

South Africa

Caregiver Name: Naeema

Age at Implantation: 18 months

Age Today: 9

I'm a mother of a 9-year-old energetic, strong-willed boy who was diagnosed with profound hearing loss just before he turned 2.

My biggest challenge I'm facing is financial costs of maintaining it, as it always requires unexpected maintenance. **My family and our support team were my greatest support throughout.** We have achieved so much to date where **he is now able to reach his full auditory, speech and language development.**

I would advise anyone considering getting cochlear implants to go ahead as it's the best decision one can make to live a normal life. It improves the ability to communicate to those around you and reduce feelings of social isolation. **I've given up a full-time job to give my son the support he requires** and I'm continuing doing so, so that he achieves the best access to cochlear implants.

