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Tyler K. Age 4



“Tyler is a little boy with fluctuant conductive hearing loss, lots of problems with middle ear fluid and ear drainage. He has hearing loss more often than not, so we trialed a pair of hearing aids to see if that would help with language learning at school and behavior. He wasn’t sure he wanted them the day he was fit, but wore them home and seemed pretty happy.”

Jordan C. Age 16

“Jordan has a severe to profound hearing loss from birth who is now 16. He is an excellent student with a passion for engineering and is an accomplished trumpet player in his local community orchestra. Over the past 1-2 years he has benefited from various pieces of equipment that have been made available to him through the funds that have been donated to our clinic. He has experimented with a personal FM system, utilized various loaner hearing aids while waiting for his own aids to be repaired or replaced, and is currently borrowing a pair of Super Power aids that hold promise for improving his ability to hear and understand speech, but will not be available for his insurance to purchase until the fall 2016. A long-time (and successful) user of Oticon hearing aids since birth, his reaction to these particular hearing aids was amazing! He reported a noticeable difference in speech clarity, noise reduction and spatial directionality of sounds around him. He couldn’t stop smiling! ☺ Our plan is to help him hear with these aids until his own can be purchased later this year.”

Sophia O. Age 4 ↓



“Dear Donor,

Thank you. My younger sister is now able to hear my voice, and it makes me so happy. She is now about to hear what I’m saying rather than senseless mumbling and faint noises. Now that she has hearing aids she can hear and know the songs I say to her when she goes to bed and when she sings along now it’s just such a joyful sight. It’s also funny when they come out because she’ll come running to me to put them back in, but it’s also heart breaking when I have to tell her that she needs to take them out because she’ll say, “but then I can’t hear you,” and she’ll have such a sad face that it hurts to take them out knowing that she won’t be able to hear me. I thank you for giving her the opportunity to hear me and everyone else in her life.”

~Deborah Olson~

“I cannot thank you enough! To see her sit down with her younger brother at the piano and play then to see her face light up as she discovers the keys that “didn’t work” before now play. To hear her say, “I remember that sound.” To see her face glow with the sound of the wind or

being able to play the whisper game again. We have been on spring break this week. She was borrowing a friend's, classmate, and hearing aids during carpet time in class. Her teacher noticed and brought it to our attention that is how the journey began. Her comment about going back to school next week was, I cannot wait to show Eli my almost hearing aids." Thank you, Jana Olson AKA "Mom"



"The teal blobs represent the ear mold impression material, the music notes represent being able to hear music again, and the smiley faces represent how happy the hearing aids make her 😊" – Sophia O.

Ezekiel H. Age 4

"Zeke is a 4 year old boy with Down Syndrome developmental delays, and mild sensorineural hearing loss bilaterally. He has been slow to develop spoken language. His preschool teachers were anxious for him to trial hearing aids because they felt he really struggled to hear well and was now focused in the classroom. He was fit with other loaner hearing aids initially, directly from the company. But they were not reliable. We were able to switch to Oticon loaners through the Catalyst Club and his mother was so happy—these aids have an additional flashing light to let her know they are working consistently and Zeke wants them on ALL the time!"

"It was great to see Zeke not having to stand right next to the TV when he was watching a show. He could actually sit down and watch it with his brothers. It has also helped him start to verbalize sounds that before this he could not hear correctly and therefore not say them. He is a long way from communicating clearly to use through vocabulary, but these hearing aids have started him off in the right direction."

Benjamin M. Age 18



“Benjamin was fit with binaural Micon 3 Aquaris BTE’s through Catalyst Club. Benjamin is a senior in high school. He has always been athletic and active in wrestling and baseball. He has been accepted to Gallaudet University this fall with plans to continue his baseball career at the university level. As such, he trains hard. Unfortunately, his hearing aids have a hard time keeping up with all the moisture (sweat) and have been sent in for repair countless times over the years. As an oral communicator with a moderate to moderately-severe hearing loss, he cannot function without his hearing aids and has borrowed hearing aids through our donor program time and time again trying to keep up with him. Today, he was fit with binaural “waterproof” hearing aids which were purchased for him through donated funds since they would not be covered by his insurance (claim denied) in hopes that they will be better at keeping up with his active lifestyle. H.S baseball season begins in 3 days, then summer season and off to college in July.”

Connor R. Age 11

“Connor is a middle school student with a unilateral hearing loss who has worn a hearing aid for nearly three years with great benefit. He came in complaining that the hearing aid was very soft and he was missing a lot at school and at home. His teachers, parents and siblings were all on his case about “not listening.” His hearing was malfunctioning and needed repair. He is very happy to have a loaner until his returns from repair. Thank you!”

Rebecca P. Age 4 ↓



Kienan K. Age 5

“The family dog ate Kienan’s hearing aids. He was able to wear our loaner devices while awaiting approval from the insurance company for new ones. Thank you!”

Conor W. Age 15

“Thank you so much! With your donation my son is able to succeed at school. He was really appreciative for the hearing aid. Thanks for the support.”- Dad

Sage S. Age 8 ↓



Darlene H. Age 20

“I have been wearing my hearing aid every single day. I learned that I needed it to hear well. So far I’m enjoying it and grateful to have a hearing aid. It took me a long time to have confidence and to accept myself for who I am. I need a back-up hearing aid to be able to hear at school and at my job while both of my hearings [aids] get fixed.”

Jacob F. Age 2 month's ↓



Shakir T. 5 months

“Shakir passed his newborn hearing screening and was diagnosed with significant hearing loss at 3 months of age. Following this diagnosis he traveled to Dubai with his family to visit extended family. Hearing aids were fit to give him access to speech and language at home. His family was thrilled that he could be able to hear his cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents while traveling. At this time, Shakir’s family is waiting for Children’s Special Health Care Services to be approved to purchase personal hearing aids. These aids will allow him to hear speech and environmental sounds while we wait. Thank you!”

Jackson B. Age 10

“Jackson is waiting for new hearing aids through Children’s Special Health Care Services. His own aids are 5 ½ years old. With one week off of school, his right hearing aid died. He was struggling to hear, both in school and outside of school. He and his mom were very grateful to have a loaner aid we could provide until his new hearing aids came in. It made their lives much easier and he was happy to hear his stereo again!”

Andrew L. Age 9

“Andrew’s hearing aid had to be sent in for repair. The loaner program allowed Andrew to hear while his hearing aid was being repaired.” – Mom

Kailynn S. Age 6

“Kailynn acquired hearing loss due to chemotherapy and radiation. She was given a loaner device to see if she derived benefit. This helped the family make a decision on whether to purchase her own. Kailynn is doing well with her hearing aid and is excited to use it this school year.”

Beckett W. Age 3

“Beckett had a progression of hearing loss and needed stronger aids to hear until he could get a cochlear implant. He will be having surgery next month!”

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Others whom you have provided hearing aid devices to this quarter:

- Cody J.
- David V.
- Eleanor C.
- Amanda D.
- Grace S.
- Henry B.
- Seam C.
- Zane E.
- Keith W.
- Jaden S.
- Hayden W.
- Logan N.
- Alijah L.