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Capital Area United Way Awards Grant to Epilepsy Alliance of Louisiana

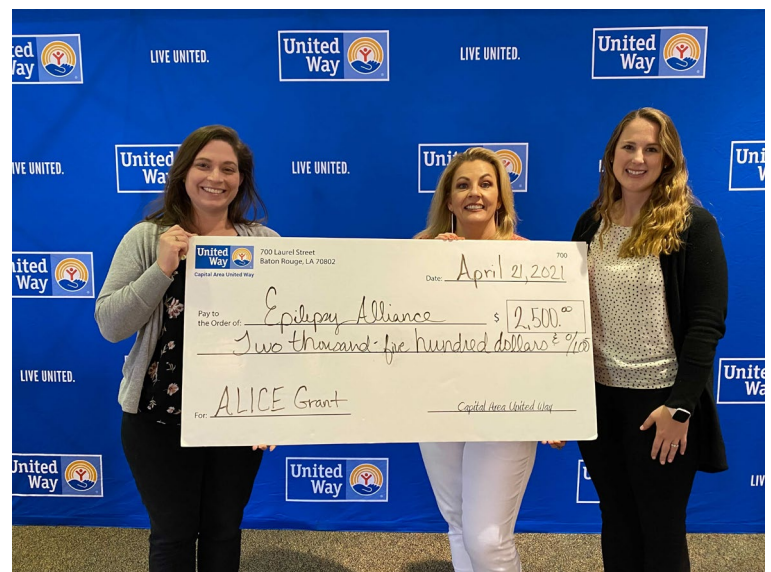
Baton Rouge, La. (May 26, 2021) – Capital Area United Way awarded Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana with a \$2,500 grant for their Support of Families with Children of Epilepsy program. This funding is part of the ALICE Grant Funding Opportunity that awarded \$409,000 to 21 nonprofits in the Capital area.

The funds will be used to purchase Embrace 2 watches, an FDA-cleared seizure monitoring device that can send an alert whenever someone is having a seizure. These devices will greatly reduce anxiety and stress of families that are concerned about Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), which kills 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy each year. The watches will allow children with epilepsy to have greater autonomy, and they also will act as a useful diagnostic tool for providers to ensure accurate and detailed seizure logs. Each watch costs about \$250, and the funding will assist ten families.

ALICE Grants seek to address the barriers experienced by the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population, specifically the following head of household types: seniors over 65; veterans; families/individuals with children aged 0-5; ALICE households due to COVID-related unemployment.

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Epilepsy Alliance of Louisiana Photo 1: Amanda Mitchell, Executive Director, Epilepsy Alliance of Louisiana; Krisi Kron, Community Impact Manager, Capital Area United Way; Edy Addison, Director of Impact and Initiatives, Capital Area United Way



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