



MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

Purple Camp offers our campers a wide range of exciting and engaging activities including archery, swimming, sports, theater, arts & crafts, music, climbing tower, kayaks and paddle boards, campfire circle, talent show, boating, and games for kids and families throughout New England.

We hosted 321 children and family members at 17 different camps.



[Listen in as Nolan explains why he enjoys volunteering from the perspective of someone living with epilepsy.](#)



1.4 MILLION TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Epilepsy Foundation New England (EFNE) prides itself on a 40-year history of creating Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow for thousands of unique people living with epilepsy in our area. Over the past five years, we have shaped a model that provides people with highly customized strategies to meet their unique needs to improve their quality of life.

In 2022, EFNE was named one of 82 Federal Public Health Corps grantees in the US. The \$1.4 million dollar per year investment allows us to attract and train 56 Community Health Workers (CHWs) – most staffing novel Epilepsy Resource Rooms at hospitals. CHWs in Training provide education and information, help people get the care they need, give informal counseling and guidance on health behaviors, provide social supports and connectedness, advocate for individual and community health needs, facilitate peer support groups, link clients to community resources, and more. EFNE is proud of and grateful for our growing CHW in training Corps, magnifying our ability to support people with epilepsy on their journey with wrap-around support to build community, find connection, and get answers to reinforce, “You are not alone.”

Interested in becoming a Community Health Worker in training? [Apply here.](#)



PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

Epilepsy Foundation New England signed on 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.

Massachusetts Governor Baker signed the step therapy and patient safety bill into law November 1, 2022. This piece of legislation prioritizes patients and their safety. This protection law balances cost containment with patient needs. It will ensure access to groundbreaking treatments that help improve the quality of life for those suffering from illness and disease.

[Become an advocate today!](#)

raised through
walks, galas, DIY
events, and
concerts

**OVER
\$1.4
MILLION**



Bridging the Gap

There are 13 Resource Rooms located in MA and NH staffed by AmeriCorps Community Health Workers, allowing patients to access community services provided through EFNE. Resource Rooms provide a bridge between clinical care and all-encompassing support services to ensure quicker access to information on services and reduce negative factors that affect health and quality of life for patients and their families.



[Click here to meet Bruce Thompson, Community Health Worker at Rhode Island Hospital.](#)

Be in the Know

Keeping our community connected with the knowledge and resources they need means making sure all of those living with epilepsy in New England can access Educational Programs designed with students, parents, educators, and professionals in mind. Throughout the year, we host multiple educational conferences



[April Lane touches on EFNE's assistance in educating her son's school district on his rare form of epilepsy.](#)

Find Your Circle

We offer up to 56 groups for those of all ages and capabilities. Group connections have been shown to be a powerful force in helping people with epilepsy and caregivers. Our SHARE (Support, Hope, Advocacy, Resources, Educate) groups offer an excellent opportunity to connect, share, and learn.

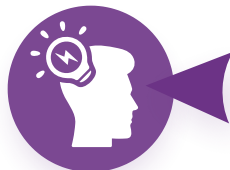


[Jennifer Cardillo shares how Groups and the Young Leaders Network have helped her daughter, Daphne.](#)



\$25,454

Emergency Aid
Grants Awarded



people with
epilepsy served
in MA, NH, ME,
VT, RI



25,000

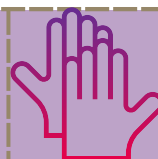


Joseph's Hope Scholarship Fund

Epilepsy Foundation New England's Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to people who live with epilepsy and are seeking post-secondary education or vocational training. We awarded Scholarships totaling \$26,000 in 2022.



[Dr. Frank Salituro shares how much the scholarship means to their family.](#)



2nd Annual Blue Skies Challenge

Our grant competition and pitch contest is back! The grant will be in three categories:

- Research in Epilepsy: Innovations in Diagnosis or Treatment
- Research in Epilepsy: Innovations to Improve Quality of Life
- Community Engagement: Bringing Our Community's Ideas to Life

In 2022, we awarded \$155,000 in grants to the local research community.

AMERICORPS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

We have deployed nearly 40 AmeriCorps members throughout our territory to become certified Community Health Workers (CHW). The CHW's are partnered with hospitals and clients to help navigate an epilepsy diagnosis, provide resources, and share our community of support.

[Get to know our Community Health Workers.](#)



kids and family
members
attended camp



321



2,100

people walked
to raise
awareness