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We are grateful to the wonderful partnering organizations and businesses supporting our efforts to END EPILEPSY!



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ANNUAL REPORT for FY 2019-20





Dedicated to serving and supporting the more than 153,000 Children, Adults, and Veterans Impacted by Epilepsy and Seizures

The Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana leads the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.



LANDMARK LEGISLATION BECOMES NATIONAL MODEL

35,600 of Kentucky's **educators** have been trained in seizure recognition and first aid after the passage of **HB 147**, also known as the Lyndsey Crunk Act. Kentucky was the first to pass this **LANDMARK LEGISLATION** mandating educators be trained, which led the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana to create its Seizure Smart Schools Training Program. **HB 147** also provides protection to students with epilepsy by ensuring a "Seizure Action Plan", signed by the treating physician, be part of the student's file and made available to school personnel and volunteers responsible for the student, and any FDA approved medication to be administered to the student with epilepsy/seizures as prescribed by the treating physician. **HB 147** has become a **NATIONAL MODEL** for the Epilepsy Foundation and its affiliates and chapters, with five states joining Kentucky by passing their own Seizure Smart/Safe legislation and other states working to pass theirs. All because Lyndsey, a teenager from Georgetown, KY, was willing to Speak Up and Speak Out to advocate for epilepsy!

Program Highlights

210 received support services through case management, crisis intervention, consultation, advocacy, referral, and collaboration with other professionals across settings.

3,500+ individuals and families, students, school nurses, healthcare providers, first-responders, church groups, community organizations, and other groups were educated through our Epilepsy 101, Take Charge of the Facts, School Nurses training, and other educational training programs.

Over 800 were supported by Operation Outreach within the veteran community and those who provide educational and support services in medical and mental health settings to veterans living with post-traumatic epilepsy (PTE), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) throughout Kentucky.

638 YEA! (Youth Epilepsy Alliance!), including youth, siblings, and parents with and impacted by epilepsy, participated in an array of monthly activities designed to improve their self esteem and connect with others impacted by seizures.

In 2020, joined the nationwide Walk to END EPILEPSY to increase involvement and community support for our largest epilepsy awareness and fundraising campaign.



Program Highlights cont.

550 educational packets were delivered to level 3 and 4 adult and pediatric Epilepsy Centers and the Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs to distribute to patients newly diagnosed with epilepsy.

14 Embrace ii Seizure Detection Devices were given to children and adults to help monitor and alert loved ones of seizure activity.

Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to a college bound high school senior through the Shannon O'Daniel Memorial Scholarship, and a non-traditional adult by the Peggy Sherrell Memorial Scholarship.

172 veterans, family members, community members, and local and state officials attended the annual Veterans of the Year Awards Dinner program to honor veterans for their willingness to serve their neighbors and preserve our Commonwealth's way of life.



Covid-19 significantly impacted the fundraising efforts of our Walk to END EPILEPSY in June of 2020.

Net Ending Assets - \$312,239

