



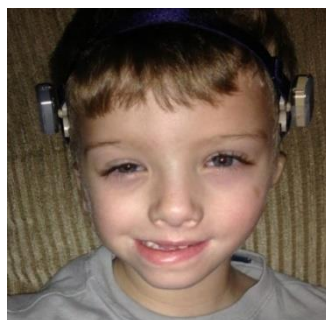
Ear Community is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that helps children & adults who have Microtia (underdeveloped or absent ears) & Aural Atresia (underdeveloped ear canals resulting in hearing loss). Microtia & Aural Atresia are rare congenital anomalies that occur in 1 out of every 6,000 births in the United States. Some children & adults have facial asymmetry known as hemifacial microsomia or craniofacial microsomia, often causing oral & breathing challenges. With Microtia & Atresia being rare causes, many medical facilities around the world may not always have information to inform families about all options that can help their loved ones live better quality lives.

Ear Community is a parent driven organization that helps the Microtia & Atresia community be informed of all options. Still today, many families often seek multiple medical opinions trying to find the answers they are looking for regarding Microtia & Atresia. Ear Community is a leading helpful resource when it comes to Microtia & Atresia. Families can learn about surgical & non-surgical options, hearing devices, life stories, research & much more. Ear Community has championed genetic research by collaborating on grants with Harvard, Vanderbilt, the Gabriella Kids First Foundation, the MIT Broad Institute & Children's Hospital Seattle. Ear Community has also introduced Federal legislation known as Ally's Act, ensuring that private insurers cover bone anchored hearing systems & cochlear implants including upgrades, surgery, accessories, pre & post-operative care appointments & aural therapy. We hope you also embrace National Microtia & Atresia Awareness Day with our community taking place every November 9th.

Ear Community's mission has always been to promote awareness, education & advocacy for parents & medical professionals around the world. We bring families together in the same situation, so they never feel alone with Microtia & Atresia. Since 2010, Ear Community has brought over 15,000 people together throughout the world at our events & has helped educate hundreds of thousands of people through our website. Ear Community has donated over 150 bone anchored hearing devices to needy children & adults as well as awarding college scholarships. Ear Community is the first nonprofit to shine a light on our rare cause, solely helping children & adults with Microtia & Atresia, as well as their families.



Microtia Atresia of the right ear



Craniofacial Microsomia



Ear reconstructive surgery before and after