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Dear Drey and Jillian,

We wanted to update you on how we were able to use the generous funds you donated to the Purdue Audiology Clinic for pediatric patients. So far, we have fit four pairs of ear molds and one pair of hearing aids. Here is the story of a 10 year old child who received new hearing aids and ear molds using the funds Sounds of Serenity donated:

She was identified with hearing loss in both ears and fit with her first pair of purple hearing aids when she was about 2 years old. She has had difficult family circumstances to the extent that there have been times when the family has been unable to purchase batteries for her hearing aids. The Purdue Audiology Clinic followed her until she was about 6 years old at which time she shifted her care to another facility because we do not have the capability to file Medicaid claims. We lost track of her for 4 years, but when she returned to the clinic recently, she was still wearing the same pair of hearing aids that we had fit when she was 2 years old. Needless to say she was way overdue for new hearing aids because the average life of hearing aids is 5-7 years, and for children often a little less because of how active they are!

With your donation, this young girl was fit with a new pair of aquamarine hearing aids to help her hear better, especially in the classroom environment. Her teacher e-mailed us the next day to say "...wanted to let you know she is doing VERY well with the new aids – handling the new volume of sound and the presence of new sounds without balking. We have already noticed improved speech in /sh/ and s-blends. Wow! And best of all, she is happy! Thank you to Purdue for working with this family."

Three other children have received new ear molds because of your donation. A 3-year-old with multiple disabilities and intellectual deficit who recently aged out of the Early Intervention program received a new set of ear molds. Another 3-year-old with difficult family circumstances who also recently aged out of the Early Intervention program needed a new set of ear molds. And a 6-year-old who has been seen at the Purdue Audiology Clinic since infancy and whose mother had to pay for the previous sets of ear molds were thankful for a new set of ear molds using the funds.

We greatly appreciate your effort to raise money for these children. The children, families, and the audiologists are extremely thankful for your support.

Most Sincerely,



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