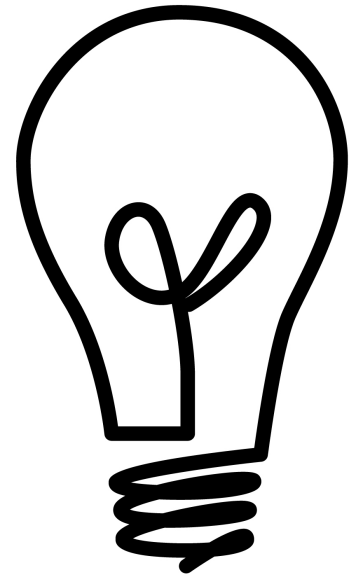


*Why are my lights purple this month?*

# October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month



Look for some iconic Canadian landmarks to be lit up purple on October 29th for Rett Syndrome Awareness.

## What is Rett syndrome?

Rett syndrome (RTT) is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by the loss of spoken language and hand use, coupled with the development of distinctive hand stereotypies. This disorder is seen in infancy and occurs almost exclusively in females.

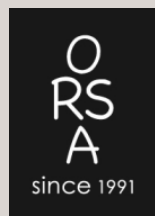
Despite its multiple handicaps Rett syndrome is not a degenerative disease and individuals are often able to express their emotions and thoughts.

## Who is O.R.S.A.?

The Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A.) is a not-for-profit charity that exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett Syndrome are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community. We:

- ▶ Fund 3 medical clinics across Ontario
- ▶ Award grants to Canadian researchers
- ▶ Fund and administer a national registry
- ▶ Host conferences and educational workshops

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