

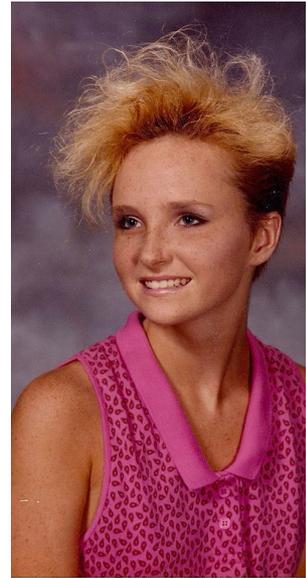


# A day in the life

A parenting journey EXPOSED!

# Let's talk about ME!

- My Parents
- My Upbringing
- School/College
- Career





# How it began

- Married Life
- Kids



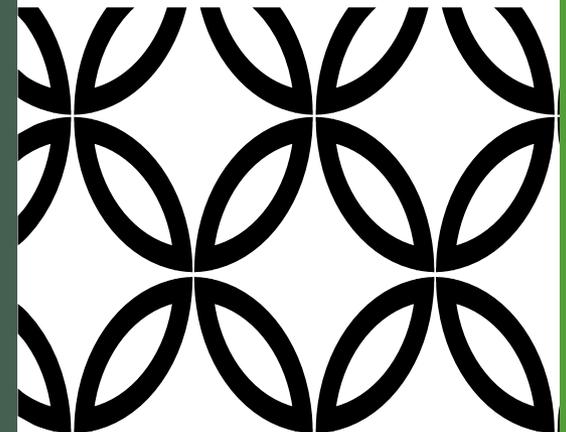


# Sam

November 2001

After 2 years of trying, 78 pills, 125 injections and 2 surgeries we FINALLY got a child...

Our Sam

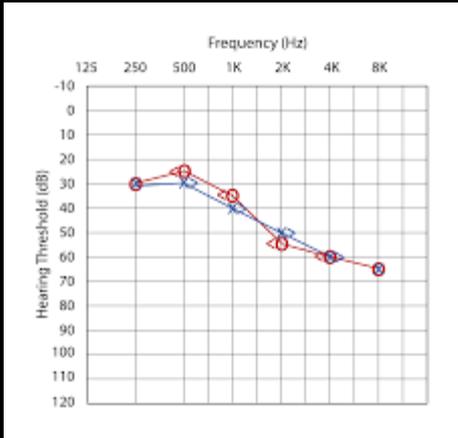


# Blissfully Ignorant

- Passed newborn hearing
- We were living life like everything was great! And it was!!!
- 1<sup>st</sup> child
- 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild
- Global delays appear



# The Diagnosis



# Our first resources

- Child's Voice School
- AG Bell
- ISD Parent Institute
- Moog Center
- Early Intervention

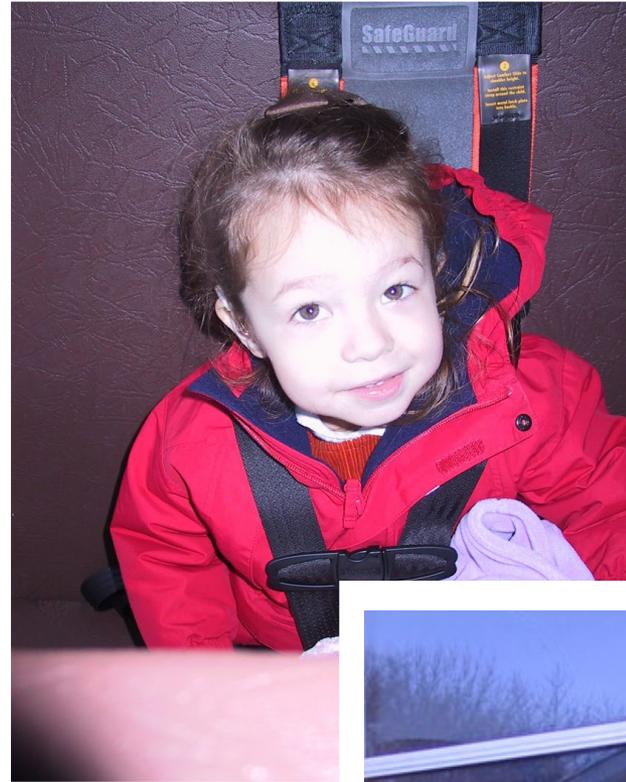


# Decisions Decisions Decisions

- Oral
- Cued Speech
- ASL
- SEE
- Signed English
- Total Communication
- Oh my!

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- Amplification
- Communication
  - Cued Speech
  - ASL
  - SEE
  - Signed English
  - Total Communication
  - Oh my!
- Education



# | The Support

The “good guys”



# Our other kids



- Impact on siblings
- How they describe Sam's CI's
- Sign Language





# Our Early Intervention Experience

Parents as Teachers  
Speech Therapy  
Hearing Tests  
Occupational Therapy  
Feeding Therapy  
Physical Therapy  
AV-T – Child's Voice



## Early Childhood

- Child's Voice School
- LEA Summer School
- Piano
- Chess
- Soccer
- TKD



# Profound!!!

- Cochlear Implants
- Sign Language
- FEAR
- Success!



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





# JUNIOR HIGH



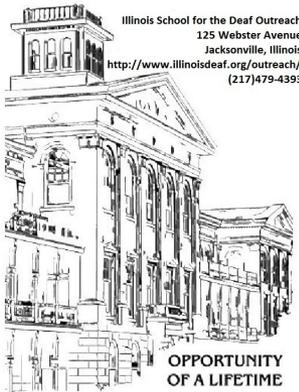
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# SAM'S SOCIAL LIFE





SAM  
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OF SCHOOL



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