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Thank you to all our volunteers who contributed more than 1,349 hours total including 93 professional hours. Contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware to learn how you can help as a volunteer.

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Epilepsy Foundation leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy. Epilepsy affects approximately 10,000 Delawareans at any given moment with 27,500 affected at some point during their lifetime. As a disorder that affects the entire family, this can impact 110,000 Delawareans.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware offers a variety of services to meet the needs of people with epilepsy and their families. Our services are offered statewide and without fees. In total the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware served 5,477 individuals and families. Core programs and services include the following:

Information & Service Requests

Support for families facing the challenges of epilepsy is an important service and one that goes beyond one simple call and entails ongoing support via phone and email. This year more than 72 new families received individual support. An additional 126 families received continued support throughout the year.

Support Groups

The Epilepsy Foundation sponsors and facilitates group meetings in Newport, Delaware. Meetings offer individuals with epilepsy and their families a non-judgmental forum in which to exchange information, concerns, frustrations, and progress. Support group attendance was 84.

Emergency Medication Assistance

Limited funds are available to individuals with epilepsy who need help paying for prescriptions. One individual received a one-month supply of prescribed epilepsy medication.

Educational Programs

Using staff and volunteers, the Epilepsy Foundation makes educational presentations across the state to interested individuals without charge.

Be Seizure Smart for Teens

Since its inception nine years ago, this program has reached more than 40,000 teens. This year, we partnered with high school health teachers throughout Delaware to conduct 169 classes for 3,725 teens. These teens learned about epilepsy and how to help someone experiencing a seizure.

Teacher Education

Teachers are often the first to realize children are having non-convulsive seizures, so we continue to educate those who come in contact with children. This year 966 educators in 40 locations were reached.

Law Enforcement & First Responder Training

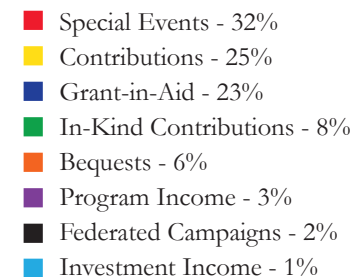
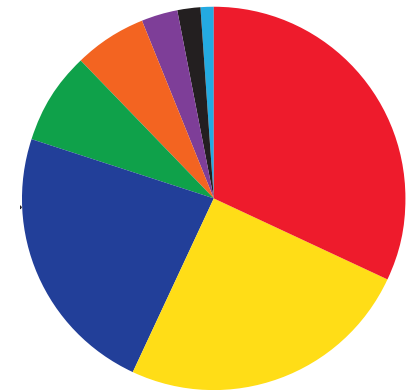
Throughout the country, law enforcement officers make inappropriate arrests because they fail to recognize complex partial seizures. This should not happen in Delaware thanks to training the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware offers to all three police academies, probation and parole officers, correctional officers, and Downtown Visions employees. This year 282 received training. We also began a new certified program to train first responders.

Training for Healthcare Professionals

Our focus on keeping the medical community well-versed in recognition and care for seizures allowed us to hold classes for 191 students in certified nursing assistant, license practical nursing, physical therapy, and dental technician courses. Twenty-two school nurses participated in two refresher courses, and a three-hour seminar was held for 30 others.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue



Expenses

