



ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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Advancing Research. Changing Lives.



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Washington, D.C. | August 31st, 2026





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R.A.R.A. TURNS MASONIC PHILANTHROPY INTO SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

Royal Arch Research Assistance supports carefully evaluated scientific research focused on Central Auditory Processing Disorder and related auditory challenges.

Through partnerships with leading research organizations, R.A.R.A. helps provide promising investigators with the funding needed to explore new questions, develop evidence, and advance the field.

OUR PURPOSE IS RESEARCH —
NOT DIRECT CLINICAL TREATMENT.





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HEARING SOUND IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME AS UNDERSTANDING IT

Central Auditory Processing Disorder, or CAPD, affects how **the brain recognizes and interprets sound**.

A person may hear normally but still have difficulty:

- Understanding speech in noisy environments
- Distinguishing similar sounds
- Following complex verbal directions
- Remembering information presented orally
- Identifying where a sound originated



These challenges can affect learning, communication, relationships, and everyday life.





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CAPD STILL PRESENTS IMPORTANT UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

— RESEARCH PRIORITIES —

01

RECOGNITION AND DIAGNOSIS

Improving how CAPD is identified and evaluated

02

NEUROLOGICAL MECHANISMS

Understanding how the brain processes auditory information

03

AUDITORY PROCESSING, LANGUAGE & LEARNING

Exploring how these systems interact

04

EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

Determining which approaches produce meaningful results

05

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

Understanding effects across childhood and adulthood

RESEARCH CREATES THE FOUNDATION FOR **BETTER RECOGNITION, BETTER
TOOLS, AND BETTER OUTCOMES.**



ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

MORE THAN FIVE DECADES OF COMMITMENT

A VISION FIRST PRESENTED IN 1972 CONTINUES TODAY



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 273, do hereby certify as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is
Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc.



1972

THE VISION

The concept that became R.A.R.A. was proposed during the Triennial meeting in Las Vegas.

1974

THE FOUNDATION

Royal Arch Research Assistance was incorporated in Kentucky as a nonprofit charitable foundation.

2011

A NEW ERA

R.A.R.A. began a major period of support for emerging researchers and collaboration with Autism Speaks.

2016

INVESTING IN SCIENTISTS

The first Royal Arch Masons Fellowship was announced.

TODAY

THE MISSION CONTINUES

R.A.R.A. continues funding scientific research and developing the next generation of investigators in the field.





ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

— HOW R.A.R.A. OPERATES —

R.A.R.A. CONNECTS MASONIC SUPPORT WITH VETTED RESEARCH



R.A.R.A. DOES NOT DIRECTLY FUND INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL CARE,
HOSPITALS, OR TREATMENT CENTERS.



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RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS HELP R.A.R.A. FUND STRONG SCIENCE

Hearing
Health
Foundation

Prevention | Research | Cure



HEARING HEALTH FOUNDATION

R.A.R.A. has supported auditory research through its partnership with Hearing Health Foundation, helping promising investigators begin and expand important scientific work.



RARA COMMITTED TO DONATING \$130,000.00 TO THE
HENRY M. JACKSON FOUNDATION OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS



AUTISM SPEAKS

SINCE 2011, R.A.R.A. has pledged more than **\$1 MILLION** through its work with Autism Speaks, supporting research where auditory processing and autism-related challenges intersect.

PARTNERSHIP ALLOWS R.A.R.A. TO COMBINE
MASONIC GENEROSITY WITH ESTABLISHED
SCIENTIFIC REVIEW AND RESEARCH NETWORKS.





