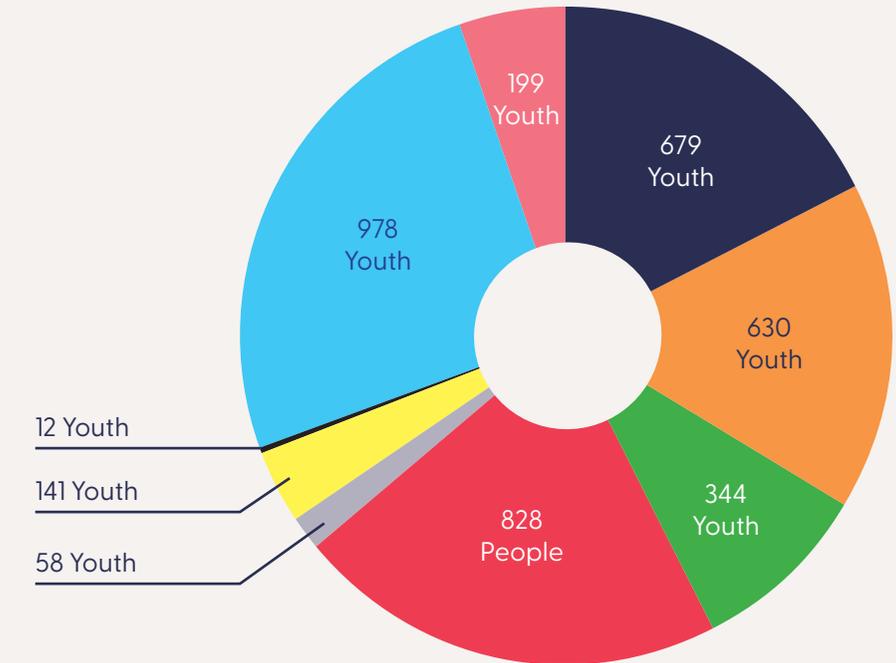
### Crisis and Outreach

Epworth's Crisis and Outreach program provides St. Louis at-risk youth, teens, and families with access to basic needs and emergency resources. Whether it be through our **Epworth Street Outreach Services**, the **Epworth Youth Emergency Shelter**, or our **Food Pantry**, we are there when our clients need us most.

### Individuals Served by Program



\* The Epworth Food Pantry is not included in this pie chart



“This is the best shelter I have ever been at, and it is such a peaceful place”  
 - Youth in our Shelter

# Our Financials

\*unaudited

Investment income and Miscellaneous:

**\$446,109**

Grants (United Way, Government Grants and Private Foundations):

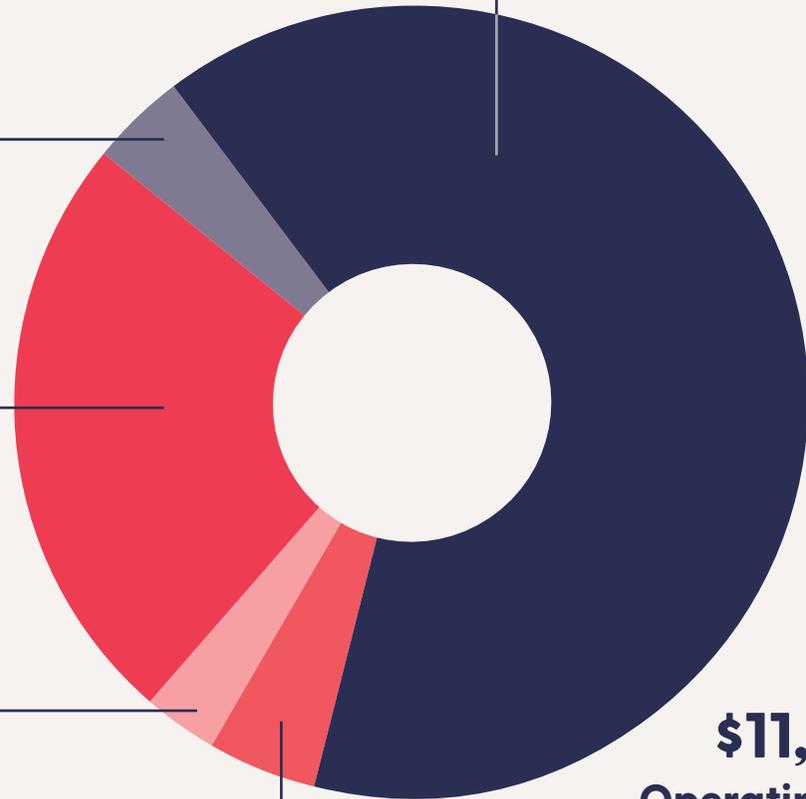
**\$2,873,913**

Special Events:

**\$340,680**

Operating Contributions:

**\$527,462**



Program Service Fees:

**\$7,558,797**

**Total:**  
**\$11,747,162**  
**Operating Revenue**

“I am so lucky because that is one of the best residential facilities I have been in”

- Youth in our Epworth Residential Services

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets:**

**\$25,002,935**



**Program Services**

**\$9,198,916**



**Supportive Services**

(includes Human Resources, IT, Accounting, Administration, and Maintenance)

**\$2,562,967**



**Development Services**

**\$404,856**

**3,937**

boxes of food were distributed in 2021 providing

**29,938**

days of food

**112**

Volunteers

**1,903**

Volunteer Hours

**507**

Volunteer Shifts

110 N. Elm Avenue  
Webster Groves, MO 63119

# We meet youth where they need us most.

## **Our Mission**

Empowering youth to realize their unique potential by meeting essential needs, cultivating resiliency, and building community.

## **Our Vision**

A world in which every youth experiences life in all its fullness.

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