2022

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION®

MICHIGAN

ANNUAL REPORT

So no one faces epilepsy alone.







OUR MISSION & VISION



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At the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, our mission is to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

This past year has reinforced both the growing needs within the epilepsy community and the strength of what we can accomplish together. As we wrapped up our 2022–2025 strategic plan, we reflected on the progress made and the foundation built, while looking ahead to 2026 with renewed focus and purpose as we launch our next four-year strategic plan. Through it all, our commitment remains clear: to ensure individuals and families have the support they need to thrive while living with epilepsy. Together, we are creating connection, hope, and possibility across Michigan, and we are grateful for the partnerships that make this work possible.



ANDREA E. SCHOTTHOEFER, PRESIDENT

2025: YEAR IN NUMBERS

10,000+
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

108,900
INDIVIDUALS IN MICHIGAN
LIVING WITH EPILEPSY

2,496
INDIVIDUALS
SEIZURE FIRST AID TRAINED

KIDS & FAMILY CAMP
97
CAMPERS

1,395
CONTACTS
HERE FOR YOU HELPLINE

STROLL FOR EPILEPSY
2,208
PARTICIPANTS

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES

Q1



Our new Mission Ambassador Program launched with our first Ambassador leading a Seizure First Aid Training on behalf of the Foundation.

Q2



We kicked off Synergy Support Circles, a new in-person support group for people with epilepsy, led by peer leaders.

Q3



The 17th Annual Toasting Hope Tasting Event raised a record-breaking $185,044 towards the Foundation's mission.

Q4



HB 4306 & 4307, bills amending the state's driving law, passed in the House of Representatives.

The Foundation secured a significant investment from a generous donor, strengthening our long-term sustainability and future impact.

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NOTEWORTHY STORIES OF IMPACT

RHONDA H.

Since 2019, this journey has often felt like one my family and I were walking alone. Then, last March, my daughter Heather found the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan online, and everything began to change. I still remember my first phone conversation with Shannon — she immediately felt like an old friend. She encouraged us to join the Epilepsy Stroll in Grand Rapids this past July, where our family and friends proudly walked as Team Hunter. That day, I met Andrea, who took the time to really listen to me and was so excited to meet Hunter.



After the stroll, I filled out an application to volunteer at Family Camp. I'll admit, when I first arrived, I wasn't sure what to expect. But by the time I left, I felt a deep sense of belonging — and I realized that we truly don't have to walk this journey alone.



I've never met such an amazing, genuine, and kind group of people. When I shared my experience with family and friends, I told them that everyone I met was so warm and sincere — and that you all truly live out the message that we are not alone. I cried on the drive back to Grand Rapids, overwhelmed with gratitude.

I'm so thankful and feel incredibly blessed to have met you all. Please know how much your kindness, compassion, and encouragement meant to me. You've made a lasting difference in my life.

NOTEWORTHY STORIES OF IMPACT



"As summer comes to a close, I reflect on a major highlight. My son was able to attend a weekend long epilepsy camp for the first time in July. This unique sleep-away camp is especially for kids and teens with epilepsy to enjoy a typical camp experience like any other kid, but with trained staff and a medical team to assist along the way. He had an absolute blast and can't wait to return next summer! We are forever grateful to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan for giving him an unforgettable experience and enabling him to connect with other kids like him!"

JACKIE F.



"They have allowed me to connect with others who have epilepsy. Because of them, I know I am not alone and stronger than I thought." JADE M.

"I so appreciate being part of such a loving, caring group."

ROSALYNE E.

"The young adults support group and volunteering opportunities have been such a big help to me and have helped my mental state."

JENDAYI N.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

OUR COMMITMENT: TRANSPARENCY. ACCOUNTABILITY. MAXIMUM IMPACT.

TOTAL EXPENSES

$1,478,084

TOTAL REVENUE

$3,185,950

*See Revenue Notes

WHERE YOUR SUPPORT WENT

- 42% Public Education & Outreach
- 32% Living Well Initiatives
- 12% Administrative
- 7% Individual Client Services
- 5% Development & Logistics
- 2% Public Policy

***Revenue Notes:**

1. The difference in total revenue compared to the 2025 Impact Report reflects how special event revenue is reported. The Impact Report shows event revenue before related expenses, while the 2025 Annual Report reflects the audited financial statements, which report event revenue after those expenses are deducted.

2. A significant gift received in 2025 was invested to help support growth and strengthen the Foundation's ability to serve the epilepsy community for years to come.

PUTTING YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK

12¢

Administrative:

How we best manage our resources

Examples include: Costs to Operate a 501(c)3 - Accounting, Auditing, Bookkeeping, Location Expenses, Donor Stewardship, etc.

32¢

Living Well:

How we create opportunities for the epilepsy community to thrive and connect

Examples include: Camp Programs, Open House, Conferences, Call and Connect Groups, Self-Management Programs, etc.

2¢

Public Policy:

How we promote legislation that protects and benefits the epilepsy community

Examples include: Seizure Safe Schools, Amending the State's Driving Law, Access to Medication, etc.



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7¢

Individual Client Services:

How we provide information and guidance to the epilepsy community

Examples include: Here for You Helpline, Individual Advocacy, School Advocacy, Workplace Advocacy, etc.

42¢

Public Education & Outreach:

How we engage the public to better understand epilepsy

Examples include: Seizure First Aid Training, Rescue Medication Training, Educational Resources & Printed Materials, Social Media, Website, Display Booths, Research Opportunities, Health System Outreach, etc.

