



Dear Friends of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida,

This month, as we celebrate our independence as a nation, all of us here at EFOF also celebrate the great strides we've made as an organization to help restore independence to the lives of thousands of Floridians affected by epilepsy. Through your continuous support of our organization, we're able to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. Thank you for making this possible.

On the heels of our Board of Directors' retreat held last month we welcomed some great new additions to the team, as well as honored those who have served the Foundation well. We are excited about the future of EFOF and all that it brings for the year to come.

With epilepsy week approaching at Camp Boggy Creek, we ask for your help in raising funds to send four more children to camp. The life-long memories, friendships and bonds created are invaluable and we hope you will support our [GoFundMe](#) campaign which will make a big difference in the life of a child.

On July 6 in Port St. Lucie, we'll be hosting a Quarter Auction where attendees will have the opportunity to bid on exciting auction items. On July 17 in Fort Myers, the Fort Myers Miracle will take on the Lakeland Flying Tigers where 50% of ticket sales will help support the building of the new



## *Foundation Board of Directors Enjoy Retreat and Welcome New Board Members*

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida Board of Directors met last month for the annual Board Retreat and lots of great strategies, goals and plans were developed and discussed for the year to come. We honored and thanked Jonathan Anderson for his dedication and service as the Board President these past 3 years, and welcomed Lourdes Boue as the incoming President. We also had the opportunity to honor Pat Dean for her many years of service to the Foundation and commitment to those with epilepsy.

We are excited to welcome three new members to the Board. Ranging in industry specialization from sports broadcasting to medical device sales to real estate development, these seasoned leaders bring new perspectives and expertise to the Foundation's Board.

We welcome [J. Jose Campos](#), [Daniel Acevedo](#), and [Michael Bowen](#) to the EFOF Family!

*Photos: (Top) EFOF CEO, Karen Basha Egozi with outgoing President Jonathan Anderson and incoming President Lourdes Boue; (Bottom) outgoing Immediate Past President Pat Dean with Jonathan Anderson.*



## Help Send Four More Kids to Camp Boggy Creek this Summer!



Each year, EFOF sends children with epilepsy to Camp Boggy Creek for a week of fun, life-long memories, and friendship. Camp Boggy Creek provides fellowship for the campers who get an opportunity to spend time with others who are just like them and share their life experiences. This serves as a reminder they are not alone and that "we're in this together!"

We need your help to raise \$2,000 to send four more kids to camp this summer! To donate to this effort and make a difference in the life of a child, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/efofcamp>.

## *Strides for Seizures, Strides for Friendship*

When Molly McCann and Rachel Rumana, then both 13 years old and best friends since 4th grade, went to Rachel's house to watch "Pitch Perfect" like they always did when they got together, they thought the day would end like any other. That night, however, everything changed.

On January 26, 2013, Molly McCann, daughter of EFOF Board Member, Stephanie McCann, experienced her first seizure. Prior to that night, she hadn't exhibited any symptoms of epilepsy. Luckily, Rachel's father, Dr. Christopher Rumana, a neurosurgeon, recognized what was happening and she was rushed to the hospital. Just two days later, she was officially diagnosed with epilepsy. After watching her best friend have a seizure and seeing her family try to obtain as much information on epilepsy as they could, Rachel knew what she had to do. In the spring of 2014, Rachel founded Strides for Seizures - a non-profit fund that raises money through individual runners who participate in a run-a-thon-style activity...



[Read the full Tallahassee Teen article→](#)

## Upcoming July Events



### Quarter Auction Port St. Lucie | July 6

Join us for a night of fun, prizes, and good friends – all in benefit of EFOF!

[Learn more →](#)



### Baseball for Epilepsy Fort Myers | July 17

Batter up! Come out to the ball field for the Fort Myers Miracle vs. the Lakeland Flying Tigers. 50% of ticket sales will help support the building of the Naples Epilepsy Resource Center.

[Learn more →](#)



### Lemonade for Livy Statewide | July 29-31

Host a lemonade stand in your home town and help raise funds and awareness for epilepsy research!

Visit [epilepsy.com/LemonadeForLivy](http://epilepsy.com/LemonadeForLivy) for more information and to register your event.

# SUPPORT YOUR EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA

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No one can prepare for a seizure as it can happen at the most unexpected time. There are currently more than 400,000 individuals who suffer from epilepsy across Florida with more than 89,000 of those sufferers being children. Prevention and education can better prepare those impacted by the disease. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) is here to help provide services and resources to those needing it most, and to those seeking more information.

EFOF offers extensive and supportive services and programs to individuals, families, friends and the community at large including:

- Educational presentations
- Current epilepsy resources and information
- Medical services
- Support groups
- Sponsorship & Volunteer Opportunities
- Summer Camp
- So much more!

To become a client and for more information about the organization, the individuals it serves and the resources provided to those in need, visit [www.epilepsyfla.org](http://www.epilepsyfla.org) or call 1-877-553-7453.

**[Make a Donation](#)**



# Everyday Extraordinary Care

If you've been taking multiple seizure medications without positive results, NeuroPace from Memorial may be right for you. Memorial is the first in South Florida to implant the NeuroPace device for epilepsy patients. Like a pacemaker for your brain, it stops seizures before you even know they've started.

See if NeuroPace is right for you.

It's **Everyday Extraordinary** care from Memorial Neuroscience Institute.



[Make your appointment](#)

A close-up photograph of a young girl with a joyful expression, wearing a colorful, patterned swim cap and a blue bikini top. The background is a clear blue sky.

## A Global Leader in Pediatric Epilepsy Care

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The logo for Nicklaus Children's Hospital Brain Institute, featuring a red heart icon with a white outline, followed by the text "Nicklaus Children's Hospital" and "Brain Institute" in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is the "Miami Children's Health System" logo.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital  
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Brain Institute

