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In Kansas City, look for Resolution Reuse boxes around town and deposit clothes, belts and shoes. Resolution Reuse will contribute four cents to the Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri & Kansas for every pound of used goods placed in the boxes – clothes, belts and shoes ONLY.

The EFMK St. Louis Office has moved to:

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[How Seizure Medications Work](#)

by Julie A. Murphy, PharmD, BCPS

Seizures happen when neurons fire abnormally and there is a breakdown of the processes that would normally block this abnormal firing. The excitability can spread locally (focal seizure) or widely (generalized seizure). The symptoms that a patient experiences are determined by the origin of the seizure (focal versus generalized).

[Executive Review](#)

by Darla Templeton

The Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri & Kansas is very excited about a new partnership with the Missouri Pharmacy Association to bring an awareness campaign to Missourians about switching epilepsy medication. We know that epilepsy medication is sensitive to manage from a pharmacological standpoint. With antiepileptic drugs, efficacy and tolerance must be carefully balanced. Caution must be observed when moving between brand and generic medications and between generic and generic medications. Changing can lead to loss of seizure control.

[Take Me Out to the Ball Game](#)

On Sunday, May 27, fifteen young people with epilepsy and their family members were wowed by a first-inning Yadier Molina grand slam. The occasion was the annual Jonathan Levy Take Me Out to the Ball Game memorial celebration at Busch Stadium.

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Louis, MO 63119

New phone numbers:

314.781.4949 fax –

314.781.4907

Our toll free number
remains: **800.264.6970**



Reflections on Kids Speak Up! 2012

by Denise Cross

From the moment we arrived until the time that we boarded the plane home, we were surrounded with support. *Kids Speak Up* was a unique opportunity for my daughter and me to meet people of all ages living successful and happy lives with epilepsy. For a few days, epilepsy was important. It was the topic of discussion. It was the norm. The feeling of being with others sharing your struggles and talking about it openly was, in my daughter's words, "just amazing."



(From left) EFMK Kansas City Program Director Danielle Walk, St. Louisans Denise Cross and Erin Bowe, Sara Stubblefield Advocacy Award recipient Ryan Dillon, and EFMK Kansas City Community Relations and Development Director Joni Miller

Did you know that **15,073** children
in St Louis City and County have epilepsy?



JUNE 16, 2012

Kirkwood Train Station
110 W. Argonne Dr, Kirkwood, MO 63122
7:30AM

Seize the day with us

Come as an individual or come as a group
Family Fun, Food & Entertainment

Call **314-781-4949** or Register at seizetheday.kintera.org

Proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation.

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Mission

The Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri & Kansas leads the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy.

EFMK provides services to people with seizures, their families and the community in Missouri & Kansas.

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