

RISE ABOVE SEIZURES

2015 Annual Report



**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**
Minnesota

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

A world where people with seizures realize their full potential.

About Epilepsy

- One in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime, and 1 in 26 will develop epilepsy (also known as a seizure disorder).
- There are 60,000 people in our community with epilepsy and its prevalence rate is equivalent to breast cancer in the U.S.
- Epilepsy is one of the most under-funded and stigmatized conditions. EFMN works to change this through public awareness efforts, free statewide education and more.

2015 BY THE NUMBERS

EDUCATE

Seizure First Aid Training

4,270 people across MN and ND

Seizure Smart Schools Training

9,516 students/school personnel

**Total People
Served by EFMN***

187,708 across MN and ND

*through these and other services not listed

CONNECT

Rise Above Seizures Walk

2,900 walkers in five locations

Information and Referral

530 people received customized service

EMPOWER

Advocacy

400 members of our advocacy group

Volunteers

332 people giving their time

"I have epilepsy and want to do anything to raise awareness. I was let go from my job due to my epilepsy, so the ignorance surrounding it has been more prominent in my life now than ever before."

- 2014 Rise Above Seizures Day participant

BOARD OFFICERS

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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR TERM IN 2015:

Brett Boyum

Mark Lenhardt

Josh Malnourie

Kari Rosand Scanlon

Tom Spiczka

Trudi Trysla

RISING ABOVE SEIZURES

Dear Friends:

The unpredictability of seizures can make daily life difficult. Yet people rise above seizures every day to chase their dreams.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota works tirelessly to raise epilepsy awareness in our community and provide services to people with seizures. Since 2013, and with the help of Coach Jerry Kill's outspoken advocacy for people with seizures, demand for EFMN's services has increased over 40%!

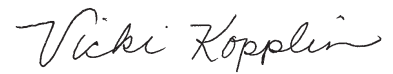
People look to the Foundation for inspiration, support and resources to help in their journey with epilepsy. From a newly-diagnosed child whose family is anxious, to an adult who finds commonality in a support group... EFMN has been here to help for over 60 years.

We envision a world where people with epilepsy realize their full potential. Together with our Board of Directors, we will continue serving the 60,000 people in our community with epilepsy. Thank you for your support of our mission.

Best,



Tim Gallagher
President, Board of Directors



Vicki Kopplin
Executive Director



HELPING PEOPLE RISE ABOVE SEIZURES

EDUCATE

CONFERENCES

201 people were educated at two conferences and four workshops.

SEIZURE RECOGNITION & RESPONSE TRAINING

4,270 people received this free training.

SEIZURE SMART SCHOOLS

9,516 students/school personnel were educated.

CONNECT

EVENTS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

1,623 people across MN & ND connected for support.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

530 people received customized resources.

SHINING STARS

331 youth with epilepsy are celebrated throughout the year.

EMPOWER

ADVOCACY

400 people are members of our advocacy group.

CAMP OZ

124 campers enjoyed a safe camping experience.

RISE ABOVE SEIZURES WALK

2,900 people attended walks in five locations.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Chasing Dreams: Coach Kill has pledged his commitment to the Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund and continues regular visits back to MN for our gala, Camp Oz and more.

Seizure Smart Schools: Children, parents and school staff bring this program right into schools, learning seizure first aid and fostering understanding of epilepsy. In the last year we've increased the number of "seizure smart" schools by over 30%.

Awareness: Since EFMN invested in public awareness as a strategic plan goal in 2013, average unique monthly visitors to EFMN.org have increased 167%. People are finding resources and our community is talking about epilepsy!



