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Hi Mitch and Lori,

I got my new hearing aids, finally. They're adorable. Real cute and little. There's a piece that goes into my ear and the hearing aid itself, goes behind my ear. Re Sound is the manufacturer. Dr. McQuaide-Bell said if I had to pay for them, that they cost between \$3000 & \$4000. My God, can you imagine what a gift this is for me?

It's taking a little while , but I think I'm finally get used to them.

The first thing I heard was when the Doctor McQuaide-Bell put the pen down on the table. Then I was able to hear the noise of the zipper on my handbag. I couldn't stop snapping my fingers. I never heard that sound before. I was driving home and I kept hearing a click-click-click noise, until I finally realized it was the sound of the turn signal. Music.... I had Fleetwood Mac on the radio in my car. It was just amazing.

There is sound coming from everywhere and sometimes it's a little overwhelming. My brain is gradually adjusting to the change.

So yes, I am really happy and still amazed at all the every day sounds that I never heard before.

Dr. McQuade-Bell has been an absolute sweetheart and I can tell that she feels so great about being able to do this for me.

I wish there was some way i could thank you all for everything you've done for me. If there's anything at all I can do, please let me know.

I'm going back next week for a follow up visit, so I'll be sure to get some pictures. I forgot the last time, there was so much going on.

Thank you, thank you. This is a gift I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Jane