



Summer Newsletter

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Welcome Message

Daniel Grzesik
Executive Director

We are thrilled to relaunch our quarterly newsletter, designed to keep you informed and inspired by the impact, events, and updates happening at the Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee. Whether you are a long-time supporter or newly connected to our mission, this newsletter is for you. It is a space to celebrate progress, share stories, and to spotlight the incredible community that makes our work possible.

Since joining the Foundation last fall, Lee and I have felt deeply welcomed by your kindness and enthusiasm for the future. Your support has made all the difference as we jumped right in to continue the important work already underway. As we look ahead, your input will be essential in shaping initiatives and programs that reflect the needs and interests of our community. We commit to asking hard questions and to strategically building our services and presence within the community, but we need you to stay engaged. Don't forget to share your feedback in any form—we would love to hear your thoughts!

We also want to take a moment to celebrate a major milestone: the passing of SB 344 in the Tennessee State legislature. This legislation brings us closer to achieving a full Seizure Safe Schools Designation and will help ensure that children living with epilepsy have safer, more supportive learning environments.

Thank you for being part of this journey—we are excited for what's ahead and grateful to have you with us.

Torchbearers

Our Recurring Giving Program

The Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee is dedicated to advocacy and awareness, symbolized by

our flame-like logo that represents our mission to illuminate the path for those affected by epilepsy. As we approach our 50th Anniversary in 2027, we invite you to become a recurring donor and join our Torchbearers, whose consistent support empowers individuals facing the challenges of epilepsy. Your contributions help fund essential programs like our Prescription Assistance, ensuring access to life-changing medications and support.

Your participation as a Torchbearer will help us illuminate the path to awareness and understanding in our communities throughout Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia. Join us in our mission to improve the lives of people living with epilepsy. Make a lasting difference today by [becoming a Torchbearer](#).

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Our Torchbearers
serve as a
guiding light for
others to help
them find a path
forward.
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Upcoming Events

Scraped Knees Premiere

August 16, 2025

Join us to celebrate the premiere showing of Scraped Knees. We will have a table set up to support Christy and James!

"Scraped Knees unveils the raw unfiltered daily life of Christy Howard, a woman determined to rise above her epilepsy diagnosis. With unwavering determination and grit, Christy takes on the Herculean task of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro."

Tickets \$30



United Way Day of Caring

September 19, 2025

Volunteer with Signal Centers with others in our community! Lunch and t-shirt provided. Sign up by 9:00 AM Sept. 15th

[Sign up here!](#)

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Walk for Epilepsy

November 8, 2025

Our annual awareness walk will feature local vendors, organizations and resources as we walk along the Tennessee River.

Staff Intros

Daniel Grzesik

Executive Director

Danny traded in life on the subways, real bagels, and the soothing noises of planes, trains, and automobiles when he moved down from NYC to work at UTC in Dec 2014. He has loved his time being actively engaged in the Chattanooga Community. He was inspired to join the Foundation based on its' vision and possibilities.



Lee Grisham

Director of Outreach and Development

Lee has been a nonprofit professional for over ten years working with a variety of organizations. His goal is to ensure that those affected by epilepsy have the resources and community they need in order to live a fulfilled life. Having grown up in Cleveland, he is committed to making a difference in his community.



Strike Out Epilepsy

On June 25th, we came together for our annual Strike Out Epilepsy event at AT&T Stadium. The Chattanooga Lookouts were up against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. We had around 100 friends, family, sponsors, board members and staff attend the game to cheer on the Lookouts.



We would like to thank our sponsors for helping us put on this event. Thank you to Scenic Community Credit Union, NeuroPace, and Neurelis!

It was a very warm evening, but we would like to thank everyone for coming out and hope you all had a great time! It will be our last event at AT&T Field as the new Erlanger Park will be open next year.





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