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— THE SCALE OF R.A.R.A.'S COMMITMENT —

APPROXIMATELY \$500,000
SUPPORTS RESEARCH EACH YEAR

APPROXIMATELY
\$500,000

FUNDED ANNUALLY
FOR CAPD-RELATED RESEARCH



MORE THAN

50

EMERGING SCIENTISTS
SUPPORTED SINCE 2011



MORE THAN

\$1 MILLION

PLEDGED THROUGH AUTISM SPEAKS
SINCE 2011



2.9 MILLION

AWARDED TO
HEARING HEALTH FOUNDATION





ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

— PARTNERSHIP MULTIPLIES IMPACT —

\$2.9 MILLION REPORTEDLY HELPED LEVERAGE \$56.1 MILLION

\$2.9M



R.A.R.A.
SUPPORT

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REPORTED FEDERAL
FUNDING LEVERAGE

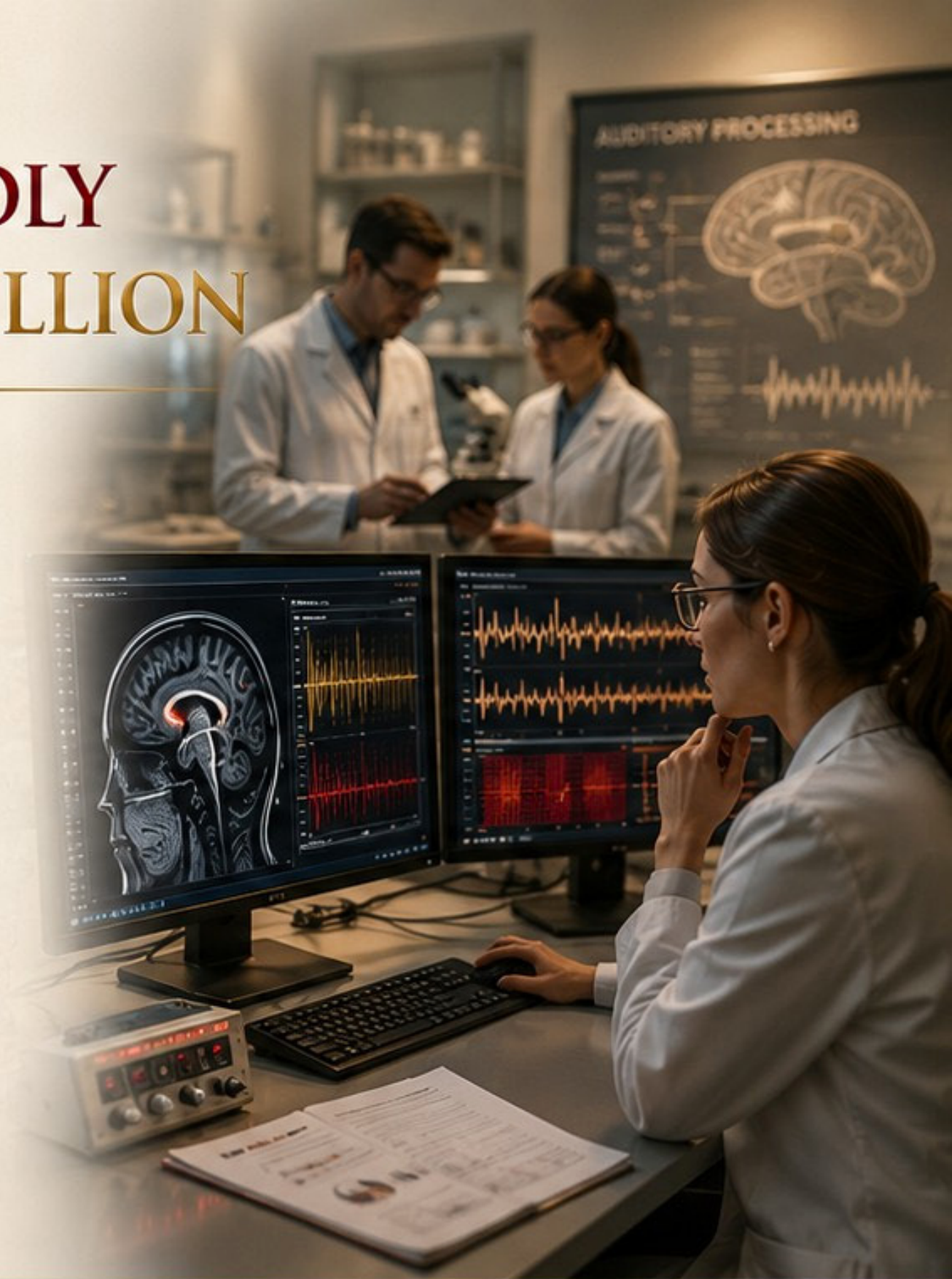
For every \$1 of R.A.R.A. funding,
approximately **\$32** in additional
federal funding has been reported.

