



# Epworth Children's Home

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Dear Modern Exterminating Company,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children's Home. This letter serves as an acknowledgement and receipt of your contribution of 100 mattress covers to Epworth. We appreciate your gift that will make a difference in the lives of the children who call Epworth home.

Your gift helps children like Elizabeth. Elizabeth came to Epworth just before her sophomore year in high school. She had always been a good student, but a teacher at her school noticed that Elizabeth was not herself and that she was wearing the same clothes almost every day. The teacher asked delicately about Elizabeth's home life and discovered that she would not talk about it. Eventually, a friend disclosed that Elizabeth's mom had been very sick, and Elizabeth had been trying to take care of her, as well as doing all the household duties. With no other family close by, Elizabeth came to Epworth to live while her mother fought a battle with cancer.

At first, Elizabeth shut down completely and was resistant to being at Epworth. She didn't concentrate on her schoolwork so her grades slipped. Her cottage staff had trouble getting her to open up to them. She rejected counseling and seemed to be coasting through her days basically with little interaction with others. It wasn't until she attended a Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) meeting that Elizabeth's interest in the outside world seemed to be sparked again. Elizabeth found her place in MYF. She eventually became an MYF leader and then sought out other opportunities. She is a different person now. The best news though is that Elizabeth's mother has responded well to treatment and her health is improving.

Your support of the children at Epworth Children's Home makes opportunities like this possible. Your support provides the caring staff in the cottages and the programs that provide opportunity for each child to lead a fulfilling and productive life. Thank you for believing in Epworth's mission and in the future of children at Epworth, children like Elizabeth.

Sincerely,

The Rev. John E. Holler, Jr.  
President and CEO

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