













# 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT













### WELCOME LETTER

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends of Epilepsy Florida,

It's incredible what can change in just the span of one year. For our organization, this was especially true as we evolved to best position our organization for the future and strengthen our ability to meet the needs of individuals living with epilepsy and their families.

We are now Epilepsy Florida (formerly Epilepsy Foundation of Florida), a founding partner of Epilepsy Alliance America – a brand new, national collective of state and local epilepsy organizations dedicated to providing service, support, and hope to people with epilepsy. While we've got a new name, our same mission of caring for people with epilepsy and the people who care for them remains.

Moreover, this past year brought with it successes that enabled our progress toward providing the highest level of support and care for Floridians with epilepsy.

We directly impacted nearly 2,300 individuals through our services and provided education through events, presentations, and online platforms to more than 2,900,000 people. This year saw the expansion of our organization to the Southwest Florida area with the opening of our Naples Epilepsy Resource Center, our seventh office location in the state. Our annual Walk the Talk for Epilepsy events raised a banner amount: more than \$450,000 in support of our mission. Also, on the heels of Hurricane Maria, we were exceptionally fortunate to be able to provide more than \$100,000 in donations and medications to Puerto Ricans with epilepsy who were affected by the devastation left in the path of the storm.

The following pages of this annual report will highlight even more progress made by Epilepsy Florida in the 2017-2018 year.

For more than 45 years, Epilepsy Florida has served as the premier source of information and resources for epilepsy and seizures in the state of Florida. Today, as we look ahead to our future, we're proud to continue this legacy; servicing the estimated 400,000 Floridians, both children and adult, who suffer from the disorder and serving as the lead advocate for the rights and needs of people with epilepsy and seizures in Florida.

Sincerely,

Karen Basha Egozi Chief Executive Officer

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Epilepsy Florida

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## **SERVICES**

# TOTAL



2,298

Individuals Impacted 1,282

Attendees at 174 Support Group Meetings 257

Individuals Received Transportation Assistance 2,298 Individuals Impacted



130

Initial Neurological Evaluations 954

Follow-up Exams 1,349

Lab Tests

115

Other Tests (MRI, EEG, CT Scan, Bone Scan) 2,548
Diagnostic Services



353

**Client Sessions** 

117

Clients Seen for Assessment

543

Hours of Counseling

353
Psychological Sessions



7,903

Attendees at 384 Presentations 1,050

Attendees at 78 Special Events 407,007

Attendees at 592 Awareness Activities 2,500,000+

Individuals Reached Through Online and Social Media Platforms 2,900,000+
Persons Educated



7,852

Calls From Individuals Seeking Assistance 655

Intakes of New Cases 1,132

Referrals Provided 7,852
Service Calls



77

Children with Epilepsy Sponsored 150

Hours of Fun

24

Families Empowered at Family Weekend

102

### **EVENTS**

# Walk the Talk for Epilepsy

Jacksonville participants statewide 3/24/18 **Naples** 4/14/18 **West Palm Davtona** \* 4/14/18 Beach **7** Gainesville Broward 5/6/18 4/28/18 ∱ Miami Pensacola

# Let's Talk About It! **November Epilepsy Awareness Month**

Five events raised more than \$100,000 with 455 participants statewide

Eight walks raised more than \$452,000 with 3,700+



**Unmasking Epilepsy Cocktail Event** Miami



**Purple Hat Cocktail Event Broward** 



All Shades of Purple Gala **Jacksonville** 



Snack & Swizzles **Cocktail Event** Daytona



**Purple Pint Night West Palm Beach** 

# **Do-It-Yourself (DIY)/Special Events**

Thank you to our dedicated supporters for hosting events in the community to help spread awareness and raise funds for individuals living with epilepsy!



Run/Walk/Marathons



Chili Cook-Off



**Pediatric** Conference



Quarter Auction



**Painting** Event





40 DIY/Special Events raised more than

\$200,000

**Pint Night** 



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Advocacy**



Representative Bryan Avila Representative Jeanette Núñez Representative Ray Rodrigues Representative Cyndi Stevenson Senator Lauren Book



Staff members and epilepsy advocates met with more than 25 Florida legislators throughout Capitol Day

## **Hurricane Relief Fund**



\$120k+ in donations and medications for Hurricanes Maria and Irma

### **Clayton Feig Youth Awardees**



Marleigh Applegate

Jacksonville

consumers



Danielle Denara

Daytona



Robert Barnicoat

Naples



Cheyeanne River Crosby

Gainesville



Grant Alcalde

West Palm Beach



Club Purple: Leila Fernandez & Alexa Huertas

Miami



Brushingham

Broward



Ella Cage

Pensacola

Clayton Feig Youth Fund raised \$53k+ in support of Children's Services

# **Healthcare Navigation Program**

events

EFOF Navigators personally assisted and educated:



and reached an additional 42,554,000+ via media coverage



Consumers received in-person Navigation services



3,184

Consumers were assisted to enroll in Marketplace plans and Medicaid/CHIP

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Digital**



#### Website

Sessions: 67,000+ Users: 36,500+ Pageviews: 183,000+ Pages/Session: 2.74 Avg. Session Duration: 2:48



#### Social Media

Total Followers: 22,288 Total Reach/Impressions: 2,500,000+



#### Newsletter

Monthly e-newsletter has been sent out to a database of more than 21,000 individuals and growing.



#### Webinar

Hosted a Facebook
Live Webinar series in
partnership with Knox
Medical Cannabis with
an all-access look at the
treatment option. The
2-part series reached
22,000+ people with more
than 10,000 viewers!



#### **Digital Fundraisers**

\$4,500+ in Facebook Fundraisers

## Media



97

Featured News Articles



**9**TV News
Segments



Radio Segments

## **FOUNDATION & CORPORATE DONORS**



\$2,701,092

in Grants & Government Funding



\$139,403

in Corporate Dollars





















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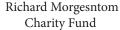














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