

Zac's story

“THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE!” was the first response we gave when we found out that our precious second born son, Zac has a profound hearing loss. Being in a family where no one in generations had been born with this disability, from both sides of mine and my husband's family we were completely shattered and thought that's it, our son will be needing us his whole life, and what's going to happen when we are not with him.

Asking God, “Why our Son, God?” It was like locking us in the room and hiding ourselves from the world where no one can harm our son. But before we could think we are the only ones, Early Intervention services were offered. One after other people came in, sincerely there was so much going on that I forgot all the names now. But all the people brought in positive ideas, telling us that we are not the only ones. Children with disability can live a normal life like us. Hearing loss is not an issue at all, if eligible he will get bilateral cochlear Implants. Praying and support gave us strength, going through regular follow-ups and all the testing Zac was eligible to have his Implants, through all support we got from the services and church family We Thank God. We joined Aurora Early Intervention from where friendly staff visited us regularly, supporting us how to communicate with Zac through Auslan. Knowing two languages (Urdu& English) already it was such a nice experience learning Auslan and using it.

Zac had his surgery when he was 12 months old. Still can't remember how quick his recovery was. When we got the Switch-On there you go, this little fella was all back to life like us listening and learning. Aurora continued their support, can't thank them enough, everyone did exceptional work getting Zac along, adjusting his processors, where in start Zac didn't want to put them on. Before we knew he was wearing them full time understanding and enjoying language.

Unfortunately Zac had one of the recalled devices on his right side and it was replaced again in March 2013. Recovering from it was quick except when again putting on his right processor was a battle where Anna Wright (from Aurora Early Intervention) rescued us. Would like to thank you and everyone else at Aurora.



In 2014 Zac joined 3 year old kinder at Furlong Park School for Deaf, one day a week. This year he is at 4 year old kinder program three days a week, and excited that he starts Prep next year at the same school. Our chatter box enjoys listening to music, interacting in Auslan and clearly understanding both languages used at home. Disability never affects your physical life but your mental life only if you let it. Zac is the most caring member of the family being the middle child taking care of his big brother, Nahum and 8 month old Baby sister, Melcah. He loves sports and a confident big fighter!