



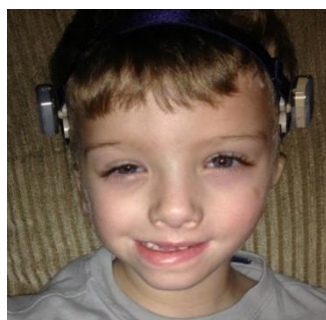
Ear Community is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that helps children and adults who are born with Microtia (underdeveloped or absent ears) and Atresia (underdeveloped ear canals resulting in hearing loss). Microtia and Atresia are rare congenital deformities that occur in 1 out of every 6,000 births. Some children and adults have facial asymmetry (hemifacial or craniofacial microsomia), causing eating and breathing problems due to misaligned jaw structure. Because Microtia and Atresia are rare, many medical facilities around the world do not have enough information to inform families about all options that can help their loved ones live a better quality of life.

Ear Community is a parent driven organization that help families with loved ones born with Microtia and Atresia. While Microtia and Atresia can occur multiple times within some families, no one knows what causes it. Even today, many families seek multiple medical opinions when visiting with medical professionals hoping to be informed about all of their options. Ear Community is a leading helpful resource when it comes to Microtia and Atresia. Families can learn about surgical and non-surgical options, hearing devices, life stories, and much more. Ear Community is also helping with genetic research in collaboration with Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, the Gabriella Kids First Foundation, and MIT and the Broad Institute.

Ear Community helps promote awareness and education for thousands of parents and medical professionals around the world. Since 2011, Ear Community has helped bring together nearly 10,000 people in different countries through our family events and has helped educate thousands of people through our website. Ear Community has donated over 100 hearing devices to needy children and adults in many countries. The organization also grants college scholarships and helps with financial assistance toward reimbursement of travel costs when planning for surgery (when funds are available). Help us raise awareness and promote education every November 9th during National Microtia Awareness Day!



Microtia Atresia of the right ear



Hemifacial Microsomia



Ear reconstructive surgery before and after

If you enjoy donating to charities, please consider donating to the Ear Community Organization and help individuals born with Microtia and Atresia receive emotional support, obtain hearing devices, college scholarships, and more!

<http://EarCommunity.org/Donate/>

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