



# **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION**

Greater Southern Illinois

**A YEAR IN REVIEW**

**FY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024**

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois 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.

## OUR SERVICE AREA AND POPULATION

The Foundation's primary catchment area is the southwestern Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, Randolph and Washington. The population of these seven counties is 639,313 individuals. In addition, with our Subsidiary organization of Southern Illinois, we encompass the entire 34 county area of Greater Southern Illinois with a population of over 1 million (1,158,732) people with an estimated 44,566 individuals diagnosed with epilepsy. The Foundation is a voluntary health organization and an affiliate of The National Epilepsy Foundation.

## OUR SERVICES

In FY 2024 a quality full continuum of services remained our top priority and excellence in service was our goal.

## EPILEPSY SERVICES COORDINATION

**EFGSI provides Coordination of medical, psycho-social, and vocational services for persons with epilepsy. Case management, support groups, information and referral, advocacy, emergency medication funding and epilepsy education are also an integral part of our program.**

- ❖ During FY 2024, **48** social support groups were held for individuals with epilepsy. Twelve of these support groups were educational in nature including Seizure First Aid training, Epilepsy and Grief, Social Media Safety, Budgeting, Discrimination-Know Your Rights, Therapy Animals and Stress, Energy Safety and Savings, Have your voice heard- Voting Information, Workforce Success- Four part series, and Epilepsy- Causes. The Twenty Four social support groups included a trip to Grafton Riverside Flea market/picnic lunch, Argosy Casino, St. Louis Zoo, Willoughby Farm, Arts & Crafts/lunch, Christmas Party/luncheon, Tour of the Herbaria Soap Factory, St. Louis Arch and Museum, EFGSI- Price is Right with the Executive Director, St Clair Bowl, Purina Farms/picnic lunch, trip to Ulysses S. Grant Historic Site/lunch, Dinner/Movie night, Gateway Racetrack Christmas light show and Lady of the Snow Shrine Christmas Lights. Many consumers also attended a Cardinal Baseball Game with EFGSI, three nights at the Muny, the annual dinner and Bingo with the Executive Director night, and the annual agency-wide Halloween Party. There were Twelve Caregiver supports groups offered throughout the year. In addition, there were **15** smaller social gatherings throughout the year.
- ❖ **4,815** hours of service were provided to **25** Comprehensive Case Management Client and Family consumers during FY 2024.
- ❖ **2,577** hours of service were provided to **10,264** individuals who called for information on epilepsy and other related services. Those services included:
  - Financial medical support was provided 17 times for a total of **13** individuals through EFGSI's epilepsy emergency medical fund.
  - Camp Roehr, a 7 day residential camp for children with epilepsy was held June 1st through June 7th, 2024, **49** individuals from Illinois, Missouri, and surrounding states participated.
  - Other consumer needs for **284** individuals.
  - Epilepsy awareness/service information was provided to **87** new businesses in EFGSI's seven county service area.

- **210** epilepsy education presentations and events were provided in the Foundation's service area to the following total audience of **9,831** individuals:
  - ✓ **29** School-based trainings including Day Cares, primary and secondary education levels/ extra-curricular activities, Colleges and Universities, as well as school transportation entities for **570** students, teachers, drivers, and school volunteers;
  - ✓ **114** health fairs/booth's, disability awareness, employment, and volunteer events with epilepsy materials for **8,081** individuals;
  - ✓ **63** epilepsy trainings for social services agencies, Boy/Girl Scouts, Businesses, families, and area churches for **899** individuals; and
  - ✓ **4** epilepsy trainings for **281** police officers and police cadets.
- ❖ **15** EFGSI News Flash epilepsy updates/ information were provided to **1,332** individuals/agencies in FY 2024.
- ❖ **12** Eblasts with monthly Support Group Information were provided to **23** agencies/entities in FY 2024.
- ❖ Finally **10,602** individuals visited the agency's website for further information on epilepsy. In addition, there were **129** Twitter views, **29** Instagram, and **43,670** visitors to our Facebook site for a combined total of **54,430** in FY 2024.

Consequently, **66,107** individuals received some form of epilepsy education, information, and/or coordination services in FY 2024 in EFGSI's service area.

#### **EPILEPSY HOME BASED SERVICES**

**An array of non-residential support services facilitated/monitored by an EFGSI service coordinator.**

**13** individuals with epilepsy and/or other developmental disabilities received **280** hours of services monitoring through this program in FY 2024.

#### **EPILEPSY COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)**

**Residential 24 hour program for persons with seizure disorders and/or other developmental disabilities.**

This residential program served **16** individuals in three community group homes 365 days/24 hours a day during FY 2024.

#### **INTERMITTENT COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)**

**Intermittent residential services for persons with seizure disorder and/or other developmental disabilities.**

**4** individuals received **2944** hours of intensive services from EFGSI's resource staff during FY 2024.



**Enjoying the many activities at Camp Roehr, 2024**



**Making Christmas memories at the newly acquired event hall!**



**Lots of excitement at the Annual Walk for Epilepsy!**



**EFGSI's lovely new CILA home!**

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**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**REVENUE**

Contributions/Other	17,941
Misc. Income	30,390
Fundraising	12,619
<b>Fundraising Direct Expense</b>	<b>(9,718)</b>
Investment Income	9,224
Fees/Purchase of Service	2,085,666
Gain (Loss) on Asset Disposal	<b>(3,908)</b>
Grant Revenues	<u>18,325</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,160,539</b>

**EXPENSES**

Program Services	1,778,059
Fundraising	35,220
Management/Fundraising	<u>171,958</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,985,237</b>

<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>175,302</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b><u>1,888,031</u></b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>2,063,333</b>

## FY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued providing the CDC approved Seizure First Aid two year certification training throughout the EFGSI service area. Epilepsy education presentations and associated events increased by 283% FY 2024.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 17<sup>th</sup> annual agency wide Halloween event which brings individuals together from all programs for a night of music, games, contests, and dinner.
- The “32nd” annual Camp Roehr residential camp for children with epilepsy was held at the YMCA Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood located in Potosi, MO.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois successfully maintained its financial resources in the black (a net gain) and increased assets for FY 2024.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois completed property updates including a new HVAC system and breaker box (Wendy Way), painting, carpeting and furniture (Cool Valley), flooring (Lawndale), new oven, refrigerator and sound system (event hall), and lighting fixtures and sign brickwork at the main office.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued to maintain its vehicle fleet of ten vehicles to support all agency programs in FY 2024. The vehicle fleet not only reduces expenditures in programs but also increases community awareness of the Foundation and its services through the advertisement on the vehicles. In FY 2024, the agency disposed of one vehicle in the fleet and purchased a new vehicle to keep the fleet up to standards.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois was approved for a new vehicle through the IDOT grant process in FY 2024.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 8th annual Dinner and Bingo with the Executive Director event.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 4th annual Dinner/Movie under the Stars event as a great outdoor activity which started as a new tradition in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 15th annual Sharon’s Ride, Run, Walk fundraising event to support our mission at the Gateway Grizzly Stadium.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois purchased a new CILA home (105 St. Sabre Drive, Belleville, Illinois) in FY 2024 in order to support more individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The new home was updated including a security system, furniture, some new doors, and décor.