Two Lives. One Hearing Journey.

A mother’s experience.
A daughter’s perspective.

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At the grocery store

DARJA

“We bought groceries, paid and left.”

ŽANA

“Someone thought Mum ignored him. I had to explain that she could not hear.”



One ordinary moment. Two very different experiences.

A call with good news

DARJA

“I wanted to share her joy. But I could not understand her on the phone.”

ŽANA

“I repeated my news, became upset and ended the call.”



Grandma cared for both of us and was caught in the middle.

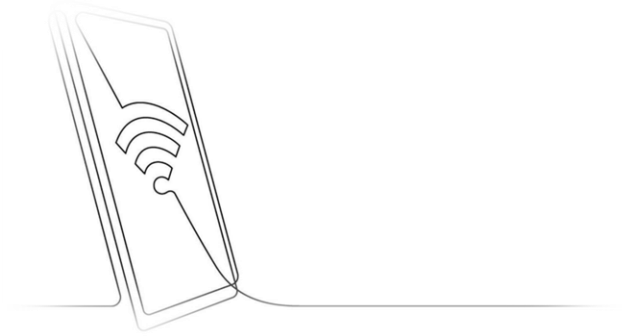
When the Wi-Fi stopped working

DARJA

“I wanted to solve it, but a technical phone call was difficult.”

ŽANA

“I spoke to support as a child. They kept asking for an adult.”



A small technical problem became a family problem.

At a school performance

The event also showed what Mum could not hear.

DARJA

“I was happy to be there, watching Žana perform.
I had tried to learn beforehand what the performance was about.
But following it in the moment, without understanding the words, was extremely difficult.
I kept smiling throughout.”

ŽANA

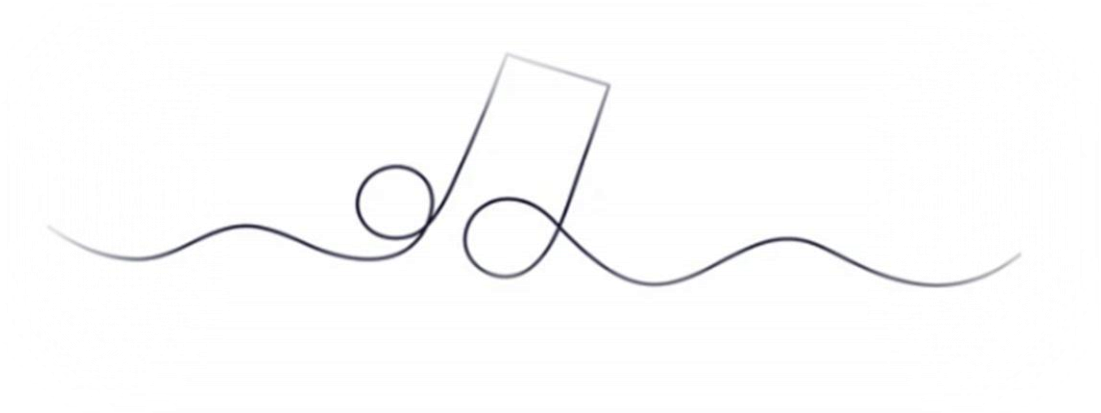
“I was happy Mum came to watch me.”



Being present mattered to both of us.

Choosing a cochlear implant

Hearing aids had helped for many years.
Eventually, they were no longer enough.



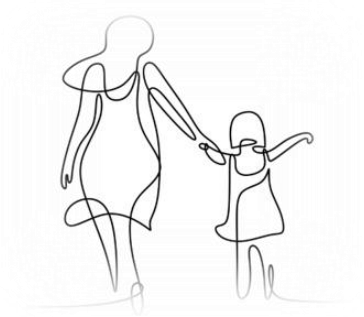
The implant offered a new possibility for communication.

Learning to hear again

After activation, sounds were unfamiliar.

DARJA

I had to learn to hear again.



ŽANA

We practiced together as a family.

Before, they always had to come to me.
Now, I could come to them.

What helped our family

Explain what is happening.
Listen to each other. Set clear boundaries.

Children need support too.

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Thank you

for listening to our perspectives



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