\$56.1M



SUBSEQUENT OR
MATCHING RESEARCH
FUNDING

R.A.R.A.'s support
provided through
Hearing Health
Foundation has
reportedly helped
researchers secure
approximately
\$56.1 million
in subsequent
or matching
research funding.



EARLY SUPPORT CAN HELP RESEARCHERS ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY,
GENERATE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS, AND COMPETE FOR
SIGNIFICANTLY **LARGER GRANTS.**



ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

— INVESTING IN EMERGING SCIENTISTS —

TODAY'S EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHERS BECOME TOMORROW'S SCIENTIFIC LEADERS

50+

EMERGING SCIENTISTS SUPPORTED SINCE 2011

Since 2011, R.A.R.A. has helped support
more than 50 emerging scientists
working in CAPD and related fields.



FIRST ROYAL ARCH MASONS
FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCED

EARLY-CAREER SUPPORT
CAN HELP RESEARCHERS:

- 01 **ESTABLISH**
Independent research programs
- 02 **DISCOVER**
Produce preliminary findings
- 03 **PUBLISH**
Important scientific work
- 04 **COMPETE**
Pursue larger research grants
- 05 **CONTINUE**
Build careers in auditory science



EARLY SUPPORT INVESTS IN POTENTIAL. TOMORROW'S DISCOVERIES CHANGE LIVES.



EVERY RESEARCH QUESTION BEGINS WITH A HUMAN CHALLENGE

For individuals experiencing auditory-processing difficulties, ordinary environments can become exhausting and confusing:



OVERLAPPING VOICES

A classroom filled with competing speech



RAPID INSTRUCTIONS

Important information delivered quickly



BUSY CONVERSATIONS

Restaurants and public spaces



SIMILAR SOUNDS

Words that can be difficult to distinguish



SPOKEN INFORMATION

Details that can be difficult to retain

CLASSROOM
DISCUSSION

TEACHER'S VOICE

NEARBY
CONVERSATION

AMBIENT NOISE

R.A.R.A. FUNDS THE SCIENCE NEEDED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THESE EXPERIENCES
AND BUILD A STRONGER FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SOLUTIONS.





