

PRESS RELEASE

DONATIONS TO ALL CHARITIES ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTABLE

Charity Programs in New York State

Grand Chapter supports three Charities in New York State:

- **The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund**
- **The Medical Research Foundation**
- **Assistance of Royal Arch Masons and Their Dependents with Respiratory and Chronic Diseases of the Lungs**

Specific committees support each Charity, in addition to the Charities Committee itself which develops programs for general fundraising.

Scholarships

The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund grants \$500 and a few \$1000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of Royal Arch Masons. Money is raised by a Grand Chapter solicitation via mailing each year, by District and Chapter fundraising, and by sales of Royal Arch Seals.

All money raised by the *Seals Program* goes directly to Scholarships. Other donations can be designated to direct scholarships or to an endowment fund, or left to the discretion of the GHP.

Two committees are in place to support the Scholarship Program - one to

support the Seals Program and one to administer the Scholarships.

The Medical Research Foundation

The Medical Research Foundation was created to support charitable activity directed at the Masonic Medical Research Facility in Utica. Fundraising for the Foundation has more of a special project focus, and has been primarily responsible for the construction of a two floor Royal Arch Medical Research Wing. The foundation also donates money to the research labs for equipment and other requirements. Companions should consider the Foundation as part of their charitable giving each year. Grand Chapter solicits donations through direct mailings and focus campaigns. In some cases, District programs have also been initiated.

Assistance of Royal Arch Masons and Their Dependents with Respiratory and Chronic Diseases of the Lungs.

This charitable fund is no longer a fundraising target of Grand Chapter since the endowment is at this point is quiet large. Royal Arch Companions and their dependents may apply for aid if they suffer from any disease of the lungs including lung cancer. This aid is provided from the interest of endowment fund.

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