



INFORMATION SERIES

Are there resources for financial assistance to purchase hearing aids?

The resources listed below have been identified as offering assistance for the purchase of hearing aids. Contact them directly for additional information and eligibility criteria. Inclusion on this list does not constitute endorsement of these products and exclusion does not imply disapproval. Please forward additions, corrections or deletions to the CDHH office.

SHRINERS HEARING AID ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL

- Contact Sue Bowering (401) 444-4757 or www.rhodeislandhospital.org
- Must have hearing test at RI Hospital Hearing & Speech Center
- Covers Hearing Aids & Ear Molds
- Infants to age 19 year old

LOANER SYSTEMS AT RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

- Contact Al Lake (401) 243-1021, email alake@rideaf.net or visit www.rideaf.net
- For school age children only

THE GIFT OF HEARING PROGRAM AT OSCIL

- Contact Melissa Rosenberg (401) 738-1013, ext. 15, email melissa.rosenberg@oscil.org or visit www.oscil.org
- Collaboration with URI and HLA-RI
- Recycled hearing aid program
- New hearing aid (no frills)

HEAR NOW PROGRAM AT STARKEY HEARING FOUNDATION

- Contact Joanita Shelter (800) 648-4327, email nonprofit@starkey.com or visit www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org
- Has recycled hearing aid program
- Will purchase new hearing aids for low income of any age.

AUDIENT ALLIANCE

- Contact (866) 956-5400, email hear@epichearing.com or visit www.audientalliance.org
- Program developed by SightLife formerly Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing

BETTER HEARING INSTITUTE

- Contact (202) 449-1100 or visit www.betterhearing.org

CHILDREN OF THE SILENT WORLD

- Visit www.metroevents.com/silent
- Assists low-income children with purchasing hearing aids.

DISABLED CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

- Contact (516) 377-1605 or visit www.dcrf.com
- Provides assistance to families of children with disabilities, with preference for children with physical disabilities and little or no health insurance.

DOROTHY AMES TRUST FUND

- Contact Christine L. Cook, (207) 623-5527
- Assists children in New England states with hearing aids and assistive technology.

EASTER SEALS

- Contact (800)-221-6827 or visit www.easter-seals.org
- Over 400 local service centers with varying services; some assist low-income adults and children with hearing aids and other rehabilitative devices.

FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT & SOUND

- Contact (631) 366-3461, email info@foundationforsightandsound.org or visit www.foundationforsightandsound.org/projects.html
- The Foundation for Sight & Sound has partnered with EarQ Group to provide hearing aids to individuals with limited financial resources.

HELP KIDS HEAR.ORG

- Email info@helpkidshear.org or visit www.helpkidshear.org/index.html
- Founded by parents of hard of hearing kids and is dedicated to helping parents find the information and resources they need in dealing with a deaf/hard of hearing (DHH) child.

HIKE FUND, INC.

- Contact Hike Board Executive Secretary (352) 688-2579, email ceterrill1@aol.com or visit www.thehikefund.org
- Provides low-income children from birth up to the age of twenty years with hearing aids and assistive devices. (Supported by Job's Daughters International)

HOPE FOR HEARING FOUNDATION AND HEARING AID BANK

(has moved to JOHN TRACY CLINIC)

- Contact (800) 522-4582 or visit www.jtc.org
- Offers hope, guidance and encouragement to families of infants and preschool children with hearing losses by providing free, parent-centered services worldwide.

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

- Visit www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear.shtml
- Assists low income individuals with purchasing hearing aids.

MIRACLE EAR CHILDREN'S FUND

- Contact (800) 234-5422 or visit www.mnplan.state.mn.us/star/program.html?id=18
- Assists low-income children and families with purchases of hearing aids from this manufacturer.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- Contact (800) 500-8130 or visit www.optimist.org/default.cfm?content=/districtdirectory.cfm
- Provides aids and services to hearing impaired youth.

SERTOMA

- Contact (816) 333-8300 or visit www.sertoma.org
- Assists low-income persons with purchasing hearing aids.

TRAVELERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOR THE DEAF AND NEAR-DEAF

- Contact (314) 371-0533 or visit www.tpahq.org (click on "Scholarship Trust" link, found under "Community")
- Provides assistance for mechanical devices, medical care, and/or specialized education or treatment, to those who demonstrate financial need. U.S. citizens only. Grants may be used to purchase hearing aids, assistive listening equipment, or may help with the cost of a cochlear implant.

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