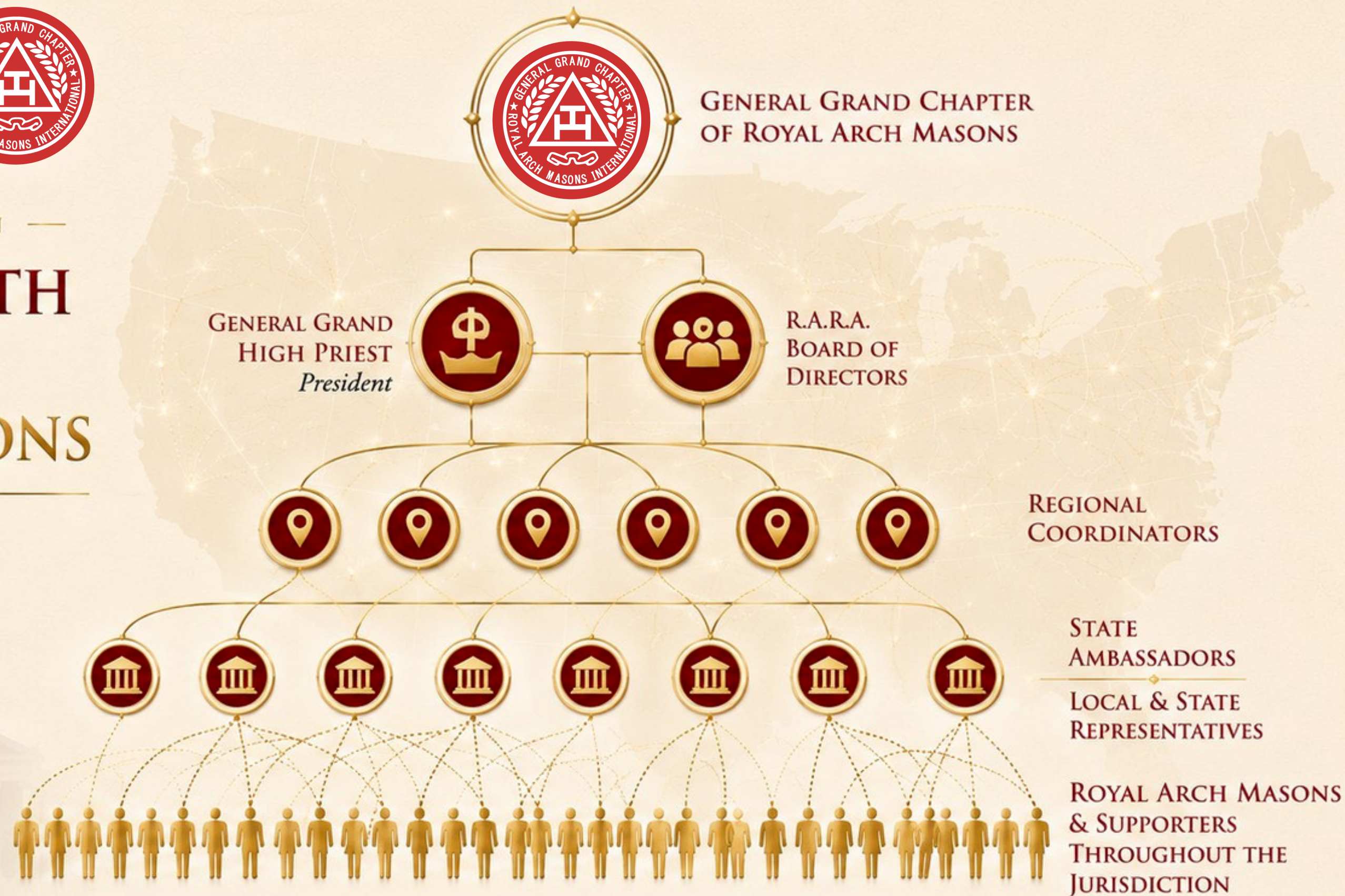
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— A NATIONAL NETWORK SUPPORTS THE MISSION —

R.A.R.A.'S STRENGTH BEGINS WITH ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES



A Companion's true greatness is not what he has, but the good he would do in this world with what he gives.

Display your support for the Royal Arch Research Assistance with a pin or badge,
and "May your charity increase as much as your wealth."

DONOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Because we appreciate your generosity, appropriate
lapel pins and plaques are awarded based on
cumulative totals. You can make a difference.
Support your charity.



AWARD LEVELS

Donations can be cumulative during the CURRENT TRIENNIAL.
If it is not indicated on your donation form, no certificate or pin will be sent.

FOR INDIVIDUALS

	GIFT FOR A GIFT MUSIC CD	\$500
	KEYSTONE BRONZE PIN	\$100
	KEYSTONE SILVER PIN	\$300
	KEYSTONE GOLD PIN	\$500
	R.A.R.A. DIAMOND PIN	\$1,000
	KEYSTONE BADGE	\$2,500
	R.A.R.A. BADGE	\$5,000
	ROYAL ARCH AWARD	\$15,000
	ARK OF THE COVENANT AWARD	\$50,000

FOR CHAPTERS

RED CERTIFICATE	\$100
SILVER CERTIFICATE	\$250
GOLD CERTIFICATE	\$500
100% CERTIFICATE	\$5 / MEMBER

*Stewarding resources today
to advance discovery tomorrow.*



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RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES



