

Commitment to our Donors

OAR respects your privacy and protects your information: We appreciate your providing us with your contact information because it gives us the chance to say “Thank you” and tell you how your contribution will help us accomplish our mission. At the same time, it gives us the opportunity to let you know that we respect the wishes of all OAR donors and supporters in terms of privacy and solicitations. Your personal information is secure with us. We do not sell or share any information about our donors, and we specifically separate our CFC donors from others in our database. As a result, OAR will not add you to any mailing list to receive OAR materials without your express permission.

Welcome to the OAR Team: When we founded OAR in 2001, we made a conscious decision not to be a membership organization. We did that mainly because we didn’t want to impose any financial barrier between people who could use our resources and the information and assistance those resources might provide. In essence, we treat everyone like a member of the OAR team. This now includes you. If you or anyone you know is touched by autism, please consider us as a resource. Please visit our web site, www.researchautism.org to learn more about who we are and what we do to serve the 1.7 million children and adults in the U.S. with autism and their families.

If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter, our resource materials or more OAR information, please let us know. Otherwise, we will respect your privacy and merely say thank you for your donation.

Your donation will be used immediately to help people with autism TODAY! : OAR dedicates itself to “research and resources that help families today!” Thus, your donation doesn’t go into an endowment fund or an interest bearing account. OAR will immediately apply it to ongoing research studies and autism education and information programs. In many instances, your donation literally puts OAR’s resources materials in the hands of parents, teachers and clinicians, and the front line caregivers who need them most. Finally, as a matter of keeping you informed, we want you to know that more than \$.85 of every dollar OAR receives is spent on OAR’s information and research programs.

We won’t ask again: Most donors in these campaigns make their contributions through payroll deductions with the pledged amount being fulfilled through monthly deductions. OAR looks at this as a donation from you every month. For that reason, we won’t ask you for a donation through any other solicitations or fundraising activities unless you have specifically requested to be included. So, if you ever receive anything from OAR in that vein without having asked, it is a mistake on our part. Please be sure to let us know, so we can correct the error.

“Thank you” times three: Thanks again for designating OAR for your charitable contribution. Thanks too for giving us the chance to communicate with you. Finally, thanks for considering OAR again in the next charitable campaign season.

We value feedback: Unlike a private corporation, OAR doesn’t focus solely on the bottom line. Rather we believe that the best measure of success comes in the form of feedback from those we serve and those like you who lend us their support. Your input will help OAR maintain focus and direction and is welcome anytime.