5¢

Development & Logistics:

How we fund our mission

Examples include: Implementation of Special Events & Other Fundraising Initiatives - Stroll for Epilepsy™, Toasting Hope Tasting Event, DIY Events, General Solicitations, Fostering Sponsorship Partners, etc.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & TRANSPARENCY

Full Financial Summary and 990 available upon request and on our website: www.epilepsymichigan.org.

Statements of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2025, and 2024

	2025	2024
Cash & cash equivalents	$418,330	$211,737
Investments	3,679,406	1,902,228
Contributions receivable	55,645	112,309
Prepaid expenses	63,759	38,284
Property & equipment (net)	8,222	13,997
Operating right-of-use asset	310,950	344,610
Total assets	**$4,536,312**	**$2,623,165**
Trade payables	17,937	17,620
Accruals – salaries & benefits	97,264	84,465
Accruals - other	0	0
Deferred revenues	10,000	2,450
Operating lease liability current	57,617	51,909
Operating lease liability – net current	267,936	304,263
Total liabilities	**$450,754**	**$460,707**
Net assets without donor restrictions	$4,061,730	$2,102,357
Net assets with donor restrictions	23,828	60,101
Total net assets	**$4,085,558**	**$2,162,458**
Total liabilities & net assets	**$4,536,312**	**$2,623,165**

Statements of Activities

For the years ended December 31, 2025, and 2024

	2025	2024
Support & Revenue		
United Way designations	$6,399	$7,277
Revenue from governmental agencies	56,521	40,886
Foundation & corporate grants	117,000	151,925
Special event revenues (net)	386,151	334,515
Contributions & bequests	2,405,888	496,172
Program service fees	3,056	2,575
Investment income (loss)	210,935	156,874
Total revenue	**$3,185,950**	**$1,190,224**
Program Expenses		
Individual & family services	$485,354	$439,149
Community services	531,277	515,347
Advocacy & Public Policy	31,955	34,201
Support Services		
Development	68,963	14,861
Management & general	145,301	139,543
Total expenses	**$1,262,850**	**$1,143,101**
Change in net assets	**$1,923,100**	**$47,123**

CURRENT
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Maanya Tarnal
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CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

We listened, we adapted, and we continued to grow alongside the epilepsy community we serve. Challenges remain, but so does our commitment to ensuring that no one faces epilepsy alone. Numbers help measure our reach, but the true impact of our work is reflected in the individuals, families, volunteers, and supporters whose lives and experiences continue to shape our mission and drive meaningful change across Michigan.

RISING DEMAND

The need within our community continues to grow. More individuals and families across Michigan are turning to us for support—from education and advocacy, to connection, care, and programs that help navigate the challenges of living with epilepsy. As awareness increases and more people seek resources, our commitment remains focused on meeting each person where they are and ensuring they have access to the support they need.

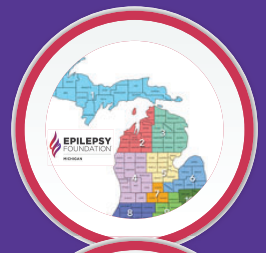
ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES

Economic uncertainty, rising costs of care, and an unpredictable funding environment underscore the importance of building a more resilient funding model, while remaining deeply grateful for the continued generosity of our donors. Strengthening this foundation enables us to sustain our core programs, thoughtfully expand our reach, and respond to emerging needs—ensuring we can continue advancing our mission with long-term stability and meaningful impact.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Guided by our 2026-2029 Strategic Plan

- Expand our reach into new communities
- Strengthen partnerships
- Support independence & well-being
- Continue building sustainable impact



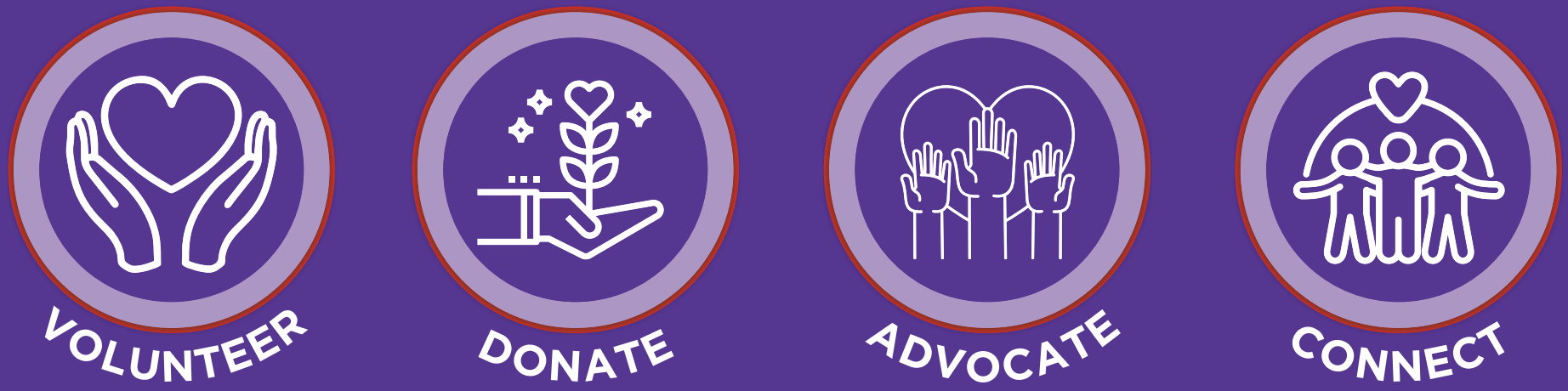






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THANK YOU & CALL TO ACTION



Thank you for believing in our mission. When we work together, there is no limit to the support we can provide, the lives we can impact, and the stronger, more connected community we can build.

Together, we create connection, hope, and possibility for those living with epilepsy. Together, we make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families across Michigan. Together, we can ensure no one faces epilepsy alone.