





EPILEPSY IN OUR REGION

- Almost 180,000 people in our region have epilepsy
- About one-third of them are children
- Many have lost friends or jobs or mobility
- Most fear the next seizure
- Most experience epilepsy's impact on their lives
- Many feel isolated and alone





GREATER LOS ANGELES Not another moment lost to seizures ™

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Founded in Los Angeles in 1957, the local Epilepsy Foundation also serves the surrounding counties of Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura. The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles is an independent community-based advocacy organization affiliated with the national Epilepsy Foundation and dedicated to ensuring not another moment lost to seizures.

NOT ANOTHER MOMENT LOST TO

SEIZURES...





THE EPILEPSIES

The epilepsies are one of the most common serious neurological disorders, affecting 40 to 50 million individuals worldwide.

Epilepsy is a general term for more than 20 different types of seizures. Seizures are produced by brief, temporary changes in the normal functioning of the brain's electrical system. The resulting seizures can produce strange sensations or perceptions, alter awareness, cause abnormal motions or postures and convulsions.

There are many types of epilepsies which vary in cause and type and severity. The epilepsies affect men, women and children of all races, ages and ethnicities. It is not contagious.

Besides affecting many facets of life, seizures can also cause injury and threaten the safety and well-being of the person affected.



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This photo caught one of the far too many moments that Jorge has lost to seizures in his short life.

OUR MISSION

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research...

...until noi another moment is lost for individuals like Jorge.



OUR PURPOSE AND PROGRAMS

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles offers the following programs and services.

SUPPORT/SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE SELF-ESTEEM, COMBAT ISOLATION, AND EMPOWER

- Epilepsy Teen Retreat
- Epilepsy Family Camp
- Winter Retreat for Adults
- Support-Education Groups, Adult Therapy Group, and connect parents and individuals in person, by phone, email and via online communities
- Seminars and referrals to help navigate challenges with insurance, school, respite care, SSI, driving, employment, etc.
- College scholarships
- Teen Opportunity Program
- Social events to connect families Epilepsy Freedom Walk, Family Picnic, Holiday Party & more

EDUCATION TO PROMOTE EARLY INTERVENTION AND SEIZURE FREEDOM AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF EPILEPSY

- Referrals to specialists
- Basic education about epilepsy
- Epilepsy Brain Storm Summit conference and other seminars to connect families with the experts
- Helpline for Healing & Hope and materials for new callers: 1.800.564.0445
- Information in Spanish
- Seizure Recognition and First Aid presentations in schools and in the community
- Brian Alan Sitomer Memorial Resource Center
- E-News; and Epilepsy News & Views newsletter
- Website www.EpilepsyFoundationGLA.org

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF EPILEPSY, AND ADVOCATE FOR RESEARCH AND SERVICES

- Advocate for individuals with epilepsy
- Participate in EPILEPSY CALIFORNIA www.EpilepsyCalifornia.org - the voice of people with epilepsy in California
- Inform and educate policy- and decisionmakers at the local, state and federal levels so they are aware of the needs of people with epilepsy
- Help 4 Heroes outreach and information to veterans with traumatic brain injury and epilepsy

CARE AND CURE TO CHANGE THE COURSE FOR CHILDREN WITH EPILEPSY

- Support and promote epilepsy research
- Support training and work of epilepsy specialists in our region
- Provide programs that care for and connect children with epilepsy and their families.



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 I want to join your member list and stay informed.
Name
Address
City, State & Zip
Phone ()
E-mail
More information about you. Parent of child with epilepsy. Adult with epilepsy.
Professional who cares for individuals with epilepsy.Other
More information about person with epilepsy and family members:
YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP
I want to support your programs/services.
☐ I want to volunteer and help. Please contact me.
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