Your generosity fuels our mission. The following reflects the number of awards and recognitions issued during the **CURRENT TRIENNIAL**.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS ISSUED

	RED CERTIFICATES	93
	SILVER CERTIFICATES	62
	GOLD CERTIFICATES	75
	100% CERTIFICATES	38
	BRONZE KEYSTONE PINS	143
	SILVER KEYSTONE PINS	41

	GOLD KEYSTONE PINS	48
	R.A.R.A. DIAMOND PINS	66
	KEYSTONE BADGES	44
	R.A.R.A. BADGES	11
	GIFT FOR A GIFT MUSIC CD	2
	R.A.R.A. ROYAL ARCH AWARD	2



Thank you to our generous donors and chapters for advancing research and changing lives.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

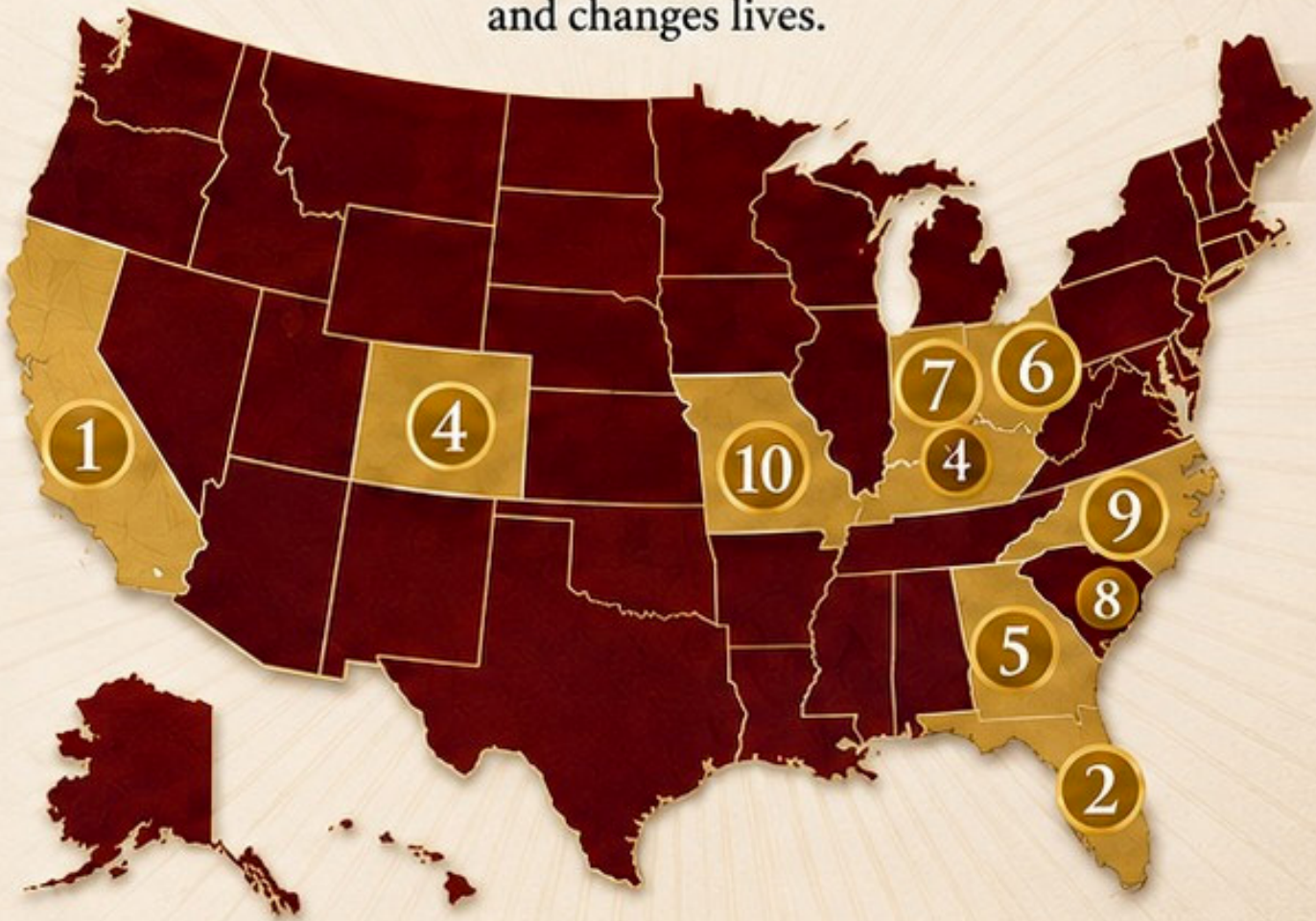
TOP 10 STATE DONORS

CUMULATIVE DONATIONS DURING THE CURRENT TRIENNIAL



1	CALIFORNIA	\$ 1,008,514.30
2	FLORIDA	\$ 905,145.33
3	KENTUCKY	\$ 705,893.48
4	COLORADO	\$ 691,656.39
5	GEORGIA	\$ 650,812.07
6	OHIO	\$ 488,084.01
7	INDIANA	\$ 444,019.27
8	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 297,945.25
9	NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 261,778.01
10	MISSOURI	\$ 231,966.67

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GENEROUS PARTNERS
Your support advances research
and changes lives.



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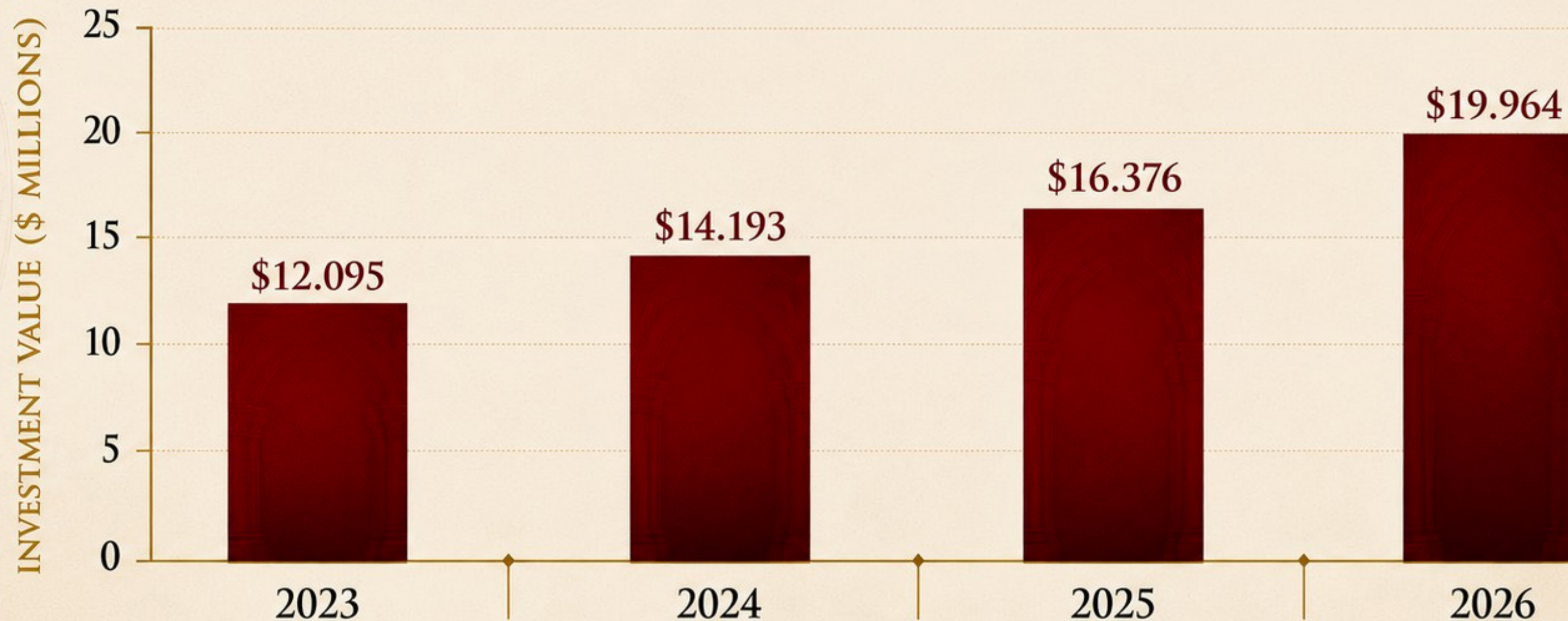


