A YEAR OF GOING BEYOND

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is dedicated to ensuring that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy, and research. We often focus on the many wonderful programs and services we provide in an effort to meet these goals. However, in 2008, our impact went far beyond service delivery. Following are some 2008 highlights:

The Foundation achieved the new Standards of Affiliation, required by the national Epilepsy Foundation to continue as an affiliate. By continuing to align with the national Epilepsy Foundation and over 50 affiliates across the country, we can maximize our impact on this condition.

We published Closing the Gap: an Epilepsy Strategic Plan for Michigan, the results of a year long state-wide strategic planning task force in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health Chronic Disease Division. The task force looked at diagnosis and treatment, surveillance, quality of life, and self management and has become our roadmap for future initiatives.

Because we recognize the vital importance of finding a cure for epilepsy, we established the Michigan Epilepsy Research Initiative as one of our programs, and allocated $10,000 toward the national research effort to initiate the fund. A committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for selecting projects to fund that are peer reviewed through the Epilepsy Foundation. A priority will be given to research in Michigan, to promote more epilepsy research in our state.

Legislative advocacy continues to be a major focus for the Foundation as a way to close the gap between what can be done and what is done. We worked diligently for the passage of legislation which would prevent a pharmacist from interchanging an antiepileptic drug without the prior notification and consent of the prescribing physician and the patient. We continued to push for mental health parity, and supported a state law which would place no greater restriction and financial burden on coverage for brain disorders than exists for other medical care. Finally, we continued our struggle to maintain Michigan’s Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet law by advocating that the Governor veto legislation that would have rescinded that law for adults.

We are confident we will continue to make a difference, but we can only do it with the ongoing support from organizations and people like you. We are grateful to all of those who have demonstrated their commitment to helping people with epilepsy and we look forward to creating new possibilities in the future.

Not another moment lost to seizures™
WHO WE ARE…

Established in 1948, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is the only statewide non-profit organization focusing on epilepsy. The Foundation provides a number of programs and services, including public and professional education & awareness programs such as seizure first aid and disability awareness training. We also offer education and support programs for people with epilepsy and their families, including Living Well With Epilepsy educational workshops, Camp Discovery for kids ages 8-18 and advocacy programs. Our Epilepsy Today Conferences, education & consultation services, toll-free phone services, video library and printed literature have all proven to be valuable tools in providing our consumers with the knowledge base they need to battle epilepsy.

GOALS
- Close the treatment gap between what is being done for people with epilepsy and what should be done
- Improve how people with epilepsy are perceived, accepted and valued in society
- Empower people with epilepsy and their families to have access to full life experiences

MISSION STATEMENT
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy, and research.

VISION STATEMENT
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan values all people with epilepsy. We commit our resources to empowering their independence and inspiring productive lives. To the extent of our capabilities, we offer our services to every individual without regard to artificial barriers.

WHAT IS EPILEPSY?
Epilepsy is a neurological condition producing brief disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain and is the general term for a variety of seizure disorders characterized by recurring, unprovoked seizures. A seizure is a brief disturbance in the electrical activity of the brain that causes temporary changes in movement, awareness, feelings or behavior. Up to thirty million Americans (one in every ten) have had, or will have, at least one seizure at some time in their lives. Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder in the United States after Alzheimer’s disease and stroke. It is equal in prevalence to cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease combined. Nearly three million people (one percent of the population) in the United States have some form of epilepsy. The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan estimates that more than 100,000 people in the state have the disorder. In addition, a large number of adults and children have undetected or untreated epilepsy. Anyone can develop epilepsy at any time.
WHAT WE DO…

Program & Events

EDUCATION & CONSULTATION
One-on-one counseling regarding treatment, employment, education, healthcare, financial issues, psychosocial issues, and other epilepsy-related topics.

LIVING WELL WITH EPILEPSY WORKSHOPS
Provided at annual Epilepsy Today Conferences in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Port Huron and Traverse City, as well as at year-round educational seminars throughout the state. Attendees included people with epilepsy, their families, and professionals. Workshops provide in-depth information on epilepsy management and the potential impact of epilepsy on other aspects of life such as employment, mental health, and cognitive function.

PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS
Epilepsy and disability awareness presentations for students and tailored epilepsy awareness & first aid workshops for school personnel, law enforcement officers, and health & human service professionals.

CAMP DISCOVERY
Five-day, four-night, summer camp for children with epilepsy that promotes social skill development, self-esteem, and independence through a variety of recreational and educational activities.

WEEKEND RETREATS
Opportunities for adults with epilepsy, children with epilepsy, and their families to strengthen their ability to manage epilepsy through intensive psychosocial exploration, strength building, development of action plans, and social support.

EPILEPSY ENTERTAINMENT GATHERINGS
Opportunities for individuals and families touched by epilepsy to learn, network, and have fun together in a social atmosphere.

ADVOCACY PROGRAMS
Efforts to shape public policy relating to epilepsy, including a grassroots advocacy network, annual Legislative Recognition Breakfast, lobbying activities, and our Michigan Kids Speak Up!

RESEARCH
Support for local research and a national research program through the national Epilepsy Foundation.

SUMMER STROLL FOR EPILEPSY™
Inspirational, state-wide, fundraising walk designed to raise necessary funding for the Foundation’s many programs and services, as well as, spread epilepsy and seizure awareness. In 2008, the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ took place in Kalamazoo, Midland, Metro Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Petoskey.

DID YOU KNOW?
More than 15,614 individuals participated in what the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan has to offer.
More than 48,394 individuals learned more about epilepsy and how they could become involved.
Over 49 radio, television, and print articles were completed and helped to spread the message of the Foundation to millions of people in Michigan.

MEET & GREET OPEN HOUSE
Informal opportunity to visit the Foundation’s state-wide offices and meet and greet with staff and other people we serve. The Open Houses are held at least five times a year in either the Foundation’s Southfield or Grand Rapids offices.

FLAME OF HOPE AWARDS RECEPTION
Opportunity for the Foundation to honor some of the people that work hard to further our mission. The Foundation’s Winning Kids, Terrific Teens, and Award Recipients join us at the Flame of Hope Awards Reception to get recognition for their achievements. The Flame of Hope Awards Reception is held in Southeast Michigan and West Michigan.
Annual Report Donor Lists

Thank you for your support. Your contribution allows us to continue our programs and services throughout Michigan. Without you, we would not be able to achieve our mission of ensuring people with epilepsy participate in all life experiences.

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Girl’s Basketball Team
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United Way of West Michigan
United Way of Wayne County

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United Way of Midland County
United Way of Monroe County
United Way of Northeast Michigan
United Way of Northwest Michigan
United Way of Saginaw County
United Way for Southeastern Michigan
United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania
United Way of St. Clair County

United Way of Washtenaw County
## 2008 Financial Summary

as prepared by The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan

(The complete financial statements, including related notes and the independent auditor’s report, are available upon request and at www.epilepsymichigan.org.)

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES – FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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<td>Contributions &amp; Bequests</td>
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