



Dear Friends of Epilepsy Florida,

As we turn the page on this past year (and decade!), I'm especially proud of the strides we've made – together.

I hope you know how grateful I am to work alongside you – our incredible donors, partners, volunteers, board of directors, and staff – to meet the needs of the 426,000 Floridians living with epilepsy and seizures across the state. Your support is an inspiration, each and every day, and fuels us forward in pursuit of our mission.

Best wishes for health and prosperity in this New Year!



Sincerely,

Karen Basha Egozi
President & CEO
Epilepsy Florida

A Tasty Success

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Chefs Cook Keto on Dec. 11 at CVLTVRA Restaurant in Miami! The event was a great success and went a long way in helping to raise epilepsy awareness and funds in support of Epilepsy Florida's mission.



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Help others as you achieve your financial goals with a planned gift to Epilepsy Florida!

A variety of assets and investment vehicles qualify as planned gifts, each offering unique benefits for you, including:

- Donate retirement assets
- Gifts of stocks and annuities
- Name Epilepsy Florida as beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy

“Planned gifts are the ultimate expression of your commitment and caring; an opportunity to invest in the shared vision of a world without epilepsy, where no one suffers seizures and everyone enjoys the freedom to

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participate fully in life. ”

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Curaleaf Pilot Program



Curaleaf has entered into a partnership with Epilepsy Florida to help cover costs for selected patients who have received a recommendation for medical cannabis treatment.

Curaleaf will donate \$4,500 to cover doctor visit costs, as well as provide Epilepsy Florida with \$5,500 vouchers to cover the medical cannabis costs of selected patients

for approximately three months. In addition, epilepsy t-shirts will be sold at Curaleaf dispensaries, with a portion of the sales proceeds benefiting Epilepsy Florida. The program will launch in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

Local School Fundraisers: Club Purple

Thank you to Club Purple for hosting a Spirit of Giving Day on Dec. 13 at Carrollton High School in Miami! The Club sold purple cupcakes and pens with all proceeds benefiting Epilepsy Florida!

Club Purple strives to raise awareness of epilepsy and the effect it has on those diagnosed with it. We are so proud of these teens, and thank them for their support!





Florida's #1 Epilepsy Ally – Since 1971!



Whether a person newly diagnosed with epilepsy, the parent of a child struggling with seizures, or the caregiver of a loved one without work because of their condition, Epilepsy Florida is committed to being the first call for anyone living with epilepsy. Epilepsy Florida provides support to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and access to resources and accelerated therapies designed to stop seizures and save lives. We have been here for you for almost 50 years!

If you or someone you know has questions or would like more information, call us toll-free at 1-877-55-EPILEPSY (1-877-553-7453) or visit www.epilepsyfl.com.

EFL Client Nominated for Miami Herald Wish Book



Client Marcelino Brown was recently nominated for the Miami Herald Wish Book by Mariela Cornell, his social service case manager at Epilepsy Florida.

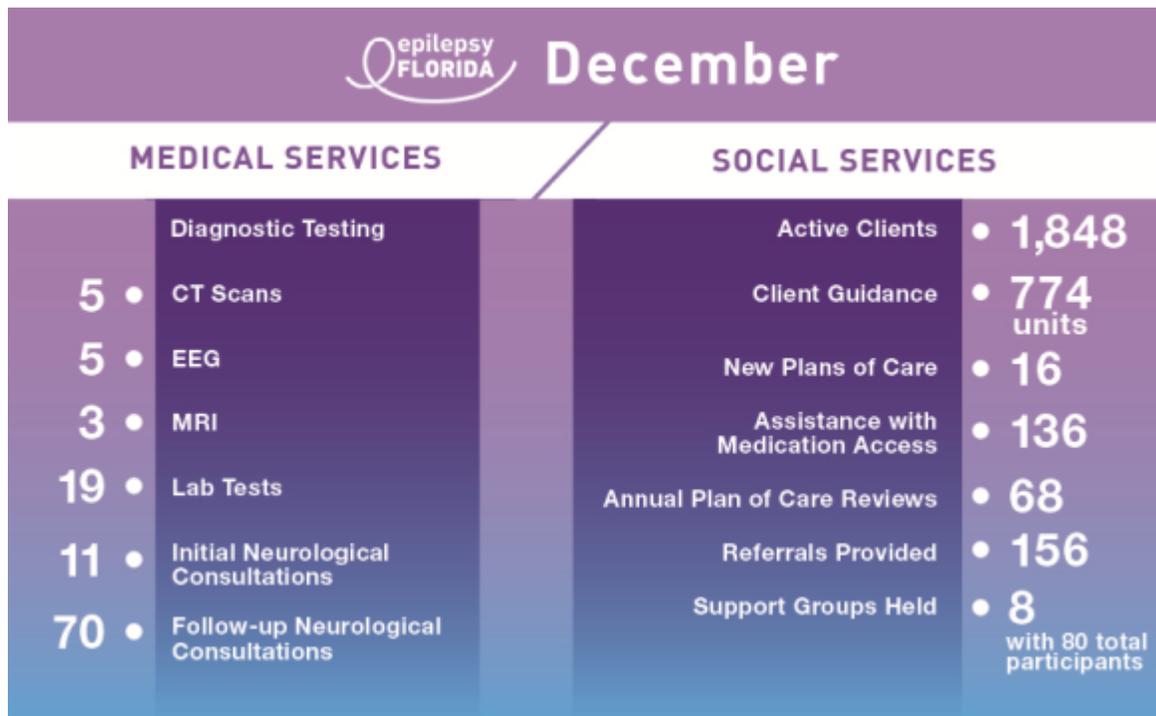
In 2012, Marcelino was diagnosed with post-traumatic epilepsy that originated years earlier when he was walking across the street and hit by a drunk driver. This unfortunate experience left him unemployed, uninsured, and rejected in his applications for disability and Medicaid. Thankfully, he lives with his brother, Jorge, who serves as his caretaker.

The Wish Book is a holiday fundraising drive by the Miami Herald that helps South Florida individuals in need. When asked why she nominated Marcelino, Mariela said, "Marcelino's health has deteriorated immensely, and we've seen the struggles and strains on his brother." Through this drive, Marcelino has asked for a donation to cover the December rent and utility bills to help relieve some of the financial pressure on his brother.

[Read the full story in the Miami Herald.](#)

Real Epilepsy Help: Here & Now

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



Do You Follow Us?

One of the easiest ways to show your support of Epilepsy Florida is by following us on social media! This is also a great way to keep up-to-date on all our latest news and happenings.



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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 or call 1-877-553-7453.

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