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## **Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ 2016 Continues to Raise Awareness and Funding**

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(Southfield) – For the 25<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan continues to raise vital funding and promote epilepsy awareness with their Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™.

This event is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, with over 2,000 people gathering in Midland, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Metro Detroit for inspirational morning walks that bring people together throughout Michigan. There is even a Virtual Stroll for those people who want to participate, but can't make it to one of the five locations.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will be kicking off the summer season with the Midland Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dow Diamond. Check-in will begin at 8:00 am. The pre-registration fee is \$25 and \$15 for children. The morning includes breakfast, face-painting, choose-your-own-raffle, prizes, music, a walk throughout downtown Midland, and more fun activities.

"This event is at the core of what we do," said Arlene Gorelick, President of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "The money raised at the Strolls funds our programs, allowing us to fulfill our mission throughout Michigan year-round. The awareness raised and sense of community that the event promotes does even more to combat the stigma associated with epilepsy and show people that we are here for them.

In 2015, the Strolls raised approximately \$260,000, allowing us to be there for people when they need us most. "It's great, because you can get started early and really make an impact in your community," said Gorelick. "We have prizes and recognition for the top fundraisers in each market."

For more information on the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan or to register for any of the Summer Strolls, log onto [www.epilepsymichigan.org/stroll](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org/stroll) or call 1-800-377-6226 ext. 1231.

*About the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan: Established in 1948, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is an independently incorporated affiliate of the national Epilepsy Foundation, providing education and consultation services, public awareness, camp programs, support services, advocacy, and employment guidance for people with epilepsy, their families and the general public. We have offices in Southfield and Grand Rapids. For more information, log onto [www.epilepsymichigan.org](http://www.epilepsymichigan.org) or call 1-800-277-6226.*

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