

Annual Report

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Epilepsy
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In 2010 the Epilepsy Association services reached more people than ever before

Dear Friends,

It was a great year for the Epilepsy Association and I'm pleased to highlight some of the agency's notable achievements in 2010. The Association is doing important work that no other agency in Northeast Ohio duplicates.

Early in the year, we launched a collaborative effort between the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and the Association's Professional Advisory Board's Nurse Advisory Committee lead by Pam Lang, M.S., R.N., C.N.S. Funded by the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and Kaiser Permanente, the initiative created a comprehensive epilepsy awareness program for all schools called "Be Smart About Epilepsy." The program addresses the impact of epilepsy in schools systems and features curriculum modules tailored to the specific needs of personnel such as safety forces, transportation workers, teachers, social workers and nurses. A web-based resource center for everyone who comes into contact with children and teens with epilepsy in schools is posted on the Epilepsy Association's website at www.epilepsyinfo.org. We invite you to look at and use these excellent materials.

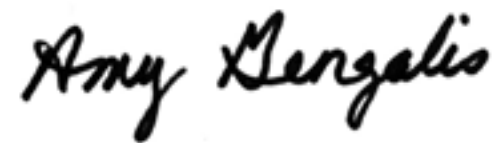


"Brain Waves" was another innovative outreach created in collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. The program aims to increase awareness of epilepsy and prevention of head injury, the number one cause of epilepsy in children. "Brain Waves" comes packaged in attractive Do-It-Yourself-Kits that troop leaders check out. The kits include 14 separate activities including an experiment that simulates the experience of having a seizure. Girls also learn about epilepsy, how the brain works, and how to respond to someone having a seizure. Our hope is that these young women gain an appreciation for the miracle that is their brain, and increase their sensitivity towards individuals with disabilities. The Girl Scouts adopted "Brain Waves" as part of its official patch program for Junior Troop members.

In our effort to do more, reach more and teach more, the Association developed a new patient record information system and equipped case workers with lap-top computers. Now, case workers complete notes, look-up patient records and schedule appointments while in the field. The efficiencies realized through technology allow case workers more time for the important task of helping clients gain greater self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life. The software development for this project was funded by a capacity building grant from the William J. & Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation. I'd like to thank Board of Trustee members James Smith and Mark Holcomb who freely contributed their information technology expertise and many volunteer hours making it possible for the agency to embark on ground-breaking delivery of social services.

These initiatives and all of our on-going services are made possible by the generosity of individual, corporate and foundation donors whose gifts enable us to provide these wonderful programs that are a true benefit to the epilepsy community (individuals with epilepsy, families and caregivers) and the greater Northeast Ohio community. On behalf of the Epilepsy Association's Board of Trustees, many volunteers and staff, I wish to say thank you for choosing to support our efforts.

With warm regards,



Amy G. Georgalis
President

Children

Epilepsy affects over 326,000 children under the age of 14 and every year 40,000 children in the U.S. will experience their first epileptic seizure. All children with epilepsy carry a heavy burden and even among children whose epilepsy is controlled, educational achievement rates fall behind other students with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and asthma. For these reasons, the Association made outreach to families, schools and youth groups a strategic priority. Our outreach included hosting activities such as the free Family Fun Day, which is designed to help families deal with the stress of managing a complex chronic illness; and, working with area school systems to ensure students have a safe and normal educational experience. We also worked with students with the aim of preventing head injury, the number one cause of epilepsy in kids, and increasing their acceptance of those who are perceived to be different. These programs include our "Kids on the Block" puppet show, the "Youth Epilepsy Education" programs and the "Brain Waves" program, which was designed for the area's Junior Girl Scout troops.

In 2010, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District Health Services Department asked the Epilepsy Association to design an epilepsy awareness, prevention, seizure first aid, and response program for all faculty and staff in the school district. With underwriting support from the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and Kaiser Permanente, a web-based resource center was created. These materials are posted as an e-book and may be accessed through the Epilepsy Association's website at www.epilepsyinfo.org. The program is called "Be Smart About Epilepsy" and these materials are universally available.

Adults

For those who never outgrow their seizure disorders, and struggle with many aspects of living independently, or for others who developed epilepsy as an adult, the Association is pioneering social service programs aimed at increasing self-reliance.

While many adults with severe epilepsy have significant obstacles to overcome (poverty, mental illness, isolation, memory loss, and cognitive impairment), with the proper support they are able to improve the quality of their lives and achieve greater self-sufficiency.

What does it take to be self-reliant? The Epilepsy Association has embarked on a ground-breaking social services program to answer this question. Two years in development, the Proactive Skill Building program is testing 14 predictors of self-reliance. Agency social service clients participating in the program develop treatment goals relating to self-reliance. To support these goals, case workers provide intensive education and case management services. Since the program's inception, we have seen remarkable personal growth from our consumers. For example, we have achieved a 29% increase in the number of individuals meeting their employment goals, a 30% increase of clients managing health and epilepsy symptoms independently, and a 14% increase of clients who are able to independently maintain their housing. This success rate is statistically relevant, considering that the individuals participating in this program experience severe mental illness in addition to their epilepsy.

