What a month!

In this issue, we have a few updates for our Epworth community regarding the operation of our agency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, updates on the status of our upcoming fundraisers, and information on how you, as a part of our community, can continue to help our Epworth youth - even if you can't be here physically!

From donating hygiene kits and food to simply buying a new teddy bear friend for your family - there's so much we can do!
HELPING EPWORTH THROUGH COVID-19

Here's what YOU can do to help!

Below, you'll find some amazing pictures of our Epworth colleagues continuing to take around-the-clock care of our residential and drop-in center youth. Our on-site community is coming together to make sure our youth and families are still receiving the quality care and services they need to prevent any further stress due to the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to grow and succeed - but to keep our programs running as efficiently as our Epworth kids deserve, we need your help. In lieu of physically volunteering, here are some ways you can help us continue to provide the highest quality of care at this scary time:

- Donate hygiene products and cleaning products. Hand wipes, deodorant, tampons, sanitary products, etc. - our youth can use them now more than ever!

- Donate meals or non-perishable items. To keep responsible distancing active on our campus and lower our youth's risk for COVID-19 as much as possible, our youth are being provided with individual, packaged meals several times daily. Epworth is happy to accept any donated catered meals, non-perishable items, or snacks!
- Keep donating your regular items and making your regular monetary contributions! Epworth has adopted a no-contact donations method for any and all donations. A shed has been set up in the administration building parking lot on our 110 North Elm Ave. campus in Webster Groves. Simply place your donations in the shed during regular business hours and a team member will collect it shortly. Monetary contributions can be made via our website at www.epworth.org/donate. If you take the standard deduction on your 2020 tax return (the one that you'll file in 2021), you can claim a brand new "above-the-line" deduction of up to $300 for cash donations to charity you make this year. Click here for more info.

- Follow us on our Epworth social media (you can find links at the bottom of this newsletter)! Team members are putting out updates daily on Epworth sites and any special donation requests or needs as we receive them. Our accounts can help you stay up-to-date on what our kids and most current needs!

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**FUNdraising Updates!**

**Epworth's Bear Hunt**

Have you seen teddy bears in your neighbors' windows? They're participating in the bear hunt! Taking a daily walk around your neighborhood is a safe, healthy way to get some exercise and fresh air during your at-home work day or homeschooling lunch break. Kids and adults alike can spot teddy bears in the windows of homes and see how many they can find!

Epworth wants to help YOU be a part of the hunt! For a limited time, you can purchase your own Epworth teddy bear to occupy a spot in your home's window and be your official neighborhood greeter.

ALL proceeds from the sale of the bears will go directly to the care of our youth. Click here or go to https://www.epworth.org/product/bear-hunt-with-epworth-teddy-bear/ to purchase your bear before they're all gone!

**The Picture of Positivity!**

Show your friends and family that you're standing by Epworth! A profile picture frame is now available from our Epworth Children and Family Services page on Facebook. Our at-risk youth rely on us now more than ever - show your community that you'll stand with them.

Getting your profile picture frame is so simple! Just click your profile picture on Facebook, click "Add Frame" and search for "Epworth Forever".

**Third Annual Horses & Hats Derby Party**

Due to concerns regarding large-scale gatherings and the safety of attendees, our Horses & Hats Derby Party has been postponed. Don't worry! Stay tuned to our social media accounts in the coming weeks for big news and updates regarding developments with this event.
A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

Thank you, Team Epworth!

EVERYONE at Epworth is working overtime to make sure our youth remain very well taken care of. Take a look at just a few of our hardworking colleagues and join us in saying THANK YOU!