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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

R.A.R.A. TRIENNIAL 2023–2026

INVESTMENT GROWTH



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

R.A.R.A. FINANCIAL SUMMARY



RESEARCH FUNDING DISTRIBUTIONS

By fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.



2023–2024

\$383,860



2024–2025

\$250,000



2025–2026

\$378,940

SUPPORTING VETTED RESEARCH.
ADVANCING DISCOVERY.



INVESTMENTS AND STRATEGIES

(Morgan Stanley)

a.	January 1, 2023	\$12,095,028
b.	January 1, 2024	\$14,193,643
c.	January 1, 2025	\$16,376,812
d.	January 1, 2026	\$17,834,845
e.	June 30, 2026	\$19,964,212

PRUDENT STEWARDSHIP.
STRONGER TOMORROW.

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— MAKING THE MISSION EASIER TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE —

A RENEWED DIGITAL PRESENCE IS EXPANDING R.A.R.A.'S REACH

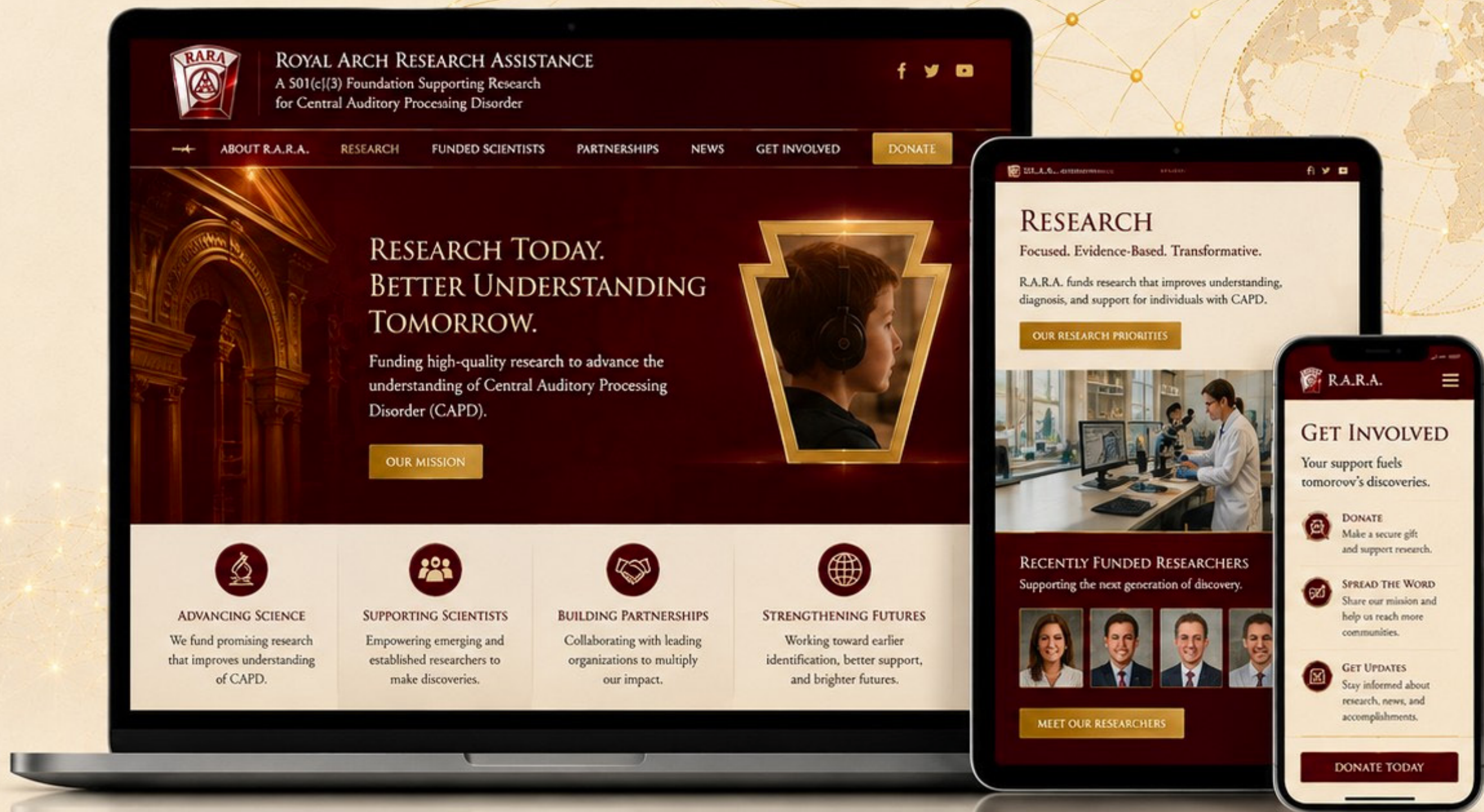
The redesigned R.A.R.A. website provides a clearer and more engaging way to explore the organization's **MISSION, RESEARCH, PEOPLE, AND IMPACT.**

