



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**
Greater Chicago



Dear Friends,

As this fiscal year came to a close, we found ourselves in uncharted territory. We all have had to adapt and create a “new normal.” I am proud to say that the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago has taken this challenge head on and has gone above and beyond. This is a time of reflection for me, and as I look back at all that we have accomplished, I know that there are great things to come.

It is important now to remember the special moments that occurred before the pandemic began. I remember the excitement of seeing so many of our young campers come out of their shells on stage at the Camp Blackhawk talent show. I remember feeling the sense of pride of our Associate Board when they hosted their first Casino Night and raised thousands of dollars for our cause. I remember the captive audience of over two hundred people at our annual Consumer Conference. I remember smiling every time I saw our 1 in 26 campaign advertisements on the Chicago L platforms as I rode the train to work. I was proud to be a part of this organization then, but I am even more proud now.

There was a dramatic change in all of our lives in March of 2020. Our Foundation, however, was quick to adapt and adjust so that we could continue to provide much needed support and services to the epilepsy community. Working remotely, we came together to transition our programs into virtual settings. Our Kids & Teens Club enjoyed a virtual improv acting class. Our Clinical Department continues to meet with their clients either by phone or on-line. Our support groups meet virtually on a regular basis and continue to grow and create engaging activities. Our education team continues to provide seizure first aid training via Zoom. I am grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of our staff. They have stepped up to the plate and we have grown as an organization. I look forward to continuing to serve to people with epilepsy with the momentum that we have built.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bryan S. Anderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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 44 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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2020 IMPACT



6,940

PEOPLE EDUCATED



656

PATIENT VISITS AT CLINIC



4,321

**INSTANCES OF COUNSELING, ADVOCACY,
CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFO/REFERRAL**



986

**CLIENT ATTENDEES
AT PROGRAM EVENTS**

209 + 70 = 279

CONSUMER CONFERENCE

SPANISH CONFERENCE

TOTAL

**REGISTRANTS AT BOTH THE EPILEPSY CONSUMER CONFERENCE
AND THE SPANISH CONSUMER CONFERENCE**

2020 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES

Public support and revenue:

Clubs and organizations

Corporate gifts

Foundations and trusts

Individual gifts

TOTAL

\$ 44,411
136,809
66,340
698,080

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

945,640

OTHER REVENUES

Grants:

Department of Human Services

Clothing donation income

Special events (net of direct costs)

Investment income

1,301,952
360,000
225,921
32,222

TOTAL OTHER REVENUES

1,920,095

TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

2,865,735

EXPENSES

Program services:

Patient services

Community services

Professional education and training

Public health education

\$ 938,711
347,788
148,770
228,102

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES

1,663,371

OTHER EXPENSES

Management and general

Fundraising

159,614
241,816

TOTAL EXPENSES

2,064,801

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

800,934

2020 STATEMENT OF POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash:

\$ 2,148,461

Accounts receivable

211,166

Prepaid expenses

50,509

Security deposit

9,916

Certificates of deposit

2,000,000

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

4,170,052

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and fixtures

19,056

Leasehold improvements

16,567

Equipment

62,730

Less accumulated depreciation

(91,026)

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

7,327

TOTAL ASSETS

4,427,379

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accrued expense

\$ 64,780

Deferred rent

86,371

TOTAL LIABILITIES

217,211

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

4,263,728

Temporarily restricted

12,500

TOTAL NET ASSETS

4,276,228

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

4,427,379

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHICAGO WERE RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

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