



May 2016 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM **THE CEO**

Dear Friends of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida,

We did it! Thanks to you, our annual Walk the Talk events were once again a huge success. In addition to raising epilepsy awareness across the state, more than \$375,000 was raised in support of our mission of leading the fight to stop seizures, finding a cure and overcoming the challenges created by epilepsy. Thank you so much to each and every one of you for your support. Be sure to check out our [online photo gallery](#) for pictures from the walks.

For those of you in the Gainesville and West Palm Beach areas, I invite you to participate in a local day of giving to support EFOF: [The Amazing Give](#) in Gainesville and [Great Give Day](#) in West Palm Beach. These campaigns are part of a nationwide effort to inspire community-wide

giving in support of local nonprofits. More information on how you can get involved can be found below.

Back by popular demand, we're excited to announce that our third Epilepsy Exchange webinar 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!

Best wishes for a wonderful May!



*Sincerely,
Karen Basha Egozi*

*Chief Executive Officer
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida*

Local Projects, Big Impact



Everyday, we're amazed by the generosity of our supporters and volunteers who work so passionately in their local communities to bring awareness and support for EFOF. Check out these inspiring, local fundraisers hosted by the community:

On April 2, the Booker T. Washington High School Student Government Association hosted a 5k race to benefit the Epilepsy Resource Center in Pensacola and raised \$4,100 for the Pensacola Walk the Talk!

On April 5, Hayden Moneghan, who received the Clayton Feig Youth Award at the Naples Walk the Talk, hosted a fundraiser at Naples Water City Grill restaurant and raised more than \$1,000!

For ideas on how to host an event in your community, check out our ["Let's Talk About It" Toolkit](#).

Volunteer Cooks up Awareness & Funding for Epilepsy

In honor of this year's National Volunteer Appreciation Day held on April 20th, we'd like to recognize one of EFOF's devoted volunteers, Jeff Sedlitz of Jacksonville. Annually, Jeff and his wife organize and host the SJPA Chili Cook Off to raise funds for and inspire voluntarism with EFOF. [Read more about Jeff and his contributions to finding a cure.](#)

Thank you, Jeff, for making a lasting impact on our organization and helping to bring epilepsy awareness and support to families throughout the Jacksonville area!



Give Local May 2-3

Attention Gainesville and West Palm Beach! Please consider a donation in support of individuals living with epilepsy through these campaigns.

[The Amazing Give | May 2-3, Gainesville](#)



THE AMAZING GIVE

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida Gainesville office is excited to announce its participation in the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's inaugural Amazing Give event! For 24-hours between 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2 to 5:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, this online fundraising effort will bring nonprofits and donors together to connect people in support of the causes that move them most.

Please consider a donation in support of individuals living with epilepsy through this campaign. Bonus prizes will be awarded to participating nonprofits throughout the day to help maximize donations!

MAY 2, 2016 @ 6:00 PM through
MAY 3, 2016 @ 5:59 PM

DONATE AT
www.efof.org/events/amazinggive/



[Great Give Day | May 3, West Palm Beach](#)



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GREAT GIVE DAY

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida West Palm Beach office is excited to announce participation in this year's Great Give event! Led by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach County, United Way of Palm Beach County, and United Way of Martin County, this 24-hour online fundraising effort on Tuesday, May 3 will celebrate the spirit of giving and the collective effort it takes to strengthen our community by raising critical funds for local nonprofits.

Please consider a donation in support of individuals living with epilepsy through this campaign. Every local gift will be multiplied with additional dollars from a bonus pool and cash prizes will be awarded to participating nonprofit organizations throughout the day!

MAY 3, 2016 @ 12:00 AM through
MAY 3, 2016 @ 11:59 PM

DONATE AT
www.efof.org/events/greatgive/



Join Us! Epilepsy Exchange Advocacy Webinar on June 15

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on June 15 as we host our third Epilepsy Exchange webinar on advocacy.



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 national and state guest speakers to learn more about how you can get involved.

Please RSVP by emailing Ilana Bitton at ibitton@efof.org, or registering at www.efof.org.



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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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