



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHICAGO

WHO WE ARE

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.

WHAT WE DO

Serving the nearly 140,000 people living with epilepsy in the Chicagoland area, we provide one on one sessions with members, a wide array of support groups, social gatherings for children and adults, as well as legislative initiatives to better the lives of people impacted by epilepsy. We are also dedicated to heightening the general public's understanding of epilepsy, educating thousands of school personnel and staff of companies and organizations each year.

WHO WE SERVE

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago provides services to 44 counties in Illinois, including Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cook, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Ford, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Iroquois, Jersey, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will.

We strive to build a culture where inclusiveness is deeply woven into everything we do, not a singular initiative. Everyone of any ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability is welcome. Our doors are open to all.

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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2023 IMPACT



3,814

PEOPLE EDUCATED



187

REGISTRANTS FOR THE ANNUAL
CONSUMER CONFERENCE



827

ATTENDEES

AT



157

SUPPORT GROUPS

IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH



8,302

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

2023 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES

Public support and revenue:

Clubs and organizations	\$ 255,902
Corporate gifts	61,012
Foundations and trusts	40,870
Individual gifts	274,736

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

632,463

OTHER REVENUES

Department of Human Services	1,137,424
Clothing donation income	374,672
Special events (net of direct costs)	183,985
Investment income	25,737
In-kind services	539,004

TOTAL OTHER REVENUES

2,260,822

TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

2,907,712

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

2,220,103

OTHER EXPENSES

Management and general	274,492
Fundraising	542,793

TOTAL EXPENSES

3,037,388

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

(129,676)

2023 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

\$ 2,501,035

256,644

47,554

9,916

2,000,000

5,114,393

104,694

62,222

56,774

(52,135)

171,556

6,730,850

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accrued expense

Deferred revenue

Operating lease liabilities, current maturities

Agency fund

Operating lease liability, less current
maturities

TOTAL LIABILITIES

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$78,887

109,569

94,770

299,244

1,547,632

2,130,102

4,600,748

6,730,850

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHICAGO WERE RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

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