



**EPILEPSY**  
FOUNDATION®

COLORADO & WYOMING

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**START**

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**TODAY IM  
187 DAYS  
SEIZURE  
FREE**

**CONNECT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.**



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming continued to provide and grow key programs throughout 2021. While most programs were conducted virtually, some in-person events took place when health and safety concerns could be addressed.

## MAJOR MILESTONES

- **We expanded our service area to include the state of Wyoming**, a territory previously not served by any Epilepsy Foundation chapter or affiliate. Now we are beginning to offer programs and services to the nearly 5,000 people with epilepsy in this state. This also allowed us to change our name to **the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming!**



- **We successfully passed "Joey's Law" in Colorado.** This new law requires every public school to have at least one staff person trained in seizure recognition and first aid and, if there is a known student with epilepsy, one staff person needs to be trained in rescue medication administration. This legislation was championed by longtime volunteer, Joey Quintana, and epilepsy ambassador, Colorado State Representative Iman Jodeh.



**In addition to these huge accomplishments, we also:**

- **Trained nearly 2000 people on seizure recognition and first aid** throughout the state. Audiences included family members, adults with epilepsy, school nurses and other school personnel and the general public.
- Hired a **full-time staff member in the Western Slope** region.
- Provided **\$7,000 in financial assistance** to 20 individuals and/or families affected by epilepsy in Colorado. Funds help pay for food, transportation, funeral costs and mounting bills.
- Launched a new Managing Epilepsy Well program called PACES, with 18 people successfully completing the personalized program. This skill-building program helps with self-management of epilepsy and improve overall quality of life.
- Reached more than **200 individuals/families in the Spanish-speaking community** through our outreach efforts and provided them with Information & Referral, case management, education, financial assistance and more.
- Held virtual and in-person one-day **camps for kids and teens** in June 2021 with 35 participants.
- Offered monthly **online education through "Th1nk26" webinars**. Led by neurologists, epileptologists, and other healthcare professionals, these presentations cover thought-provoking topics including treatment options, surgery, dietary therapies, neurofeedback and more.
- Got creative at **Art Therapy sessions**, held virtually and in-person in 2021. Led by a licensed art therapist, 47 participants expressed and processed their feelings about epilepsy through artwork.
- Expanded the Walk to END EPILEPSY to **two new locations: Fort Collins and Grand Junction**.
- Smashed all previous fundraising records at the **newly rebranded "Summits & Stars" Gala**.

## Looking towards 2022

- Hire staff and recruit board members in Wyoming
- Expand our partnerships with local sports teams such as the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche and Colorado Rapids to raise awareness and funds for epilepsy
- Launch new website and fundraising platforms to make it easier to interact with us online
- Hold our first-ever Epilepsy Connect Symposium for healthcare professionals
- Get an Epilepsy Awareness license plate approved in the State legislature!



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The past several years have been incredibly difficult for many nonprofits due to the ongoing economic impact of the coronavirus, and it has been no exception for the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming. 2021 continued to present unique challenges to our organization, however, because of the generous support of friends like you, we have been able to continue providing support to our community.

Again this year, because the majority of our programs were held virtually, we were able to control expenses carefully, and we were fortunate to receive a PPP loan, which was forgiven. And we were—and continue to be—blessed by a generous and gracious community of supporters and friends who continue to give despite the ongoing uncertainty facing us all. 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 gifts directly fund the programs and services that provide information, resources, and support to the people we serve. We ensure that 81% of all funding goes directly to serve the nearly 65,000 people in Colorado and Wyoming living with epilepsy through resources and programming. Moreover, we are committed to ensuring these impactful services remain free/low-cost and accessible to everyone in need. With your help, we can continue to make that promise. 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.

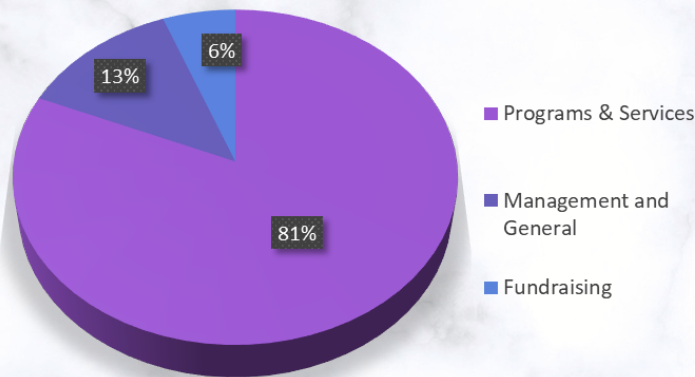


## MISSION AND VISION

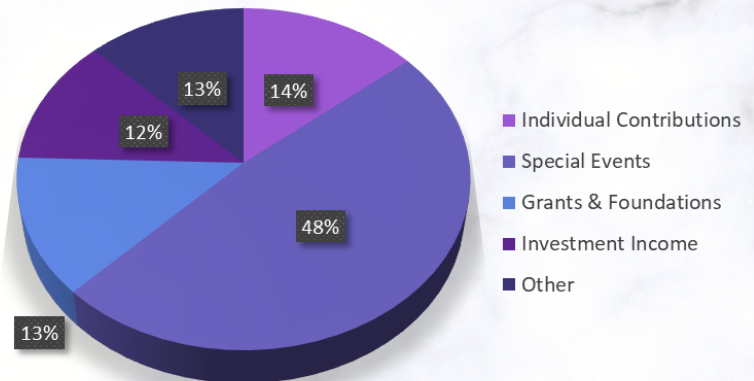
We are the leaders in connecting, educating, and empowering to improve the lives of everyone affected by epilepsy. We **connect** people to healthcare providers, support networks, and a listening ear. We **educate** schools, employers, and the community at large, to reduce stigma and raise awareness. And we **empower** people affected by epilepsy with knowledge, resources, and advocacy to live their best lives. For more than 50 years, we have remained committed to our mission, and we will not rest until we achieve a world free from seizures.

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

2021 EXPENSES - \$848,429



2021 REVENUE - \$1,105,779





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