

## Our Mission & Vision

The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming is the leader 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.

Our nationwide mission: We lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives.

Since 1964 we have remained committed to our mission, and we will not rest until we achieve a world where no one faces epilepsy alone. Join us in 2024 as we celebrate 60 years of service and support!









## 2023 Financial Overview







Statements of Financial Position As of December 31, 2023 and 2022			Statements of Activities For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$186,660	\$209,260	Revenue & Other Support		
Donations receivable	\$9,130	\$29,050	Special events (net)	\$502,878	\$539,978
Grants receivable	\$0	\$5,000	Contributions	\$225,948	\$195,532
Prepaid expenses	\$31,155	\$50,511	Wills and bequests	\$0	\$20,765
Operating lease right of use asset	\$102,080	\$47,451	Memorials/honorariums	\$19,208	\$13,960
Property & equipment (net)	\$31,145	\$1,730	Foundations & Grants	\$100,900	\$133,935
Investments	\$1,152,757	\$1,123,801	Government support	\$0	\$80,189
Total assets	\$1,512,927	\$1,466,803	Activity fees	\$45,699	\$27,444
			In-kind donations	\$51,843	\$18,336
Accounts payable	\$30,612	\$21,355	Other giving	\$7,459	\$1,213
Accruals - salaries & benefits	\$23,210	\$19,228	Investments (loss)	\$130,866	(\$148,660
Deferred revenue	\$2,250	\$2,000	Total Revenue & Support	\$1,084,801	\$882,692
Operating lease obligation	\$105,480	\$48,793			
Financing lease obligations	\$7,441	\$2,016	Expense		
Total liabilities	\$168,993	\$93,392	Program	\$927,577	\$975,801
			Supporting Services		
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$728,339	\$801,765	Management and general	\$127,209	\$123,931
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$615,595	\$571,646	Fundraising	\$59,492	\$60,374
Total net assets	\$1,343,934	\$1,373,411	Total Expenses	\$1,114,278	\$1,160,106
Total liabilities & net assets	\$1,512,927	\$1,466,803	Change in net assets	(\$29,477)	(\$277,414

Full audited financials are available on our website

### Our strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency have earned us a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator.

Over the past year, the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming has experienced a remarkable improvement in our financial position, largely owing to the extraordinary generosity of our donors and the rebound in the stock market. Through your unwavering support, we've been able to bolster our resources, expand our outreach, and enhance our services for individuals affected by epilepsy.

Your generous support sustains and strengthens our efforts so we can pursue our mission of advocating and providing support for those living with epilepsy- ensuring that we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. As partners in our work, your gifts fund programs that connect those impacted by epilepsy to essential resources and an empathetic community. The epilepsy education and training that you support empowers individuals and reduces stigma.

Today epilepsy affects nearly 65,000 people in our region, and many of these individuals need far more than their doctor can provide. The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado & Wyoming offers a wealth of programs and services that can truly change lives. Thank you for making this work possible!

# 2023 Impact Snapshot

### CONNECT



50

Individuals received mental health support



75

Kids and teens attended "Rock N Rally" and "Camp Never Give Up!" summer camps



Families participated in our first "Fun N Frontiers" Family Camp in Laramie, WY



22

Young Adults developed new friendships and new skills at Purple Peaks Retreat



5

Peer-led Support Groups offered connection and understanding



3,000+

People celebrated hope and progress at Walk to End Epilepsy events in 5 local communities

### **EDUCATE**



3900

Individuals were trained in Seizure Recognition and First Aid



16

Mental Health Professionals were trained in epilepsy and NES



700

"Newly Diagnosed" kits were distributed to patients in local hospitals and clinics



100

People attended Epilepsy Connect Symposia in Denver and Cheyenne



10,000

Individuals received relevant info and updates via monthly emails



1

Video on "Seizures in Correctional Facilites" video produced and shared nationwide

### **EMPOWER**



20

Up-and-coming leaders joined Youth Council to build leadership skills



200

Spanish-speaking individuals received information and support through Hispanic Outreach



\$5,434

Emergency Financial Assistance was provided to 21 individuals and families in need



639

Requests for Information & Referral received and responded to



12

Individuals joined skill-building and mental fitness coaching programs



HB23-1183

Legislation passed that reforms step therapy for individuals on Medicaid

## You made this possible! Thank you!

## What's next! In 2024 we will:

Celebrate our 60th Anniversary by reflecting on how far we've come, sharing our progress with our amazing community, and planning for our next decade(s!) of service!

Design and launch an employment program to support people with epilepsy who are struggling to find or maintain meaningful work.

Package our successful Mental Health Preferred Provider Network program into a Toolkit that will be shared with Epilepsy Foundation Affiliates nationwide, so more people will have access to informed, affordable mental health support.



#### THE FOUNDER'S SOCIETY (Lifetime Giving) BENEFACTORS (\$500,000-\$999,999)

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