Community

The full range of services provided by the Epilepsy Association includes counseling; community psychiatric supportive therapy; community based education; education programs to increase the acceptance of children with epilepsy in schools; information and referral services; and direct aid designed to resolve emergencies relating to fulfilling a basic human need such as maintaining or obtaining a safe living environment, access to medication or medical care, and transportation.

2010 Program Highlights

316 direct social service clients served

422 information & referral requests fulfilled

3,144 community epilepsy awareness education participants

4,287 school epilepsy awareness education participants

8,169 Northeast Ohioans received support from the Epilepsy Association in 2010

Fundraising Achievement

Winter Walk for Epilepsy presented by the Cleveland Clinic

Our family oriented in-door mall walk expanded to a second location this year. Held simultaneously at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor and the Westfield SouthPark Mall in Strongsville, the two Winter Walks for Epilepsy attracted over 600 walkers and volunteers. The event was presented by the Cleveland Clinic and additional sponsorships were secured from Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Baker & Hostetler, LLP, Lundbeck, Inc. and Mike Pruitt Honda. Fox 8 Co-Anchors Bill Martin and Stacey Bell were on hand to emceed the events. The Winter Walk's Featured Family was Elizabeth Thomas and her son Logan.

For the fifth year in a row, Kathy Sanniti served as the Walks' chairperson and she was assisted by April Walsh, Danielle Cunningham, Greg Kunkler, Halle Bishop, Jill Swanson, Kathy Maxwell, Kia Durham, Killeen Roberts, Laura Zaleski and Sandy Frantz.

The Night of Lights Charity Preview

The Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealer's Association selected the Epilepsy Association as one of four benefiting charities for their annual black tie event held in conjunction with the Cleveland Auto Show.

Reverse Raffle

Where can you go for a chance to win a \$2,000 cash prize, or a bucket of booze while supporting the Epilepsy Association? The 152 attendees at the Association's Reverse Raffle know! Held in July, this fundraiser has low price points and huge tax deductible amounts making it affordable for local businesses to have a "Night out with the Practice or Office". The Reverse Raffle was sponsored by Cleveland Clinic, John D. Oil & Gas, Fifth, Third Bank, Nurenberg Paris Heller & McCarthy LPA, Studiothink, and Howard Washable & Co. Paul Orlousky, Channel 19 news reporter was the evening's emcee.

The 2010 Reverse Raffle was chaired by Dena Pike. April Walsh, Dan Calloway, Don Golas, Leah Seper, Peter Nelson, Jen Carlile and Ray Haseley also served on the planning committee.

Virtual Runner

During 13 weeks in late summer and early fall, area runners made their miles count even more by becoming Epilepsy Association Virtual Runners. The Virtual Runners logged over 1,000 race miles this year for epilepsy awareness. The competition winners were Bill Roddy and Jan Roe. Bill raised the most funds and ran for his 16 year-old daughter; Jan raced the most miles and she ran for her 76 year old mother who has epilepsy. Sean Kane was the youth winner in most miles run. Sean ran for his sister who has epilepsy. The Virtual Run received corporate underwriting support from Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis and American Greetings.

Chairpersons for the 2010 competition was Karen Johnson. and Debra Horn, four-time member of the U.S. National 24-Hour Team. Also serving on the organizing committee were: Glenn Dumonthier, Jr., Sarah Routh, and Tim Hofer

Gala

The 19th annual Gala recognized KeyBank and the Cleveland Clinic's Kim M. Merner, MSN, CNP as Legacy Award recipients. Held in November at the Cleveland Ritz-Carlton, the Gala attracted 225 guests. Corporate table sponsors included: Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Center, KeyBank, Alere, Baker & Hostetler, LLP, CCS Medical, Dollar Bank, Medical Mutual of Ohio, MetroHealth Medical Center, Skoda, Minotti & Co, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, University Hospitals Neurological Institute—Epilepsy Center and Western Reserve Systems, Inc.

The Gala was co-chaired by Jan Koch and Deborah Lawrence-Auten. Serving on the planning committee were Jennifer Carlile, Danielle Cunningham, Michael Devereaux, Amy Georgalis, Karen Jones, Karen Johnson, Amy Kellogg, and Paula Sauer.

2010 Fundraising Highlights

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\$131,707 Special Event Income

\$39,570 Annual Fund Income

\$71,500 Grant Income



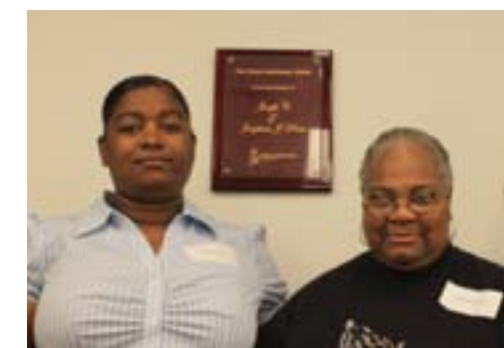
Cleveland Clinic Epilepsy Center Winter Walk Team; Reverse Raffle fun with Paul Orlousky and Greg Osborne.



