



# **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION**

Greater Southern Illinois

**A YEAR IN REVIEW**

**FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

## 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 655,769 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 almost 1.2 million (1,198,686) people with an estimated 46,103 individuals diagnosed with epilepsy. The Foundation is a voluntary health organization and an affiliate of The National Epilepsy Foundation.

## OUR SERVICES

In FY 2022 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, information and referral, advocacy and epilepsy education are also an integral part of our program.**

- ❖ During FY 2022, **41** social support groups were held for individuals with epilepsy. Eighteen of these support groups were educational in nature including Seizure First Aid training, How to cook healthy meals on a budget, Epilepsy and Exercise, Fire Safety, Neurological Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Workforce and Volunteer Opportunities, Epilepsy and Memory, Conflict Resolution, Support Animals and Stress, Safe Travel and Epilepsy, and other educational topics. The Twenty Three social support groups included a trip to Grant's Farm, The St. Louis Art Museum, Releke Farm Pumpkin Patch, Glass Blowing, St. Louis History Museum, Bowling, Union Station Mini-golf, Casino Queen, Price is Right game day, Cahokia Mounds, Movie under the Stars night, Gateway Racetrack Christmas light show, Rock Spring Park Christmas light show, St. Louis Zoo, Craft and luncheon, and other social support groups. Many consumers also attended a Cardinal Baseball Game with EFGSI and the agency Halloween Party. There were also smaller social gatherings throughout the year.
- ❖ **1,718** hours of service were provided to **26** Comprehensive Case Management Client and Family consumers during FY 2022.
- ❖ **2822** hours of service were provided to **12,570** individuals who called for information on epilepsy and other related services. Those services included:
  - Financial medical support for **16** individuals through EFGSI's epilepsy emergency medical fund.
  - Camp Roehr, a 7 day residential camp for children with epilepsy was held June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 11, 2022, **40** individuals from Illinois, Missouri, and surrounding states participated.
  - Other consumer needs for **435** individuals.
  - Epilepsy awareness/service information was provided to **152** new business's in EFGSI's seven county service area.

- **38** epilepsy education presentations and events were given in the Foundation's service area to the following total audience of **11,949** individuals:
  - ✓ **10** School, Day Care, and family Epilepsy presentations and training for **70** students, teachers, and family members;
  - ✓ **4** health fairs/disability awareness/employment/volunteer events with epilepsy materials for **6875** individuals;
  - ✓ **21** epilepsy trainings for social services agencies, Boy/Girl Scouts, Business's, and area churches for **4901** individuals; and
  - ✓ **3** epilepsy trainings for **103** police officers and police cadets.
- ❖ **24** EFGSI News Flash epilepsy updates/ information were provided to **735** individuals/agencies in FY 2022.
- ❖ Finally **10,555** individuals visited the agency's website for further information on epilepsy. In addition, there were **9,344** Twitter views and **141,076** visitors to our Facebook site for a combined total of **160,975** in FY 2022.

**Consequently, 174,306 individuals received some form of epilepsy education, information, and/or coordination services in FY 2022 in EFGSI's service area.**

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

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

**17** individuals with epilepsy and/or other developmental disabilities received **310** hours of services monitoring through this program in FY 2022.

#### **EPILEPSY COMMUNITY SUPPORTED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CSLA)**

**Intensive case management services for persons with seizure disorder and/or other developmental disabilities.**

**1** individual received **331** hours of intensive services from EFGSI's resource staff during FY 2022. This individual was moved into another program as of January 1, 2022 per DHS.

#### **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 2022.

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

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

**4** individual received **2730** hours of intensive services from EFGSI's resource staff during FY 2022.



**These three little darlings made friends at Sharon's Ride.Run.Walk**



**Judges narrow down best costume award at the annual Halloween party!**



**Relleke Farm Welcomes EFGSI!**



**Santa wishes EFGSI a Merry Christmas!**



**A rainy day at Camp Roehr**

**St. Louis Chapter of the Polish Falcons make a donation to Camp Roehr!**



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### EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

#### REVENUE

Contributions	14,548
Misc. Income	30,198
Fundraising	16,127
Fundraising Direct Expense	(6,173)
Investment Income	1,678
Gain (Loss) on Asset Disposal	(1,185)
Fees/Purchase of Service	1,661,050
Grant Revenues	<u>35,750</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,751,993</b>

#### EXPENSES

Program Services	1,430,186
Managerial and General	97,987
Fundraising	<u>19,455</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,544,628</b>

<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>207,365</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>1,428,454</b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>1,635,819</b>

## FY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois's Facebook visitors increased by about 197% for people wanting further information on epilepsy in FY 2022.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois was scheduled in March 2022 for the annual statewide Illinois Epilepsy Advocacy Day held at the state capitol each year. Unfortunately, the state capitol was still closed to the general public due to the C-19 pandemic. EFGSI anticipates providing this event in FY 2023.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 15<sup>th</sup> annual agency wide Halloween event which brings individuals together from all programs for a night of music, games, contests, and dinner after a two year hiatus due to the C-19 pandemic.
- The "30th" annual Camp Roehr residential camp for children with epilepsy was held at the YMCA Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood located in Potosi, MO after a two year hiatus due to the C-19 pandemic.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois successfully maintained its financial resources in the black (a net gain) and increased assets for FY 2022.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois completed property updates to CILA homes including painting, flooring, new furnishings, and even Landscaping.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued to maintain its vehicle fleet of ten vehicles to support all agency programs in FY 2022. 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.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner and Bingo with the Executive Director event after a two year hiatus due to C-19.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the annual Sharon's Ride, Run, Walk fundraising event at the Gateway Grizzly Stadium after a two year hiatus due to the C-19 pandemic.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued providing the CDC approved Seizure First Aid two year certification training throughout the EFGSI service area. Trainers are certified instructors through the National Epilepsy Foundation to provide this program.
- The C-19 pandemic continued to impact the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois across all programs to some degree. Through perseverance, determination, team work, and much creativity, the EFGSI was able to successfully continue to provide all services (some modified) and ensure all consumer needs were met throughout the FY 2022 year. In fact, due to C-19, EFGSI started a new tradition of having an annual Movie under the Stars event as a great outdoor activity.