



# HERE & NOW

## AT EPILEPSY FLORIDA

Dear Friends of Epilepsy Florida,

Our long-awaited Naples Walk the Talk for Epilepsy is just around the corner! Our final walk event for this year will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at North Collier Regional Park in Naples. We hope you can join us for this day of fun and community as we walk in unity to support those impacted by epilepsy.

Also, as we gear up for Epilepsy Awareness Month, we hope you'll mark your calendars for the many events we'll have taking place across the state in support of our mission. From client and family-focused dinners and lunch to a keto-inspired happy hour and tasting event to a symposium dedicated to seizure first aid and safety, there's a little bit of something for everyone.



*Sincerely,*

**Karen Basha Egozi**  
*President & CEO*  
*Epilepsy Florida*

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**Lace Up, Naples!**



Get your walking shoes ready! Epilepsy Florida will host its ninth annual Naples Walk the Talk for Epilepsy on Saturday, Nov. 2 at North Collier Regional Park in Naples. Registration will open at 8 a.m. and the walk will follow at 9 a.m.

The Naples Walk will feature family-friendly entertainment, including live music from Sarah Hadeka and Friends, appearances by the Florida Everbabes and Florida Everblades mascot Swampee, and more! On-site vendors will include: Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Family Support Village, Special Olympics, GL Homes, Daks Publishing Inc., Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida, Supernus Pharmaceuticals, LivaNova, Eisai, Sunovion, Greenwich Biosciences, Curaleaf, Aquestive Therapeutics, and NeuroPace, Inc.

Now through Oct. 2, registration is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 12 and younger); Oct. 3-31, registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children; day-of registration is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

[Register today!](#)

## November is Epilepsy Awareness Month – Let's Talk About It!

In honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month, Epilepsy Florida is hosting events in cities across the state in November and December. These events not only raise critical funds for our organization, but increase awareness about epilepsy to help support the 426,000 Floridians and their families affected by the disorder.

Save the date to join us at one (or more!) of these signature events:



# Let's Talk About It!

In celebration of Epilepsy Awareness Month, please join us for one of our signature "Let's Talk About It!" events to raise awareness for the 426,000 Floridians living with epilepsy.

**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
Client & Family  
Educational Dinner  
Friday, Nov. 8  
6 to 9 p.m.

**PENSACOLA**  
Keto & Vino Happy Hour  
Sunday, Nov. 10  
5 to 8 p.m.

**MIAMI**  
Client & Family  
Educational Dinner  
Wednesday, Nov. 13  
6 to 9 p.m.

**JACKSONVILLE**  
Client & Family  
Educational Lunch  
Saturday, Nov. 16  
11:30 a.m.

**STUART**  
Seizure Smart Symposium  
Saturday, Nov. 16  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**DAYTONA**  
Client & Family  
Educational Dinner  
Tuesday, Nov. 19  
6 to 9 p.m.

**MIAMI**  
Chefs Cook Keto  
Tasting Event  
Wednesday, Dec. 11  
6 to 9 p.m.



To purchase tickets, visit: [www.epilepsyfl.com/events](http://www.epilepsyfl.com/events)

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## Celebrate Your Birthday by Giving Back!

Did you know you can dedicate your birthday to support a



cause, like Epilepsy Florida, on Facebook?

Two weeks before your birthday, you will automatically see a message from Facebook in your news feed giving the option to create a fundraiser for your birthday. You can create a fundraiser for many U.S. nonprofits – including Epilepsy Florida! Once the fundraiser has been created, your friends will receive a notification inviting them to support the cause in honor of your special day.

[Learn more](#) about how you can make your birthday even more meaningful!

## Clayton Feig Legacy Fund – Faces of Epilepsy

*By: Justice Bartley*

My name is Justice Bartley and I am currently a graduate assistant on the men's basketball team at the University of Miami.

Thank you to Epilepsy Florida for giving me this platform to share my story. For those who do not know, epilepsy is a neurological disorder. So, it is a medical condition relating to the brain and central nervous system. A seizure occurs when the activity in the brain becomes abnormal. The cells discharge at once without purpose and depending on where it occurs in the brain can impact any part of your body. It can vary from losing control of your motor skills to losing sense of time or having lapses in memory.



No, you cannot swallow your tongue. No, they do not all look the same. Yes, it is treatable.

My journey began in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I was walking to my next class and I remember my body not feeling right. Something was off. The last thing I remember is grabbing my friend's shoulder before blacking out. The nurse told my mother that I had an asthma attack, but she was not convinced.

To read the rest of Justice's story, visit our [Faces of Epilepsy blog](#).

## Real Epilepsy Help: Here and Now

Here's a quick glance at our services provided in August 2019:



# AUGUST

## MEDICAL SERVICES

- 7 • Diagnostic Testing
- EEG
- 3 • MRI
- 36 • Lab Tests
- 14 • Initial Neurological Consultations
- 108 • Follow Up Consultations

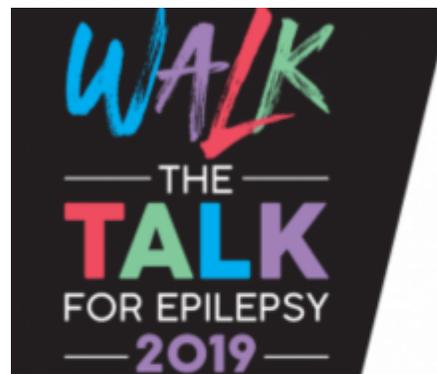
## SOCIAL SERVICES

- Active Clients 1,833
- Client Guidance 1,088 units
- New IPOC 36
- Annual Reviews 90
- Assistance with Medication Access 606
- Referrals Provided 413
- Support Groups Held 12

## Upcoming Events



**WIZARD OF OZ  
COSTUME PARTY  
ON THE FARM**  
OCT. 26 | INDIANTOWN



**NAPLES WALK THE  
TALK FOR EPILEPSY**  
NOV. 2 | NAPLES

NAPLES

SUPPORT  
**EPILEPSY FLORIDA**

No one can prepare for a seizure as it can happen at the most unexpected time. There are currently more than 426,000 individuals who suffer from epilepsy across Florida with more than 93,720 of those sufferers being children. Prevention and education can better prepare those impacted by the disease. Epilepsy Florida is here to help provide services and resources to those needing it most, and to those seeking more information.

Epilepsy Florida offers extensive and supportive services and programs to individuals, families, friends, and the community at large, including:

- Educational presentations
- Current epilepsy resources and information
- Medical services
- Support groups
- Sponsorship & Volunteer Opportunities
- Summer Camp
- Patient Navigation
- So much more!

To become a client and for more information about the organization, the individuals it serves, and the resources provided to those in need, visit [www.EpilepsyFL.com](http://www.EpilepsyFL.com) or call 1-877-553-7453.

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# Everyday

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