Virtual Runners Bill Roddy, Jan Roe, Debra Horn, Karen Johnson, Robin Kane and Pete Nelson; Legacy Awardee Kim Merner (center) with Amy Georgalis and Dr. Harold Morris.



Winter Walk Featured Family Logan & Elizabeth Thomas; Gala Co-Chairpersons Deborah Lawrence-Auten (left) and Jan Koch. Virtual Runner Youth winner—Sean Kane with sister Shelby.



KeyBank Legacy Award accepted by Melissa Garrett; The Cummings family at Family Fun Day; Flora Childress at the annual Fall Forum; Client achievement award winner Fatima Watson (right), with Case Worker Jackie Uter (left).

About the Epilepsy Association

The Association began in the mid-1950s through the efforts of parents of children with epilepsy under the name Parents Crusade Against Epilepsy, and later became the Committee on Epilepsy of the Family Health Association. In 1972, the Committee on Epilepsy became an independent agency supported through funding from the Cuyahoga County United Way Services. The agency is licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, is a funded agency of United Way Services, and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is an international, independent, nonprofit accreditor of human service providers and CARF accredited service providers meet the highest national and international standards for quality. The agency has held this CARF distinction for over 26 years. In 2009, the agency's CARF accreditation was renewed at the highest level for three years.

Epilepsy Association services are provided by its staff of 10 professionals and many volunteers. Agency staff includes four social workers who provide all counseling and case management services, a part-time community educator, a fundraising and marketing staff of two, a part-time accountant and administrative assistant, and the executive director.

The Epilepsy Association is not affiliated with any national organizations. The agency is a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation. As a cost savings measure, the Epilepsy Association shares its office space with the Kidney Foundation of Ohio. All funds raised by the Association stay here in Northeast Ohio and are used to provide services in the greater Cleveland area.

Our Mission

The Epilepsy Association is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to helping people cope with and manage seizure disorders by improving their quality of life, while empowering and enabling individuals to reach their full potential within the community.

Counties served: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and parts of Ashland, Ashtabula, Erie, Huron, Medina, Richland and Trumbull

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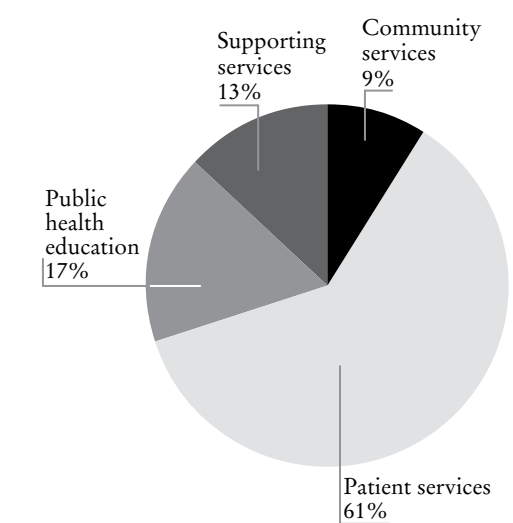
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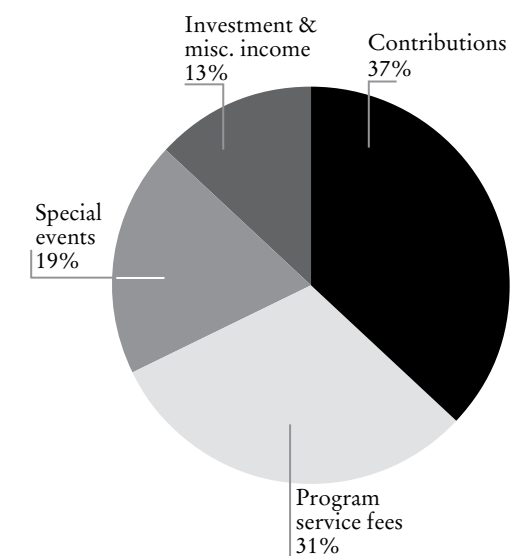
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REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	251,248	195,460
Program service fees	210,054	201,360
Special events	187,875	207,236
Less: Direct benefit to donor	(56,168)	(59,792)
Net gain on investments	87,862	139,450
Miscellaneous	565	1,270
Total support and revenue	\$ 681,436	\$ 684,984
EXPENSES		
Program services:		
Community services	56,307	52,454
Patient services	394,148	367,174
Public health education	112,614	104,907
	563,069	524,535
Supporting services:		
Management and general	24,982	24,148
Fundraising	61,165	59,121
	86,147	83,269
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 649,216	607,804
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	32,220	77,180
NET ASSETS—BEGINNING OF YEAR	929,183	852,003
NET ASSETS—END OF YEAR	\$ 961,403	\$ 929,183

2010 independent audit performed by Howard, Wershale & Co.

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