



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,



One important take away I have learned from living through a global pandemic, is that you should always be expecting the unexpected. Throughout this last fiscal year at the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, we've had many high points, along with a few challenges. As I reflect on all that we have done, I am proud to say that whatever came our way, we took a step back, adjusted and adapted. We continue to provide our vital services and programs to those living with epilepsy, and the community as a whole. If a curve ball is thrown our way, we're ready.

Our first in-person gathering, the Picnic in the Park, is a day I will not forget. It was a muggy August afternoon. Wearing a mask was not ideal, however, that soon became a non-issue when our clients and their families and friends began to arrive. It meant so much to be with them. Reconnecting, sharing experiences, and having fun with each other. Simply put, it was a blast.

In-person gatherings continued through the fall. Our Kids & Teens Club excursions, adult client outings, the Fall Fest 5K events in Wheaton and Montrose Harbor, and the Consumer Conference all brought us closer together. The resurgence of COVID may have put a damper on things, but we prevailed. Client gatherings were temporarily put on hold, we cancelled our annual Heroes Night Gala, and our office doors were closed once again. We remained connected to those we serve, however. Virtual sessions with clients, support groups, and educational trainings all continued. There was also a silver lining. While we worked remotely, the largest expansion in EFGC's history was underway at our office.

We will soon reopen our doors and clients will have the opportunity to enjoy and utilize our new Resource Center. This will include open space for client activities, rooms for support groups, private counseling offices for mental health services, a computer skills training lab, and more. This investment will be pivotal in bringing our clients back together and rebuilding the camaraderie that many of us had taken for granted in the past.

As we look toward the future, I am filled with excitement and optimism. EFGC will continue to grow and provide more vital services. Generous donor support has allowed us to think big. We are thankful to have the ability to welcome more clients each day. In the coming year, I look forward to enjoying everyone's company and taking on whatever else may come our way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan S. Anderson'.

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 Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy – combined.

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2022 IMPACT



6,138

PEOPLE EDUCATED



368

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7,538

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



137

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
(INCLUDES 1:1 COUNSELING AND GROUP THERAPY)**



944

ATTENDEES

AT



161

SUPPORT GROUPS

IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH

2022 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES

Public support and revenue:

Clubs and organizations	\$ 201,470
Corporate gifts	74,427
Foundations and trusts	78,917
Individual gifts	276,488

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

631,302

OTHER REVENUES

Grants:

Department of Human Services	1,301,952
Clothing donation income	369,049
Special events (net of direct costs)	196,495
Investment income	3,345

TOTAL OTHER REVENUES

1,931,970

TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

2,563,272

EXPENSES

Program services:

Patient services	\$ 983,455
Community services	369,825
Professional education and training	58,276
Public health education	349,231

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES

1,760,787

OTHER EXPENSES

Management and general	193,475
Fundraising	355,937

TOTAL EXPENSES

2,310,199

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

251,727

2022 STATEMENT OF POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash:

Accounts receivable

Prepaid expenses

Security deposit

Certificates of deposit

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and fixtures

Leasehold improvements

Equipment

Less accumulated depreciation

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

TOTAL ASSETS

TOTAL

\$ 2,463,205

266,569

39,160

9,916

2,000,000

4,778,850

67,125

39,222

84,535

(94,504)

96,378

6,465,496

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accrued expense

Deferred revenue

TOTAL LIABILITIES

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

Temporarily restricted

TOTAL NET ASSETS

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 74,101

74,067

148,168

4,689,724

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6,465,496

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