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## **Epworth receives grant from Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association for indoor garden**

WEBSTER GROVES, MO, APRIL 2018 – Epworth Children & Family Services is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association. The funds will support an indoor classroom garden.

Students who participate in this project are Residential clients at Epworth Children & Family Services who are receiving intensive treatment due to behavioral, mental, or emotional challenges. They range in age from 11 to 18. This project will provide an opportunity to bring nature indoors to these students. The youth will grow ingredients for salsa: tomatoes, onions, cilantro, and jalapenos. At the end of the project, the vegetables grown in the classroom will be used to make salsa, allowing them to enjoy the “fruits of their labor.”

“The indoor garden that is planned for our Webster campus classroom is going to create an environment that will help the students take ownership and responsibility through an engaging hands-on learning experience. I will be teaching the students about gardening, botany, nutrition, and agriculture,” says Jessica Recht, Epworth Knobel Classroom Teacher.

The Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association awards grants through a competitive application and review process. “The Association’s goal is to promote knowledge of horticulture and the benefits it brings to our community. A means to achieve this is by supporting K-12 educational projects or programs which encourage horticultural learning through hands on experimentation and education in the various plant science,” stated Elizabeth Lemp, Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association Outreach Chairperson.

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### **About Epworth Children & Family Services**

Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, Epworth Children & Family Services is a multi-service nonprofit agency that helps children, youth, and families toward self-sufficiency. Epworth offers foster care services, emergency youth shelter, residential treatment, in-home family therapy, transitional housing, psychological evaluation, prevention services, and a 24-hour help line. For more information about Epworth Children & Family Services, call 314-961-5718 or visit <https://epworth.org>.

### **About Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association**

Since 1926, Webster Groves Women’s Garden Association members’ love of nature and gardening has given rise to many long-lasting friendships and civic improvements in the community of Webster Groves. The WGWA is comprised of three individual clubs totaling around 60 members. The clubs collaborate on numerous larger community projects. WGWA membership represents a great diversity of gardening





interests and levels of expertise. Members come from every Webster neighborhood, professional background, and age group. For more information, visit <https://wggga.org>.



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