EXPLORE R.A.R.A.

- MISSION & HISTORY
- RESEARCH FOCUS
- SCIENTIFIC PARTNERSHIPS
- FUNDED RESEARCHERS
- NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- LEADERSHIP & REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK
- OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE MISSION



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— CURRENT-PERIOD UPDATE —

THE WORK CONTINUES

A CURRENT SNAPSHOT OF RESEARCH, OUTREACH, AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRESS

01

RESEARCH



6+

RESEARCH GRANTS OR
FELLOWSHIPS APPROVED



\$1,030,000.00

COMMITTED DURING
THE CURRENT PERIOD



HENRY M.
JACKSON FOUNDATION
[PARTNER /
PROGRAM UPDATE]



02

OUTREACH



49

ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING



NEW AMBASSADORS,
COORDINATORS, OR
REPRESENTATIVES



PRESENTATIONS, EVENTS,
OR OUTREACH ACTIVITY



03

ORGANIZATIONAL
PROGRESS



WEBSITE REDESIGN
AND EXPANDED
RESEARCH
COMMUNICATIONS



NEW EDUCATIONAL
OR PROMOTIONAL
MATERIALS / INITIATIVES



RESEARCH ADVANCES.

OUR NETWORK GROWS.

THE MISSION MOVES FORWARD.



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THE NEXT CHAPTER
OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY
IS TO **EXPAND**
AWARENESS AND
RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 01 • SUSTAIN RESEARCH FUNDING
- 02 • STRENGTHEN SCIENTIFIC PARTNERSHIPS
- 03 • SUPPORT EMERGING RESEARCHERS
- 04 • EXPAND CAPD AWARENESS
- 05 • EQUIP OUR REPRESENTATIVES
- 06 • INSPIRE BROADER PARTICIPATION

TOGETHER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS CAN CONTINUE
BUILDING A **LEGACY OF DISCOVERY** THAT REACHES
FAR BEYOND THE WALLS OF OUR CHAPTERS.



R.A.R.A.
FUNDING RESEARCH.
FINDING ANSWERS.
CHANGING LIVES.



ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

HELP CARRY THE MISSION FORWARD

LEARN MORE. • SHARE THE STORY. • SUPPORT THE RESEARCH.

— LEARN MORE & SUPPORT THE MISSION —
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