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From The President

I say this often, but each year at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, we seem to climb a new mountain and accomplish more, with your help.

I’m always thrilled by the continued support for our programs. Looking back, we had wonderful turnout for our Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ and EEGs; Camp Discovery was again, thrilling as can be for the kids who attended and those of us who staffed the camp. Our Learn & Share Conference Calls have quite a following, and I’d be remiss if I didn’t tell you that year after year, Russ Derry continues to fill the calendar with topics you want to learn about.

As a staff, we notice more focus on acceptance, self-management and wellness. You understand epilepsy and everything that goes along with it. So many of our supporters have made the commitment to learn more, to ask questions and to carve out the best possible life they can. We’ve learned from doctors that taking care of one’s self, managing everything from nutrition to exercise to medication intake, can improve one’s ability to live with epilepsy. That message was loud and clear at the 2010 Wellness & Epilepsy Conference, and this year, we’re taking further steps to educate you at our 2011 conference.

Accepting a diagnosis of epilepsy is one part of the equation. The next step is to educate oneself and to commit to living the best possible life. I encourage you to join us November 11 and 12 for this year’s conference. We have new and exciting sessions in which you’ll continue to learn: Improving Cognitive Skills, Seizure Control and Quality of Life; Fostering Emotional Well-Being and Nutrition, just to name a few.

While we continue the fight for program funding and advocacy, we also realize that each year brings new concerns to our friends and supporters. And, we are committed to bringing you the information you want and need.

Thank you for the chance to help, educate and advocate for you!

Wellness & Epilepsy

REGISTER TODAY!
NOVEMBER 11 - 12, 2011

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan’s Wellness & Epilepsy Conference is one of Michigan’s premier educational and networking opportunities for people with epilepsy, family members and professionals who serve them. This year, we are thrilled to host Olympic Cyclist, Marion Clignet as our Keynote Speaker. Clignet was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 22. Since then she has kept good on her promise to herself and others, to not let anything get in the way of achieving her goals! With epilepsy, she has won six world titles, two Olympic silver medals, and more than 180 races worldwide.

Don’t miss this opportunity to meet Marion Clignet and hear her inspirational story!
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2010 - 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, 2010 and 2009

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<td>Contributions receivable</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses &amp; deposits</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
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<td>Line of credit &amp; trade payables</td>
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<td>Accruals - other</td>
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<td>Refundable advances</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
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Statements of Activities
For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

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<td>United Way allocations &amp; designations</td>
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<td>Revenue from governmental agencies</td>
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<td>Special event revenues (net)</td>
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<td>Individual &amp; family services</td>
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<td>($27,928)</td>
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2010 ACTUAL EXPENSES - $728,650

2010 ACTUAL REVENUES - $700,722
Who We Are…

Established in 1948, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an independently incorporated affiliate of the Epilepsy Foundation, is the only statewide non-profit organization focusing on epilepsy.

OUR GOALS
• Close the treatment gap between what is being done for people in Michigan 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.

OUR MISSION
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy.

OUR VISION
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…

We change lives. The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences.

EDUCATION & CONSULTATION
We provide information and guidance, through both one-on-one and group interactions, thereby promoting effective management of epilepsy and related issues. Services include toll-free phone counseling, monthly Learn & Share Conference Calls and the annual Wellness & Epilepsy Conference.

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY
Advocacy is offered with third parties to resolve conflicts in areas such as employment, education, healthcare, public benefits and legal matters.

CAMPS AND RETREATS
Multi-day, overnight camping experiences that promote personal growth and development of lifelong friendships. Sessions are available for both youth and adults. Retreats strengthen relationships and facilitate problem solving through sharing of ideas.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS
Opportunities for networking, informal learning, and recreation; programs include Epilepsy Entertainment Gatherings.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY
Ongoing efforts to protect the rights of people with epilepsy and promote public policies that benefit them; public policy priorities include access to medication and specialty healthcare services, patient safety, and mental health parity; the Foundation’s public policy agenda is promoted through grassroots efforts, regular communication with policy makers, and the annual Legislative Recognition Breakfast & Michigan Kids Speak Up!

SEIZURE SMART
Tailored epilepsy awareness & first aid workshops for students, educators, school nurses, law enforcement officers, and other public and professional audiences.

RESEARCH
Support for local research through the Michigan Epilepsy Research Fund and national research through the national office of the Epilepsy Foundation.
The 2011 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™
A SUMMER OF SUCCESS!

Summer 2011 was hot AND busy for Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan friends and supporters!

The 2011 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ brought more than 2000 people together in 4 venues, to make up 110 teams! With your help, we raised more than $125,000 for programs and services we continue to provide. This year, the Strolls were held in Metro-Detroit, Grand Rapids, Midland and Kalamazoo.

It was a magical week for more than 60 campers who participated in Camp Discovery.

“My daughter hasn’t stopped talking about camp since she got home!” said one camper’s Mom. “She has already asked if she can go next year! What a wonderful opportunity you gave her. I know she will remember her camp experience and all the friends she made, forever!”

Camp is not possible without the dedication of staff and more than 50 volunteers who help make the experience one-of-a-kind for our kids with epilepsy. Camp is also a chance for kids with epilepsy to experience something they have never had the opportunity to take on.

From all of us involved with Camp Discovery, we thank you for your support and your commitment to this program!

To view more photos of the Foundation’s programs and events, please visit www.epilepsymichigan.org
Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2011
- Oct. 27 3rd Annual Southeast Michigan Toasting Hope Wine Event

NOVEMBER 2011
- Nov. 2 Learn & Share Conference Call – Open Discussion
- Nov. 3 First Annual West Michigan Toasting Hope Wine Event
- Nov. 11 – 12 Wellness & Epilepsy Regional Conference

DECEMBER 2011
- Dec. 7 Learn & Share Conference Call - Employment Issues for People with Epilepsy

WELLNESS & EPILEPSY, 2011
A Conference for the Community

The marriage of epilepsy and wellness is a natural one, and a partnership that Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan staff has continued to recognize.

“We had great success and such positive feedback after last year’s conference,” said Russ Derry, Director of Education. “We heard great comments from participants. They are beginning to learn how taking care of themselves, from nutrition to exercise, can help them accept and live with seizures. In our eyes, a conference should be much more than sitting in a room and listening to lectures. It must be interactive and engaging”

“We want everyone who attends to take away information and ideas, while gaining insight into their condition,” said Derry.

This year’s conference promises to be just as compelling, with an opening evening program featuring world-class cyclist Marion Clignet. Our Friday evening health fair and networking session will offer participants many great opportunities and great information. Saturday’s sessions are all new and innovative, and will be full of engaging speakers and presenters.

We’ve added topics that you want to hear more about and understand, things like Managing Cognitive Challenges to Health and Nutrition.

If you are seeking answers to questions, a desire to network with others who live with epilepsy, need the advice and guidance of professionals, or simply want more information on our services and events, make sure you call 248-351-7979 to register today, or you can log onto our website, www.epilepsymichigan.org. We hope to see you at the conference!

www.epilepsymichigan.org
Headlines is available via email. Please provide us with your email address by visiting our website at epilepsymichigan.org, so you can begin receiving your newsletter and other announcements easily.

Join the Conversation!
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Be sure to become a fan of our page and you’ll get important reminders and information about all of our events and programs.

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Planned Giving

Future generations can benefit from your generosity and planning!

Please consider leaving a bequest or beneficiary designation in your will for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Leaving a legacy gift will ensure that the Foundation will always be here to help individuals touched by epilepsy. Thank you!

For more information, please contact your financial planner, or call us at (800) 377-6226.