U of MN Gopher Football Coach Jerry Kill and his wife Rebecca are committed to ensuring that kids with epilepsy can chase their dreams. The Chasing Dreams Coach Kill Epilepsy Fund supports Seizure Smart Schools and Camp Oz. Through the support of the Kill's and nearly 500 donors since its creation in 2014, the Chasing Dreams Fund:

- Provides one cabin at Camp Oz annually
- Makes as many schools "seizure smart" as possible in MN and ND
- Brings us one step closer to making sure kids with epilepsy realize their full potential

For information on joining the Chasing Dreams team, contact development@efmn.org or 651.287.2333.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2015 Elam Baer
& Janis Clay Educational
Scholarship winners:

Katelyn Barthel
Michael Blesi
Alexandra Burd
Kelsey Jonason
Rachel Lindquist-Sandberg
Olivia Maccoux
Luke McCutcheon
Elizabeth McGraw
Coho Menk
Rachel Stych

CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Creating a world where people with seizures realize their full potential only happens through partnership. EFMN is proud to highlight our corporate partnership with UCB, Inc. for their tremendous support of people with epilepsy across MN and eastern ND.

- UCB supported adult and family connect groups.
- UCB was a proud sponsor and participant at the Rise Above Seizures Walk.
- UCB has shown dedication and commitment to supporting EFMN's mission by providing key funding to make an impact on our services.



Simon Lucas
Head of Neurology Patient
Value Unit, UCB, Inc.

"At UCB, everything we do starts with a simple question: 'How will this add value to the lives of people living with severe diseases?' We have a passionate, long-term commitment to discovering and developing innovative medicines that transform the lives of people living with severe immunological and neurological diseases, including epilepsy. We are pleased to partner with the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota (EFMN) in their efforts to improve care and lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy. Through the EFMN's many programs throughout the year, we are able to connect with the Minnesota epilepsy community to better understand the physical and social burdens of this condition. Those connections offer new perspectives and help drive innovation, as we continue to work to tackle the unmet needs of those living with epilepsy."

THE IMPACT OF GIVING

\$1,350	Sends one child to Camp Oz
\$1,000	Provides transportation to advocates statewide for Epilepsy Day at the Capitol
\$500	Brings Brainstorms art collection into the community
\$225	Supports one child in the Shining Star program
\$40	Sends a family to the Epilepsy & Seizures Wellness Expo
\$30	Educates one child through Seizure Smart Schools

Thank you to our corporate partners



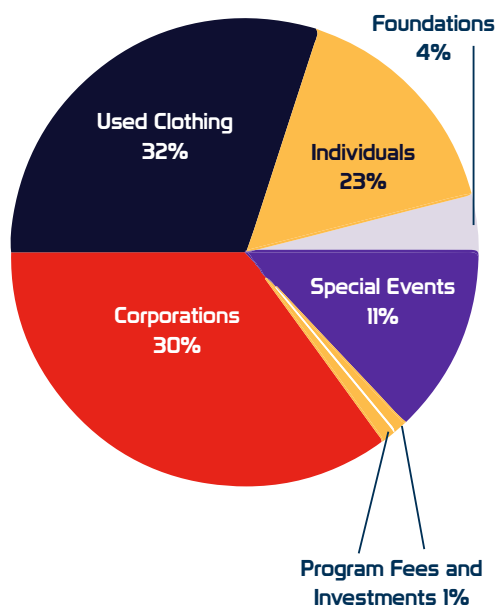
Allina Health System
American Academy of Neurology
BohLand Development, Inc.
Eisai, Inc.
Grant Thornton LLP
Integrity Global Solutions, LLC.
McGough Construction
Noran Neurological Clinic
PhRMA
Renovation Systems
Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Visions Inc.

REVENUE

Individuals	\$579,333
Corporations	\$769,618
Foundations	\$111,161
Special Events	\$270,344
Program Fees	\$30,963
Investments	(4,738)
Income from Used Clothing Operations	\$815,925
*Total Revenue	\$2,572,606

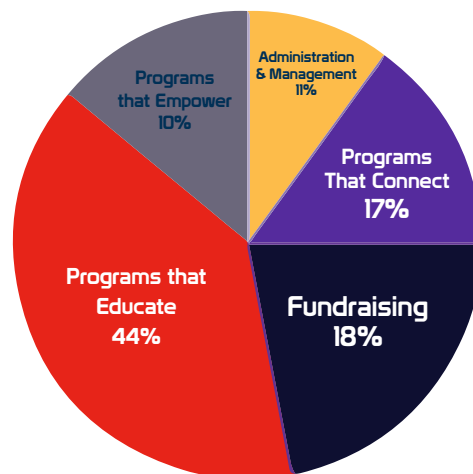
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,383,487
Receivables	317,499
Prepaid Expenses	112,525
Investments	1,027,588
Property & Equipment	105,986
Total Assets	2,947,085

