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The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado was founded by Dr. Harriet Hunter in 1964.

The Harriet Hunter Circle honors those donors who continue her legacy by supporting the Foundation with a gift of \$50,000 or more in the past year.

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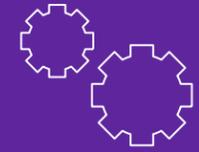
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DEDICATED TO THE 60,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH EPILEPSY IN COLORADO

Over 2000 people attended our 2019 Strides for Epilepsy 5Ks, the largest gathering of the epilepsy community in the Rocky Mountain region. For those who attend, “connection” is the word most commonly heard to describe the experience. People realize they aren’t alone. Individuals with epilepsy feel understood, recognized, seen, and supported. And this year, they were treated like heroes! Epilepsy Heroes is a new movement recognizing all people living with epilepsy, represented with a special pin that’s available at all Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado events. The best part: each pin is presented **to** someone with epilepsy **from** someone with epilepsy to honor

the camaraderie. The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado is the primary nonprofit health organization serving the needs of the nearly 60,000 people in Colorado who are living with epilepsy. Epilepsy is a common neurological condition that causes seizures which can affect a variety of mental and physical functions. One out of 26 people will be diagnosed with epilepsy in their lifetime—if they live in Colorado, they can count on us. We are so grateful for our many partners and the support of individuals like YOU who make our work possible.



CONNECT.

We **connect** people to healthcare providers, support networks, and a listening ear. In 2019 our Preferred Provider Network of epilepsy-trained mental health professionals grew to include more therapists who accept Medicaid as well as those who see patients with NES. We now have 12 in-person support groups state-wide, plus 3 online support groups, including a Spanish-language group for parents.



EDUCATE.

We **educate** schools, employers, and the community, with seizure first aid and epilepsy education, to reduce stigma and raise awareness. In 2019 we offered new trainings in correctional facilities and expanded our annual Epilepsy Connect Symposium to include topics such as employment, transition of care, and wellness.



EMPOWER.

Our ultimate goal is to **empower** people affected by epilepsy with knowledge, resources, and advocacy to live their best lives, whether that’s through attending our summer camps, where kids with epilepsy get to be “regular kids,” or through supporting legislation that ensures access to medication – we’re here so that no one has to face the diagnosis of epilepsy alone.



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched Hispanic Outreach program, including a new partnership with the Mexican Consulate
- Began offering Case Management services
- Hosted first-ever free movie event for kids with epilepsy and their families
- Provided information and resources to more than 600 individuals newly diagnosed with epilepsy through our Project Backpack
- Visited over 500 patients in local EMUs
- Teed off at our first Annual “The Drive” Golf Tournament in July
- Provided \$5000 in emergency assistance funding to individuals in crisis
- Expanded our Preferred Provider Network of epilepsy-trained therapists to 60 providers

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

CEO MESSAGE

We have accomplished all the things in this Annual Report, and much, much more, only through the support and generosity of our many volunteers, donors, and community partners. It is you, our Epilepsy Foundation friends and families, who are the heart and soul of the work that we do. Your investments of time, energy, creativity, and financial resources are what enable us to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of people with epilepsy, every single day. On behalf of our board and staff, we sincerely thank you.

- Sarah Klein, CEO



WHAT'S COMING IN 2020?

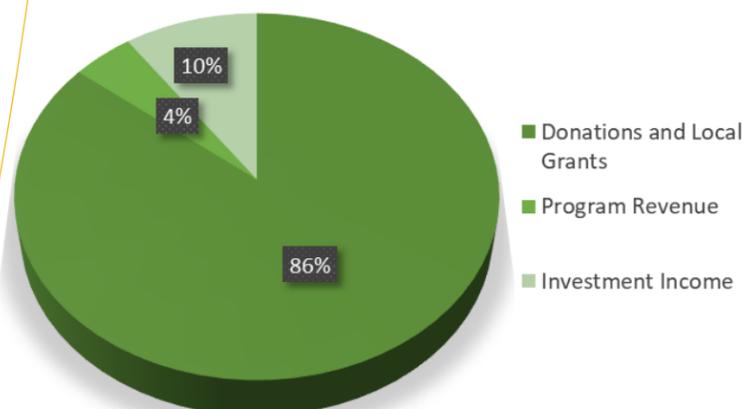
- Pursuing Seizure Safe Schools legislation in Colorado and Wyoming
- Leading School Nurse Training for 100 nurses—a train the trainer model for 100 school districts
- Planning for 2 new Camps in 2021!
- Expanding our EMU support to Grand Junction and Colorado Springs
- Launching Kids Crew program for youth up to age 14
- Increasing support and partnerships in Wyoming
- Empowering more volunteers to extend our reach and impact
- Re-branding our walk:



YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

In 2019, we invested in additional staff to expand both our fundraising capacity as well as our ability to offer additional programs and services to our community. We’re proud to now offer services in Spanish with the addition of a bilingual staff member, case management for individuals and families in need of more comprehensive support, more frequent visits to local hospital EMUs, and an increased focus on legislative advocacy. These efforts bring us closer to our goals of connecting, educating, and empowering all those whose lives are impacted by epilepsy.

2019 REVENUE - \$890,790



2019 EXPENSES - \$822,401

