## MY EPILEPSY STORY

We Empower Women & Girls Living with Epilepsy



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### **OUR STORY:**

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My Epilepsy Story (MES) is an international 501C3 nonprofit for Women and Girls diagnosed with epilepsy as well as the children that are impacted by their mother's epilepsy. Women and girls are the most vulnerable members of society. When a woman or girl is diagnosed with epilepsy their vulnerability increases. MES is the ONLY epilepsy organization that solely focuses on women and girls diagnosed with epilepsy across the world. The focus of MES is to 1) Advocate for better treatment options, 2) Fund cutting-edge epilepsy Research, and 3) Educate the community about women's health issues related to women and girls living with epilepsy. "*Epilepsy is NOT beyond a cure, it is simple UNDERFUNDED.*"

~Brandy Parker-McFadden, Executive Director/Founder of My Epilepsy Story

### **MES TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM:**

Women living with epilepsy are faced with the challenge that they may be unable to drive. This restriction has a major impact on their lives and families as everyday tasks like transportation to and from work, doctors visits, grocery stores, and taking children to school is no longer an option. Our MES transportation program provides financial assistance and empowers women to be able to lead independent lives while living with epilepsy. The average annual estimated cost is \$1600 per woman.

### CORPORATE PARTNERS:

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### FACTS:

Epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures. 1 in 26 people are diagnosed with epilepsy. 50% AVE WOMEN

#### **DONOR OPPORTUNITIES:**

Join with us to **"Bridge the Gap"** for Women and Girls living with epilepsy.

#### SHARE YOUR EPILEPSY STORY:

Epilepsy affects over **3 million Americans and 50 million people worldwide**. Share your story and change the tide for epilepsy awareness and epilepsy research.

Share Your Story or Donate today at: www.MyEpilepsyStory.org

### KIMFORD J. MEADOR RESEARCH IN WOMEN WITH EPILEPSY AWARD:

The Kimford J. Meador Research in Women with Epilepsy Award funds research in the area of women's health in epilepsy. This award is for young investigators to encourage them to continue to do valuable research in women's health in epilepsy.

Women with epilepsy have more to consider including; the impact of hormones on seizures, choosing safe anti-seizure medications during pregnancy, menopause, and bone health.

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