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Caregiver Name: Diana
Age at Implantation: 2

Child: Cristian
Age Today: 23

Response from Diana,

My greatest challenge was ensuring that Cristian received his implant while he was still very young.

Although we live far from Bogotá, **my greatest support has been his therapy and the professionals who have provided help and guidance at home**, so that Cristian does not miss his sessions.

My greatest achievement is that Cristian is able to hear us and manage many aspects of daily life independently.

My advice for other parents is to show dedication, patience, strength, and above all, a great deal of love.
I have realized that many children do not have implants due to a lack of information known by their parents

Response from Cristian,

My name is Cristian and I am 23 years old. When I was two, I was diagnosed with profound bilateral sensorineural hearing loss and received my first implant.

I have attended therapy sessions with various specialists over the years. **It has sometimes been challenging due to travel, but my parents have always done their best to find the easiest way for me to continue without missing any sessions.**

With the support of my speech and language therapist, who is not only highly skilled but also a wonderful person, we decided to proceed with an implant in my left ear a year ago. Thanks to her guidance and dedication, the process has been much easier.