

Dear Friends of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida,

Jump into summer with the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida as we partner with [Lemonade for Livy](#) to raise epilepsy awareness and funding for research! The official Lemonade for Livy weekend in 2016 will be July 29-31, but you can hold an event at any time throughout the year. More information on how you can get involved in this initiative has been provided below.

Have you seen the newest craze to hit the Internet in recent weeks? EFOF has accepted The Running Man Challenge, a viral social media dance video challenge, as a way for our organization to help raise epilepsy awareness in a new way. Be sure to check out our video below.

Also, don't forget to register for our third Epilepsy Exchange webinar, sponsored by Pfizer, which will take place on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. This webinar will focus on how to be an effective advocate for the rights and needs of people with epilepsy and seizures. We hope you can join us!

I hope you have a great beginning of summer!



*Sincerely,
Karen Basha Egozi*

*Chief Executive Officer
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida*

Lemonade for Livy



MAKE A STAND AGAINST EPILEPSY

Lemonade for Livy is a year round initiative that raises epilepsy awareness and research funding for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Official weekend is July 29 – 31

Livy Scheinman, who has had epilepsy since birth, is the inspiration behind Lemonade for Livy. Together with her twin sister Hailey, the girls are a symbol of hope in the search for a cure.

Ideas for Events:

- Lemonade Stand
- Bake Sale
- Lemon Themed Party
- Birthday Party
- Crafting Party
- Corporate Event
- Mobile Lemonade Stand
- Lemonade Happy Hour
- Sporting Event Stand
- Campus Stand



Visit epilepsy.com/LemonadeForLivy for more information and to register your event

Join the Epilepsy Foundation and Lemonade For Livy by hosting a lemonade stand in your home town and help raise funds and awareness for epilepsy research! The event occurs yearly over the course of the last weekend in July. It is an effort that brings people from around the world together to give hope to those with epilepsy and their families that new treatments will be discovered.

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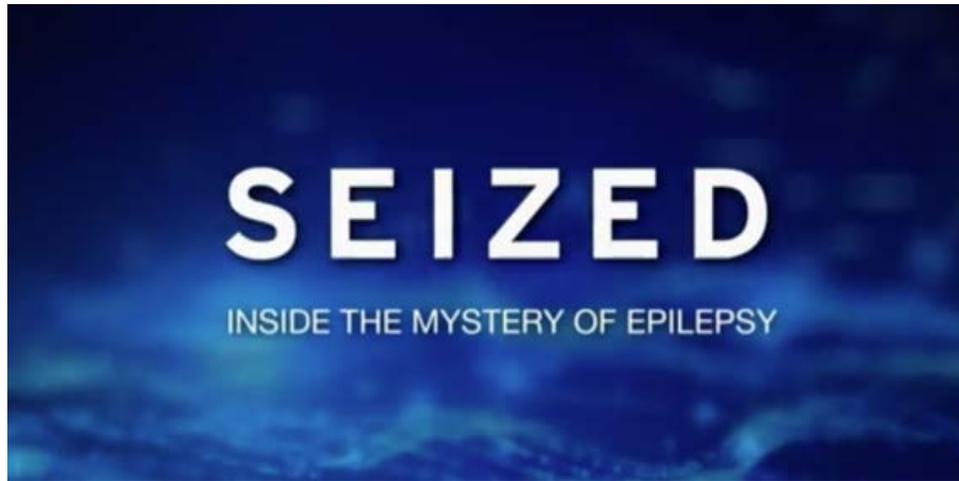
Running Man Challenge: Staff Edition

Challenge accepted! To raise epilepsy awareness in a new way, EFOF has created this video in response to the Internet's newest trend: the Running Man Challenge.



Feeling inspired? We challenge YOU to create your own video to help further raise epilepsy awareness! Share your video with us by sending it to ibitton@efof.org or post it on social media and tag us. It just might be featured on our social media platforms!

Seized: A Must-See Documentary



A production of Partisan Pictures and presented on PBS, "SEIZED: Inside the Mystery of Epilepsy" is a documentary series following the personal struggles of four individuals and their families as they face the challenges of living with epilepsy. It features leaders in epilepsy research, as well as the families' struggles through different treatment methods and options.

Watch the series here: <http://www.efof.org/learn/pressroom/videos/>.

Epilepsy Exchange Webinar: Advocacy 101

The graphic is a promotional poster for a webinar. At the top left, it says "JUNE 15, 2016 6:30 PM, EST". At the top right, there are logos for "Pfizer" and "EPILEPSY EXCHANGE Webinar". The central part of the graphic features a stylized globe with various icons around it, including a lightbulb, a gear, a speech bubble, and a person. Text boxes around the globe say "LEARN TO ADVOCATE", "YOUR RIGHTS", "EDUCATION", and "THE LEGISLATURE". At the bottom, a purple banner reads "EPILEPSY EXCHANGE Epilepsy Advocacy 101". Below the graphic, there is a text block: "Join us for EFOF's third 'Epilepsy Exchange' webinar! EFOF serves as the lead advocate for the rights and needs of people with epilepsy and seizures at the local, county, state and national levels. Advocating for effective public policies and community support is critical to EFOF's ability to provide educational assistance to those who need it most. Join our guest speakers to learn more about the ins and outs of advocacy and how to become an effective epilepsy advocate. Please RSVP by emailing Ilana Bliton at ilbliton@efof.org, or registering at <https://join.onstreammedia.com/register/efof/epilepsyadvocacy101>." At the bottom right is the "EPILEPSY FOUNDATION Florida" logo. At the bottom, there are three website URLs: "WWW.EPILEPSYFLA.ORG", "WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EPILEPSYFLA", and "WWW.TWITTER.COM/EFOF".

Click Here to Register (required to participate):
<https://join.onstreammedia.com/register/efof/epilepsyadvocacy101>

Faces of Epilepsy: Brandon's Story



I was two years old when I was diagnosed with Epilepsy. To say the least, I've had some life changing moments, but it's also taught me lessons about life that I wouldn't have learned otherwise. My parents instilled me with the confidence that I should always strive for the best, no matter the situation, and not use my condition as an excuse. Holding on to this notion wasn't always easy. My life with epilepsy for the most part has been

difficult. As you grow older you realize there is one "BIG" thing you're not able to do - DRIVE.

I made the choice when I was younger not to let epilepsy stand in my way. I learned that there were certain areas of my life that I could control like playing organized sports, and others than I couldn't, like driving.

Everyone wants to be independent. When you have a disability like epilepsy it teaches you a valuable lesson. It helps you learn that being independent can only take you so far and that there comes a time in your life when you need the help of others.

At the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, I found information and support. For the longest time I only knew about certain types of seizures, and I now realize there are many different kinds of epilepsy that people are dealing with. I've also been able to connect with others in my area who have epilepsy and enjoy that we can be there for one another. I like to refer to my epilepsy support group as my "family".

Brandon has been a client of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida since 2004.

SUPPORT YOUR EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA

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 or call 1-877-553-7453.

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