



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) 941-2110 or main office (401) 467-7100
- 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 Luz Adley (401) 243-1022, email ladley@rideaf.net or visit www.rideaf.net
- For school age children only

THE GIFT OF HEARING PROGRAM AT OSCIL

- Contact Christopher Morin (401) 738-1013, email Christopher.morin@oscil.org or visit www.oscil.org
- Brochure: https://www.oscil.org/files/uqgd/b6b2f6_984e32e7e9434c928a8f7c1aaf666d2c.pdf
- Collaboration with URI and HLA-RI
- Recycled hearing aid program
- New hearing aid (no frills)

HEAR NOW PROGRAM AT STARKEY HEARING FOUNDATION

- (866) 354-3254, email info@starkeyfoundation.org 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 ext. 2 or visit www.audientalliance.org
- Program developed by SightLife formerly Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing

BETTER HEARING INSTITUTE

- Contact (202) 975-0905 or visit www.betterhearing.org

DISABLED CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

- Contact (516) 377-1605
- 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 (866) 238-8650
- Assists children in New England states with hearing aids and assistive technology.

EASTER SEALS

- Contact (800)-221-6827 or visit www.easterseals.com
- 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 (888) 580-8886, email info@helpamericahear.org or visit <https://helpamericahear.org>
- The Foundation provides hearing aids to men, women and children who lack the financial capability to afford them and meet criteria.

HELP KIDS HEAR.ORG

- (904) 707-5614, email info@helpkidshear.org or visit <https://helpkidshear.com>
- 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 email johnhauser11@gmail.com or visit <https://thehikefund.org/about>
- 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)

JOHN TRACY CENTER

- Contact (213) 748-5481 or visit <https://www.jtc.org/parent-resources/get-answers/related-links>
- 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 <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif128.pdf>
- Assists low income individuals with purchasing hearing aids.

MIRACLE EAR FOUNDATION

- Contact (800) 241-1372 or visit <https://www.miracle-ear.com/miracle-ear-foundation>
- Assists low-income children and families with purchases of hearing aids from this manufacturer.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

- Contact (800) 500-8130 or visit <https://www.optimist.org>
- 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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