

What is R.A.R.A.?

Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1974.

It is governed by a Board of Directors who are all Royal Arch Masons. The Board consists of the General Grand High Priest, who serves as the President, the General Grand King, who serves as the Vice President, the General Grand Scribe, the General Grand Secretary, and three other Royal Arch Masons who are appointed by the General Grand High Priest. The Secretary of the Board receives all contributions, keeps records, and sends out receipts, certificates and awards. The Treasurer writes the checks and disburses the funds to our selected charities.

Through greater visibility to the membership and the general public, the hope is to generate greater commitment to this great cause and to promote Royal Arch Masonry.

There are several ways to donate. You can make in person donations to your chapters, your State Director, your Grand Officers or the General Grand Officers, or if you prefer use the donation form on the back of this brochure, or on our website and mail it in along with your check. And now you can donate online using your credit card. Just go to the GGCRAMI website and click on the RARA tab. Go to the bottom of the page and click on the link then follow the directions.

Make checks payable to: Royal Arch Research Assistance

Enclosed is my check in support of CAPD
Research in the amount of \$ _____

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My Grand Chapter is in the State of:

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Royal Arch Research Assistance

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What is Central Auditory Processing Disorder?

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with normal hearing.

When a sound occurs, the sound is taken into the inner ear and delivered to the brain and the brain translates what is being heard. When a person is deaf, the part of the ear that delivers the sound to the brain does not function.

When a person has Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD), the part of the brain that translates what the ear delivers does not function properly. The person with CAPD can hear sounds, but how the brain translates the sound is incorrect, and the end result is a garbled message.

People who have CAPD have normal hearing, so they are not considered hearing impaired. The neurological processing of the sounds they hear is impaired, which is why it's called a processing disorder.

Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem, and Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) contributions support these efforts.

What is our Commitment?

The R.A.R.A. Board of Directors is committed to identifying and supporting those scientists who are searching for the cause, treatment regimens, and eventually a cure for CAPD. Currently, R.A.R.A. provides support for CAPD research to the following:

- Hearing Health Foundation
- Autism Speaks

Hearing Health Foundation

Prevention | Research | Cure



The Hearing Health Foundation (HHF), New York City. The R.A.R.A. Board has funded grants to HHF which have been used to fund over 42 research starter grants to new investigators (M.D.'s or Ph.D.'s) for CAPD research.



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Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

We do this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions. 85% of Autistic people are also challenged with CAPD. R.A.R.A. funds research into the connection between CAPD and Autism.

Royal Arch Masons can participate in more than 90 "walks" around the country, challenging greater contributions and making Royal Arch Masons more visible as working for the good of the community.

R.A.R.A. Recognition Awards

Organizations:

Certificates are designed for contributions of \$100, \$250, and \$500.

Individuals:

Keystone Club Bronze Pin—\$100

Keystone Club Silver Pin—\$300

Keystone Club Gold Pin—\$500

The following can be cumulative

RARA Diamond Pin—\$1000

Keystone Club Badge—\$2,500

RARA Badge—\$5,000

Individuals or Organizations:

Royal Arch Award—\$15,000

Ark of the Covenant Award—\$50,000