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# ANNUAL REPORT



**EPILEPSY  
FOUNDATION**  
Greater Chicago

# 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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**5,712**  
PEOPLE EDUCATED

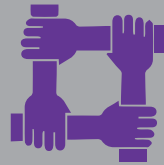


**159**  
REGISTRANTS FOR THE ANNUAL  
CONSUMER CONFERENCE



**1,662**  
ATTENDEES

AT



**235**  
SUPPORT GROUPS

IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH



**12,428**  
INSTANCES OF COUNSELING, ADVOCACY,  
CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFO/REFERRAL

# 2024 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## REVENUES

### Public support and revenue:

Clubs and organizations	\$ 254,497
Corporate gifts	64,091
Foundations and trusts	142,303
Individual gifts	232,407

### **TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

## **TOTAL**

**693,298**

## **OTHER REVENUES**

Department of Human Services	1,170,061
Clothing donation income	381,241
Special events (net of direct costs)	286,707
Investment income	138,031
In-kind services	230,530

### **TOTAL OTHER REVENUES**

**2,206,570**

### **TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT**

**2,899,868**

## EXPENSES

### **PROGRAM SERVICES**

**1,672,882**

### **OTHER EXPENSES**

Management and general	861,149
Fundraising	562,835

### **TOTAL EXPENSES**

**3,096,866**

### **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

**(198,368)**

# 2024 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

\$ 2,122,392

352,915

210,272

9,916

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**4,739,409**

112,425

62,222

61,308

(80,313)

**155,642**

**6,261,834**

## 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

\$ 180,646

73,356

120,625

43,914

1,440,913

**1,859,454**

**4,402,380**

**6,261,834**

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THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHICAGO WERE RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

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