Total Liabilities	\$167,580
Total Net Assets	\$2,779,505
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,947,085



EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$1,144,476
Printing/Postage/Advertising	\$179,456
Supplies	\$151,082
Program Expense	\$169,445
Occupancy/Admin	\$144,425
Prof fees, Other	\$241,007
Total Expenses	\$2,029,891



“Once more I want to thank you for this fantastic collaboration [Seizure Smart Schools] and the difference it makes in the lives of our students with seizure disorders.”
– District health services coordinator

Used Clothing Collection

EFMN proudly owns and operates all aspects of its Used Clothing collection service, employing 30 people between our St. Cloud and St. Paul operations. We sell donated items in bulk to Savers (a for-profit company) to support programs and services for the 60,000 people in our community with epilepsy.

THANK YOU

The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota greatly appreciates our donors for their generous support. This list includes gifts of \$2,000 and above.

Lifetime Giving
Legacy Giving
Board Member

\$25,000+

Ken & Grace Evenstad	Frances Holden Estate	TVI, Inc.
Mark & Shannon Evenstad	Jerry & Rebecca Kill	UCB, Inc.
Tom & Pat Grossman Family Fund of the Minnesota Community Foundation	Janis & David Larson	Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc.
	Hope Fore Tomorrow Charities, Inc.	

\$15,000 to 24,999.99

Anonymous	Epilepsy Foundation of America	Mayo Clinic
Gary & Helen Bergren	Lundbeck, Inc. LLC	
Richard Jantz	Minnesota Epilepsy Group	

\$10,000 - \$14,999.99

Jona & Alicia Baer	Black River Asset Management	Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Mitch & Laurie Davis	Federated Mutual Insurance Company	The Mosaic Company
Robert Eddy	Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation	Richard M. Schulze Foundation
Elaine & Gary Jarrett	Galtere's Sigavis ShermAnna Foundation	The Wasie Foundation
Michael Keough		
Steven Stoterau		

\$5,000-\$9,999

Elam Baer & Janis Clay	Crafts Direct	M Health / MINCEP Epilepsy Care
Joel & JaDee Baer	Casey Albert T. O'Neil Fund	Medtronic
Audrey & Charles Clay	CentraCare Health	NFL Alumni Association
Beverly Grossman	Hardenbergh Foundation	Sunovion Pharmaceuticals
Joe Kennedy	The Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation	Sarah Wilson Sweatt Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation
Larry Wehring	Johnson and Johnson Services Inc.	UCare
Brewers Supply Group	LivaNova/VNS Therapy (formerly Cyberonics)	

\$2,000 - \$4,999

Sandy & Barry Baines, MD	Scott & Greer Hussey	Carl & Chris Stamp
Elizabeth Beaström	Ann & David Jones	Lily Wong-Kisiel, M.D.
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Ken Hanley & Michele Peterson		



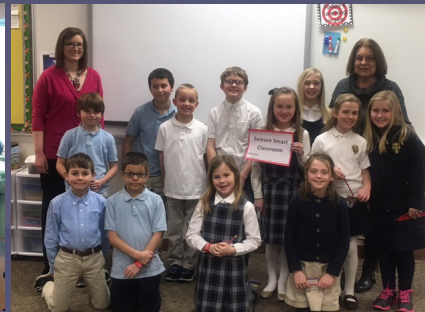
Camp Oz



Creative Arts



Advocacy Day



Seizure Smart Schools

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EDUCATING the community about seizures to reduce the stigma surrounding epilepsy.

CONNECTING people with epilepsy to others, and to resources.

EMPOWERING people living with epilepsy.



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