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Essay Contest Winner Announced!

Congratulations

Abby Colbert



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Dr. Mary Lynn Graham, Founder of Audiology Hearing Care Services and her staff presented Abby with her new set of digital hearing aids at the Charles Town office. Abby's family nominated her in the Better Hearing and Speech Month Essay Contest.

The Winning Essay



I would like to submit an essay for Abby Elizabeth Colbert who was born a twin to Becca Danielle Colbert. On August 25, 1998.

This is where Abby's story starts.

At the age of 5, Abby visited Audiology Hearing Care Services in Martinsburg, WV. After several tests, we discovered Abby had bilateral moderate to severe hearing loss due to complications at birth.

I can remember, shortly after Abby received her first set of pink hearing aids, watching her bedroom light go on and off. I approached her room to tell her to stop playing with the lights as a Father would do, when she

looked up at me and said "listen Daddy. The sound of the light switch clicking as she moved it up and down, as trivial as it is to you and I, actually brought me to my knees.

Abby has been dealt with this disability and has not complained about wearing them even as a young child. She has embraced them as a way of life and appreciates them. She has not once said it was not fair that she has this impairment even with an identical twin that enjoys the pure sounds of the birds, a radio or our voices. I am sure her mother and I think of it more often than she does. She now enjoys life as any twelve year old does and would not be the beautiful and caring child that often puts herself behind others if not for hearing that light switch 6 years ago.

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