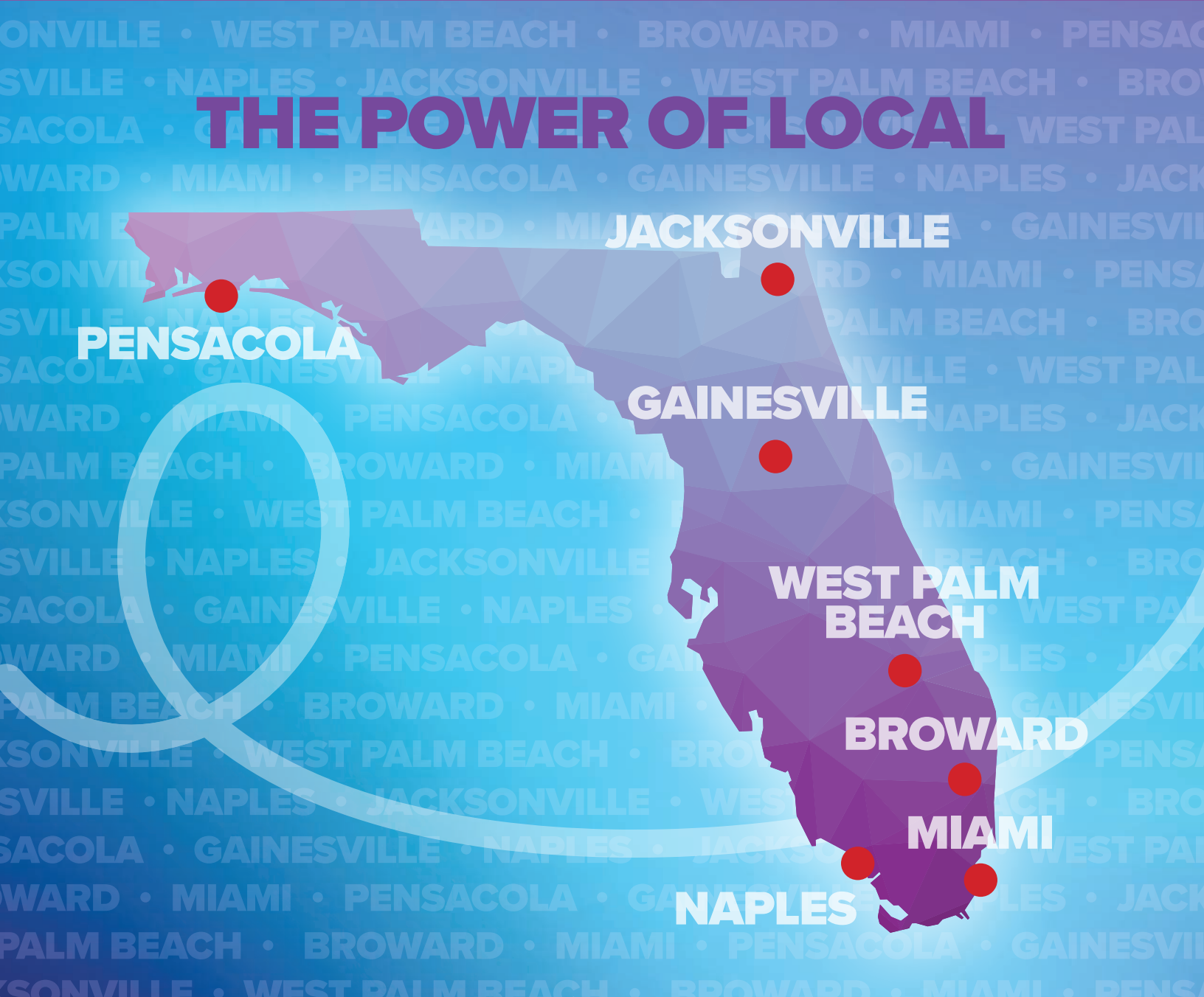


EPILEPSY ALLIANCE FLORIDA  
2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# THE POWER OF LOCAL



Providing local care and support  
to Florida's communities.



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

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Dear Allies of Epilepsy Alliance Florida,

Did you know more than 500,000 individuals in Florida struggle with epilepsy, making it the state with the most instances of the disease in our country? In fact, one in 26 people in the United States will develop epilepsy at some point in their life. The net cast by epilepsy is wide – it impacts every aspect of one’s life and every person in it, and the number rises when you include families and caregivers.



For more than 50 years, it has been our mission to serve those impacted by epilepsy in Florida’s communities by connecting them to the help and resources they need and deserve. It’s the power of local. These resources include case management, medical services, education, psychological services, family services support, and, if eligible, medications, clinics, and diagnostic testing.

That’s why this year, we changed our organizational name to **Epilepsy Alliance Florida** (formerly Epilepsy Florida). This move officially aligns us with Epilepsy Alliance America, and positions us to better provide local care, services, and support to the community. While we have a new name, we remain steadfast in our longstanding mission to support the more than half a million Floridians impacted by epilepsy by confronting the spectrum of challenges created by seizures.

