Dear Friends,

I began serving the epilepsy community in November of 2017 at the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago. As my two year anniversary fast approaches, I can’t help but take a step back and look at all that I have learned, as well as all that we have done, and what we have left to do.

I’ve had the privilege to build relationships with our clients over the past two years and am grateful for every interaction we have had. Whether it’s rooting on a camper hesitant to dive into the pool at Camp Blackhawk or providing encouragement to a young man about to share his personal story of living with epilepsy in front of a Senate Committee at Capitol Hill in Springfield, it all makes my dedication to the 140,000 people living with epilepsy in the greater Chicagoland area that much stronger.

I am proud of all that we have accomplished, including our commitment to the Seizure Smart School Act. During the 2019 fiscal year, we worked tirelessly as a team to let the Illinois State Representatives know how important it is for all school personnel to be trained in proper seizure first aid. The passion and drive of our staff, epilepsy advocates, and the community as a whole have created an inspiring time in my career. I look forward to implementing our initiative in the 2020 academic school year and am confident in my team’s ability to carry out this endeavor. We are driven to face the challenges of epilepsy, and I am grateful to fight for those impacted by this medical condition.

Thank you,

Bryan S. Anderson
President & CEO
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago

THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHICAGO
Created in 1946 as a grassroots effort in Illinois to help people with epilepsy, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is an Illinois not-for-profit organization serving 43 counties, offering advocacy, case management, and educational services to people with epilepsy, their families, and the communities in which they live.

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.
WHAT IS EPILEPSY?

Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions. It’s also called a seizure disorder. When a person has two or more unprovoked seizures, they are considered to have epilepsy. A seizure happens when a brief, strong surge of electrical activity affects part or all of the brain. One in 10 adults will have a seizure sometime during their life.

Seizures can last from a few seconds to a few minutes. They can have many symptoms, from convulsions and loss of consciousness to some that are not always recognized as seizures by the person experiencing them or by health care professionals: blank staring, lip smacking, or jerking movements of arms and legs. The frequency of seizures varies greatly, from once in a while to several per day.

Epilepsy is one of the world’s oldest known medical conditions, and yet too many people do not understand it. In too many cases, this misunderstanding has led to fear, discrimination, and social stigma.

IMPORTANT FACTS

65 MILLION: People around the world who have epilepsy.

3.4 MILLION: People in the United States who have epilepsy.

1 IN 26: People in the United States that will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime.

Nearly 140,000: People in the Chicagoland area that have epilepsy.

150,000: New cases of epilepsy in the United States every year.

ONE-THIRD: People with epilepsy who live with uncontrollable seizures because no available treatment works for them.

6 OUT OF 10: People with epilepsy where the cause is unknown.

50,000: People who die from epilepsy-related causes in the United States every year.

More people live with epilepsy than with autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy – combined.
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2019 IMPACT

15,746
PEOPLE EDUCATED

1,423
PATIENT VISITS AT CLINIC

5,823
INSTANCES OF COUNSELING, ADVOCACY, CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFO/REFERRAL

901
CLIENT ATTENDEES AT PROGRAM EVENTS

335 + 80 = 415
CONSUMER CONFERENCE SPANISH CONFERENCE TOTAL

REGISTRANTS AT BOTH THE EPILEPSY CONSUMER CONFERENCE AND THE SPANISH CONSUMER CONFERENCE
## 2019 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### REVENUES

**Public support and revenue:**
- Clubs and organizations: $29,919
- Corporate gifts: 70,330
- Foundations and trusts: 68,806
- Individual gifts: 232,613

**TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:** 401,668

### OTHER REVENUES

**Grants:**
- Department of Human Services: 1,308,188
- Clothing donation income: 572,000
- Special events (net of direct costs): 104,676
- Investment income: 47,821

**TOTAL OTHER REVENUES:** 2,032,685

### TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT:

2,434,353

### EXPENSES

**Program services:**
- Patient services: $1,079,381
- Community services: 266,671
- Professional education and training: 206,288
- Public health education: 281,860

**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES:** 1,834,200

### OTHER EXPENSES

- Management and General: 215,761
- Fundraising: 248,199

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** 2,298,160

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

136,193
## 2019 STATEMENT OF POSITION

### ASSETS

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