

Paraguay

Caregiver Name: Ester
Age at Implantation: 3

Child: Elías
Age Today: 6



We are from Paraguay, and we are the parents of Elías Benjamín. We would like to share a little of our story. We learned about our son's hearing loss when he was twelve months old. It was a very hard blow, especially because we did not know the world of hearing loss. We felt lost and uncertain, not knowing which direction to take. Through that process, we met professionals who guided us and introduced us to the foundation that provided us with tremendous emotional support and, above all, valuable information about cochlear implants, the advances in technology in recent years, and auditory-verbal therapy.

At that time, our greatest challenge was obtaining a cochlear implant. Thanks to God, the generosity of supportive people, and the help of the foundation, we were able to access a cochlear implant. And with that, our little boy gained access to the world of sound.

Our greatest support throughout this journey has been the foundation and the parents of other children with the same condition. Without them—without their life stories and shared experiences—we would not have been able to continue this path.

Our greatest achievement so far is that our son can hear us. Little by little, he is beginning to say some words, to connect with us and with other children. He goes to school and gradually overcomes each challenge that comes his way.

The advice we would give to other parents is this: allow yourself to grieve but then stand up and fight for your child. With determination and perseverance, many achievements are possible. Never stop equipping your child, taking them to therapy and regular programming sessions, because all of this will be worth it in the future.

Fully immerse yourself in the world of hearing loss. Learn about the tools and strategies that exist so that this change can truly happen. And keep going all the way to the end.