The name change marked the beginning of a busy year that included significant progress toward our ultimate goal of providing the highest level of support to Floridians with epilepsy.

We assisted more than 8,600 individuals living with epilepsy through direct services, and provided nearly 1,500 with medical services. Our annual Walk the Talk for Epilepsy event returned to an in-person format and raised nearly \$400,000 in support of our mission. Additionally, we affected change through advocacy with the passage of the Care for Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder law in Florida. Beginning as a bill in 2021, it was spearheaded by Representative Nicholas X. Duran, incoming chair of the board of directors of Epilepsy Alliance Florida, and Senator Ileana Garcia, who struggled with epilepsy as a child and received services from our organization. We are so grateful for the bipartisan support that enabled this important law to become a reality.

The following pages of this annual report will highlight even more progress made by Epilepsy Alliance Florida in the 2021-2022 year. Despite the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic, our services remained uninterrupted.

It’s our sincere honor to serve everyone in Florida’s local epilepsy communities. Thank you for your partnership and support – now and always – that helps to make our work possible. Until there is a cure, Epilepsy Alliance Florida has you covered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Basha Egozi'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Karen Basha Egozi**

President & CEO

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# SERVICES

<p>CARE COORDINATION</p> 	<p><b>8,635</b></p> <p>Care coordination for patients and families</p>	<p><b>1,018</b></p> <p>Attendees at 109 Support Group Meetings</p>	<p><b>2,739</b></p> <p>Calls from Individuals Seeking Assistance</p>	<p><b>12,392</b></p> <p>Individuals Assisted</p>
<p>MEDICAL</p> 	<p><b>671</b></p> <p>Neurological Evaluations (410 via Face-to-Face; 261 via Telemedicine)</p>	<p><b>702</b></p> <p>Lab Tests</p>	<p><b>82</b></p> <p>Diagnostic Tests (MRI, EEG, CT Scan, Bone Scan)</p>	<p><b>1,455</b></p> <p>Medical Services</p>
<p>PSYCHOLOGICAL</p> 	<p><b>521</b></p> <p>Client Sessions</p>	<p><b>115</b></p> <p>Client Assessments</p>	<p><b>1,127</b></p> <p>Hours of Counseling</p>	<p><b>636</b></p> <p>Psychological Sessions</p>
<p>PREVENTION &amp; EDUCATION</p> 	<p><b>4,678</b></p> <p>Attendees Received Epilepsy Education at 336 Presentations</p>	<p><b>17,890</b></p> <p>Attendees Educated at 1,545 Awareness Activities</p>	<p><b>856,784</b></p> <p>Individuals Reached Through Online and Social Media Platforms</p>	<p><b>879,352</b></p> <p>Persons Educated</p>
<p>CAMP</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Children with Epilepsy Sponsored</p>	<p><b>1,704</b></p> <p>Hours of Fun</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Families Empowered at Family Weekend</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Camp Scholarships</p>
<p>HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM</p> 	<p><b>70,967</b></p> <p>Consumers assisted and educated</p>	<p><b>4,322</b></p> <p>Consumers received one-on-one Navigation services</p>	<p><b>1,478</b></p> <p>Consumers enrolled</p>	<p><b>76,767</b></p> <p>Consumers Attended</p>

## EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Walk the Talk for Epilepsy



Seven walks raised  
\$384,658

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



Giving Tuesday



Vineyard Vines  
Give Back



Trulieve In-Store  
Promotion

Three events raised  
\$80,177

### Special Events Hosted by Supporters



Golf Outings



Game Dinners



Wrestling Events

Five special events raised  
\$172,781

### Seizure Dog Scholarship Program



Raised \$10,950

### Care for Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder Law



Law passed in 2022

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Digital Media



### Website

Sessions: **38.7k**  
 Users: **55.2k**  
 Pageviews: **74k+**  
 Pages/Session: **1.92**  
 Avg. Session Duration: **1.58**



### Social Media

Total Followers: **27,226**  
 Total Reach/Impressions: **856,784**



### Newsletter

Monthly e-newsletter has been sent out to a database of **more than 27,000 individuals** and growing.



### Digital Fundraisers

**\$17,116** in Facebook Fundraisers

## Traditional Media



**26**  
 Featured News Articles



**10**  
 TV News Segment

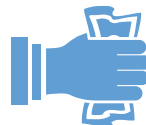
## FOUNDATIONS, GOVERNMENT, & CORPORATE DONORS



**\$3,585,359**  
 in Grants & Government Funding



**\$152,485**  
 in Corporate Dollars



**\$83,249**  
 in Individual Donations



**\$5,190**  
 in Bequests

AIG - American International Group  
 Akerman, LLP  
 Aquestive Therapeutics  
 B Carlin Foundation  
 Baptist Health of South Florida  
 Batchelor Foundation  
 Benevity  
 Bluejean Software  
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 Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) Alachua County  
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 Della Laidlaw Trust  
 Di Pauli Family Found-Robert DiPauli  
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 Subaru, Inc.  
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Sunshine Health  
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 The Children's Trust  
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 The Wawa Foundation  
 The Weissman Foundation  
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