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Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 2017 - June 2018

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the past 25 years the *Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana (EFKY)* has been an unwavering ally to the more than 153,000 children, adults and veterans living with epilepsy and seizure disorders, their families and loved ones, throughout Kentucky and southern Indiana. The EFKY takes great pride in the passing of HB 147 - Seizure Smart Schools legislation, also known as the Lyndsey Crunk Act. HB 147 was passed in 2018 and mandates Kentucky's teachers, counselors, and principals be educated on seizure recognition and response. It is the first legislation of its kind in the nation and other states are now working to pass their own legislation. As the only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to serving this special population, the EFKY works tirelessly to provide the highest quality educational programs, increase epilepsy awareness, youth and adult social and support activities, direct client support, self management tools, effectively advocates on an individualized, grassroots, state and federal levels to improve and save lives.

Without the generous support from you and the communities we serve, our efforts to provide comprehensive and vital services, eradicate the myriad of myths and misconceptions that, unfortunately, still exist today and cause burdensome and unnecessary roadblocks for many battling seizures, would not be possible. Your time, talents, financial support, and commitment allows the *EFKY* to focus on what really matters - ensuring not another moment or life is lost to seizures! For this, we are so very grateful for your support to help us lead the fight to end epilepsy!

The purpose of our annual report is to provide a transparent snapshot of the work being done by dedicated staff and committed members of the Board of Directors. Thank you! Deb McGrath

The Mission of the *Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana*

Lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.

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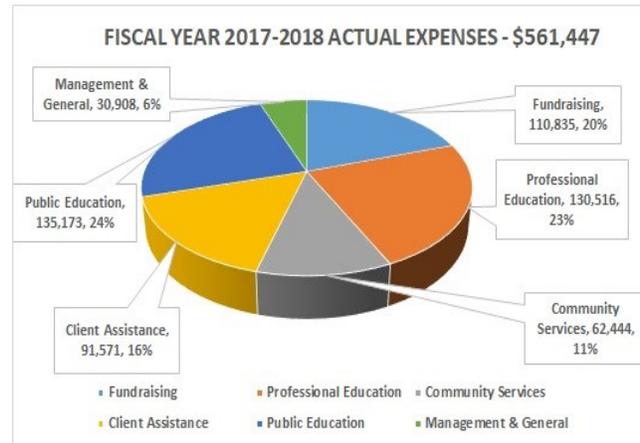
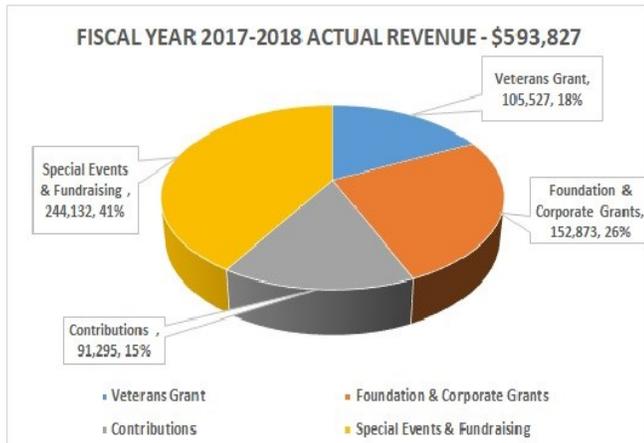
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2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL DATA

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$286,134



PROGRAM IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS - Improving Lives

How We Impact the Community: By serving the more than 153,000 children, adults, and veterans living with epilepsy/seizure disorders, and their loved one, in Kentuckiana through an array of vital programs and services designed to improve and save lives. Services include: individual, grassroots, and government advocacy initiatives; direct client support; monthly youth and adult support programs; local and statewide educational programs and forums; and our signature veterans program *Operation Outreach: Salute Your Health*. The *EFKY* provides seizure awareness and response training programs to thousands - including school nurses, teachers, bus drivers, students, law enforcement officials, health care professionals, Emergency Medical Services personnel, employers, community organizations and veteran service organizations, individuals with epilepsy and their loved ones, and other members of the general population.

What We Do & Why: We are honored to provide HELP, HOPE, AND SUPPORT to battle the many different seizure types and syndromes associated with this very misunderstood and many times feared neurological disease. Our goal is simple - improve and save lives through advocacy, education, outreach, research, and support services, as well as eradicate the attitudinal barriers and discrimination that still exist today, resulting from harmful myths, misconceptions, and stigmas - perhaps more so than any other medical condition of its prevalence.

Epilepsy / Seizure Facts: **One in 26** individuals in the United States will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime. **65 Million** people around the world have epilepsy, with over **3.4 Million** in the United States and **153,000 Children, Adults and Veterans** living with epilepsy in Kentucky and southern Indiana. **Every 4 Minutes** a person is diagnosed with epilepsy. **1 in 10** people will have a single seizure in their lifetime. If you have a brain, you can have a seizure. **70%** of people with epilepsy do not know the cause of their seizures. More than **40** different types of seizures exist (researchers are identifying more and more seizure types and syndromes). **Up to 40%** of people live with refractory epilepsy - also known as drug-resistant seizures.

