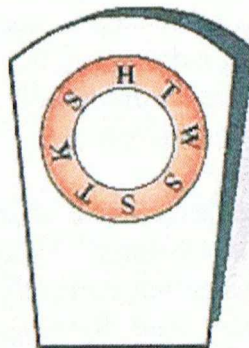




**THE  
MEDICAL  
RESEARCH FUND**

**RELEASE-A-MIRACLE**



**A Charitable Trust  
of  
Royal Arch Masons  
of Canada  
in the Province of Ontario**

## *What you should know about the Fund*

### **Funding is provided mainly from three sources:**

1. Investment income earned on the capital in the fund.
2. Personal contributions from the Companions of Royal Arch Masonry
3. Bequests from Companions who have made a provision in their estate planning, to contribute.

The Medical Research Fund qualifies as a Charitable Trust under the Income Tax (Canada) Act and can issue tax receipts to anyone making a donation. It is not expected that we would solicit funds from non Royal Arch Masons.

**"Release A Miracle"** The objective of the Fund, was to make donations to Medical Research projects that currently had and have the greatest need, for research funds, and which would and will result in significant benefit to the Community at large.

Personal donations may be sent in the red and white envelopes which may be obtained from the Scribe Ezra of your Chapter, or they may be sent directly to:

**Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Canada  
361 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1B4**

### **Medical Research Fund History:**

In 1982, the formation of a Grand Chapter Anniversary project to be called "**RELEASE A MIRACLE**" was formed, with M.Ex.Comp. William S. Thompson, Chairman, M.Ex.Comp. Charles W. Emmett and M.Ex.Comp. Aube Weisman as the initial Committee, with power to add members. Following the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in 1983, the Fund was established to **Release A Miracle**. The income generated by the Fund to be spent only on Medical Research. In the beginning of 1984, the first donation of \$ 10,000.00 was made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Most Excellent Companion Charles W. Emmett coined the slogan "**Release a Miracle**". No honorariums or salaries are paid to any individual. The only expenses allowed are those of the cost of postage and/or the generation of publicity for the solicitation of donations.

As Royal Arch Masons, we have all pledged ourselves to practice Charity, and our Fraternity is known for its generous donations to the Community at large together, with our ability to generate support for particular Charitable Foundations.

Every Mason on his Initiation learns that the fundamental principles of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and he is consistently admonished to practice Charity. For a Mason's Charity knows no bounds: **Save those of Prudence.** As a result, all the major branches of Freemasonry have developed Charitable Trusts and Foundations to support a wide variety

Of both National and Community based projects. Every year there are new medical problems emerging as our world evolves. Dedicated researchers are finding new answers and treatments. This work is ongoing and funds are constantly being sought by Research Institutions. Without ongoing medical research, most of the advances into the causes and makeup of diseases would never have been discovered.

## Projects

The minds of the Companions are very creative in supplying ideas for singular Chapters or for grand scale District events. Some event work well in both cases. Chili cook-off, dinners, fish fries, golf games, collecting Alms after a Convocation. To name a few. The bequeaths from estates brings a lasting memorial and should be considered. It is essential that the Grand Superintendent of their respective districts support and promote projects, within the bounds of propriety and decorum, not only in their own District but also in their local Masonic communities. The Million Dollar Club is promoted throughout the year to endeavour to assist in the reaching that 4 1,000,000.00 which is required to ensure the Capital investment will be self generating. Briefly, this consists of Companions making a \$ 100.00 Dollar donation to the fund. For which, he will receive a certificate and an exclusive lapel pin. Should you have any questions with regards to the Medical Research Fund "**Releases-A-Miracle**" please contact the Chairman or one of the members.

## **Where should our Donations best serve.**

Over the past Twenty-Six years we have supported various groups of researchers and donated approximately \$800,000.00 Dollars to their efforts in Medical Research.

In order to get the greatest value from our donations we will be concentrate our endeavours, in the 2008-2009 Masonic year, on three or four Research projects on cures of diseases for the young, who form our next generations or, for the aged who are ravaged by diseases which time eventually brings to us all.

Autism, Alzheimer's, Prostrate Cancer, and Arthritis (in all its many forms) are near to us as diseases that should and need to be eradicated. Researchers in all these diseases need to be supported in the drive towards this goal.

The Committee for the "**Release-A-Miracle**" Fund is the reflection of your needs and wishes as to where the donations are best placed. Let your Grand Superintendent know your feelings and channel back to the Committee. Your thoughts and ideas will be considered and applied. Feel free to contact the Chairman of the Committee or the Grand Chapter Office to voice your thoughts on this most important contribution we as Royal Arch Masons can make to our Communications.

## **Medical Research Programs supported.**

Dr. Jeannette Holden, Director, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Queen's University Kingston, for research into the genetics and epidemiology.

Dr. Neil Fleshner, Head of the Division of Urology, University Health Network Toronto, for investigation into the relationship of dietary factors to Prostate Cancer.

Dr. Edward Keystone, Director for Advanced Therapeutics in Arthritis AARC Foundation, University Health Network, conducting research on new treatment modalities.

Professor Peter St. George Hyslop, Director, Centre for neurodegenerative diseases, University of Toronto for the advanced studies of gene effects of Alzheimers.

These four Research programmes have been selected for our support for this Masonic term. This decision was not made lightly as it meant cutting off our donations to other worthwhile research programmes.

A Total of **Twenty-One thousand (\$ 21,000.00) Dollars** was donated, this year, to these very worthwhile causes. We have supported many various projects in a most commendable manner over the years. Now is the time to really show what Freemasonry is and how we support our Communities and its populations.

Your support is paramount in the Fund reaching the goal of \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) in the Capital investment which will then generate the much needed donations to the respective research projects that we will support in the ongoing years.