



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**
New England



53

No. of families who received an emergency assistance gift last year.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CLIENTS

Epilepsy Foundation New England gifted more than **\$27,000** in Emergency Financial Assistance for Clients. Gifts of \$75 - \$1,000 can make an essential difference due to the impact of epilepsy.

Epilepsy can create a range of challenges for individuals and families that can result in short-term financial hardships. Epilepsy Foundation New England offers resources to help members in our epilepsy community in times of need, bringing financial assistance to people living with epilepsy.



"My 13-year-old daughter Meg has intractable seizures that limit her ability to walk, talk, and do any daily living tasks on her own. Her seizures occur daily and can be scary at times when her oxygen drop interventions are needed. Meg is completely wheelchair bound.

We sought funds to put a wheelchair accessible bathroom and bedroom in our garage for her. She has a walk-in shower in the basement and I had been carrying her down the stairs. However she is now 80 pounds, and it is not safe for me to carry her any longer. Converting our garage into her room was the least expensive option we had but it is expensive. I applied for financial assistance to help cover some of the costs.

The gift of \$1,000 helped purchase materials to finish the project. Thank you Epilepsy Foundation New England."

- A mom from Southern Maine

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246

No. of campers who attended
Purple Camp in 2021

PURPLE CAMP

The Purple Camp hosted **12 in-person camps** this summer from a sleep away camp in Groton to sailing in Newport at Sail to Prevail.

Operated by Epilepsy Foundation New England, The Purple Camp offers children and their families a friendly and safe environment to experience being at camp and the opportunity to make new friends.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PURPLE CAMP



"I am so grateful to all of you for giving these kids an incredible opportunity in such a safe and supportive environment. We are beyond thankful that we have made the connection with Epilepsy Foundation New England and look forward to more fun opportunities in the future."

- Mom of a camper, age 11



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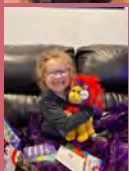
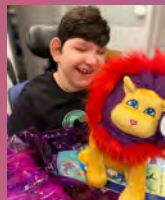
No. of Hope Lions delivered in New England with the help of over 40 volunteers to families who have a loved one living with epilepsy.

HOPE LION PROGRAM

Hope reminds everyone - where there is a person living with epilepsy, **there is Hope**. Lions represent courage, strength, and pride.

Hope Lion comes with a plush lion, activity book, stickers, and more! Hope Lion is free to everyone living with epilepsy in New England.

REQUEST HOPE TODAY



"Thank you for sending my daughter a Hope Lion, what a great surprise on the doorstep! Hope brings a smile to her face every day when she wakes up and truly brightens her days when even I cannot. Thank you Epilepsy Foundation New England!"

- Mom of Ashley, 9



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100

No. of people who signed up to be an Envoy

EPILEPSY ENVOY PROGRAM

Epilepsy Foundation New England engages **more than 2,400 epilepsy advocates** who have signed up to SPEAK UP for epilepsy in our area. Their voices help to educate and inform legislators and other decision makers about issues important to people living with epilepsy, their families, and care providers.

Since we launched the "Epilepsy Envoy" (E2) program to empower and strengthen people living with epilepsy, more than 100 individuals have been trained as envoys.

BECOME AN ENVOY



"Thank you for letting me join you today at the State House and share my story with the lawmakers. I didn't know that I could teach them so much about epilepsy and my journey! I hope to continue sharing my story with others and make my school safer with your help, thank you Bill!"

- Ryan, age 19

EAST COAST EXPEDITION - SAIL FOR EPILEPSY

Phil Haydon's mission to sail the oceans of the world kicked off this summer to: inspire people with epilepsy to live their fullest lives possible; raise funds to support research for a cure; and promote awareness of epilepsy and educate the public.

Thank you to Phil Haydon and the Sail For Epilepsy team for working with Epilepsy Foundation New England to launch the East Coast Expedition.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT SAIL FOR EPILEPSY](#)

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201

No. of volunteers who served

VOLUNTEERS

Epilepsy Foundation New England volunteers participated at walks, purple camp, and more. Volunteers assisted campers, registered walkers, set-up events and offered help when needed.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. Without you none of what Epilepsy Foundation New England does is possible.

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - LEARN MORE](#)

Volunteer of the Month



Roseanna Drysdale
April 2021



Natalie Pearl
August 2021

"When i was volunteering i loved leading and guiding the kids in their arts and crafts projects, a fun dance party, and all sorts of activities but the most important part was getting to know them and making a strong connection."

- Natalie, Purple Camp Volunteer



Meagan And Cristin French
September 2021



Sahar Zafar
June 2021

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1.5M

Grant



The CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion awarded Epilepsy Foundation New England with a \$1.5 million Cooperative Agreement. Funding supports the Foundation's continued focus on strengthening the health system to improve epilepsy care; fostering connections between clinical services and community programs; and addressing social determinants of health to improve quality of life for people with epilepsy with the goal of improving their social environment.

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S.H.A.R.E. GROUPS

S.H.A.R.E. stands for Support, Hope, Advocacy, Research, and Education. SHARE groups expanded this year to offer a wider variety of groups to reach more people. **Going virtual enabled EFNE to reach people in all corners of New England** to come together.

Epilepsy Foundation New England has an ever-evolving series of groups for those of all ages and capabilities ranging from our All Together Now group for people of all abilities to the Pregnancy Group for people living with epilepsy while expecting.

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40

No. of S.H.A.R.E. groups Epilepsy Foundation New England offers

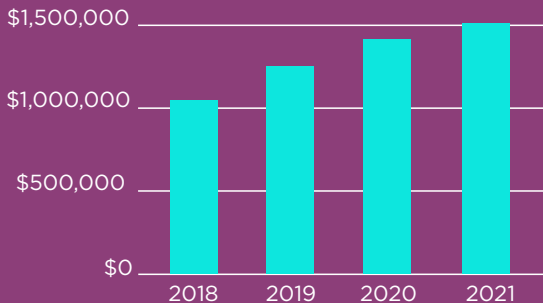


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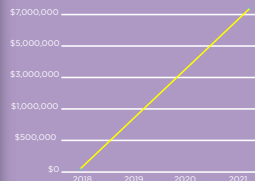
BY THE NUMBERS

Donations and grants this year have allowed Epilepsy Foundation New England to expand all services and programs. 2021 has been a record year* exceeding our goals. Thanks to our community, EFNE has received \$1,536,042 in donations and the endowment has surpassed \$7,000,000.

DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION



VALUE OF EFNE ENDOWMENT



TOTAL DONORS

4,453

* Numbers are based off of FY21 - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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