



PATIENT SUCCESS STORIES

Regular hearing aid use is like exercise for the brain. Otherwise, the brain experiences auditory deprivation. The "auditory maps" in the brain fade when they have not been activated for a period of time. From the beginning of my experience with the recommended hearing aid it has been an eye opening experience. I did not realize my hearing loss was such an annoyance to myself, and others I associated with until, I was exposed to my new hearing aids. I highly recommend that if you've been diagnosed with hearing loss that you take the initiative and be open to the recommendations of the audiologists.

After using my hearing aids for the past month, I have realized what I have been missing. Socializing with my group of friends and my wife has become more enjoyable since I don't have to concentrate on the conversation so much. My hearing aids are as important to me as my glasses... I can't do without either one! J.D.

After getting over the initial frustrations of learning what to do with my hearing aids, I'm glad I did it! (Probably should have done it earlier.) My daughter-in-law was instrumental in getting me to try them. My sister and brother-in-law said, "Getting hearing aids was the best thing we did." The real pay-off comes when you get up in the morning and you get the sounds of the world consistently. I hear the birds, airplanes, and the external sounds of the nature around my house. The toilet flushing and the air conditioner are definitely a part of my world.

I attended my son's work picnic, socialized and engaged with many people. My daughter-in-law says that I am getting the twinkle back in my eyes. *"He's not just watching life going by, being introverted anymore. He's BACK and HAPPY!"* C.E.S.

I'm glad I got my hearing aids, as a matter of fact, that is the first thing I do in the morning (put them in) because I really depend on them.

My wife talks louder than I ever imagined, and now I ask her to speak softer. My wife and I have frequent conversations, before she said, "It was too much trouble to talk so loud", now I know why she gave up! For me, it was extremely tiresome, because I had to stop everything, look at her and give my full concentration, which is really hard to do, especially in a car.

Special events, with large groups, have gone well also. A recent luncheon was successful to follow conversations around the table. K.R.H.



The biggest difference I have found with my new hearing aids is a huge improvement hearing in background noise. When I am at dances, I can hear the people I am sitting with over the music and other noise.

When I am in a group situation, I am able to hear what everyone is saying! I don't feel left out anymore.

The television is clearer and much easier to listen to, plus I don't have to turn it up as loud to hear it. My family isn't complaining as much now about me not hearing them. The comfort of the hearing aids is great. I think new technology is worth the money! R.B.

If you can hear like I can hear... I have no words. Everyone at my job was very happy for me as well; they even bought me a cake and ice cream! I left Hearing Professionals with a big smile on my face and I haven't stopped smiling yet. I couldn't be happier! I hope everyone can be as happy as I am! G.W.A.

It is definitely worth the money for new technology hearing aids because it re-opens the world back to you. You miss so many half conversations and half of the joke that you just laugh to get by rather than say "what"? Now, that happens very infrequent. I realized the huge difference it makes when getting my hair cut. I had to take them out and I couldn't hear anything the barber was saying until I got at least one back in.

Playing golf was really interesting, hearing the foghorn from the distance that I didn't hear before. I thought that the foghorn was working overtime! The geese and birds flying around were louder, which made it more enjoyable. Conversations were also greatly enhanced, too. J.A.

I can hear every little thing! I enjoy the children's sermon at church...they are so cute! I love to hear, but when I want it to be quiet, I can just take them out! I think it's fantastic! I am so glad that I can really hear everything now. Mary Ann

My first two weeks of wearing two hearing aids, my wife is not hollering at me anymore. The TV volume is down and sometimes I ask my wife to turn it down further. Overall, I'm very satisfied with my new hearing aids. S.B.



Even though some people's voices are still too low, I can have a conversation with "regular" people without having them repeat. I hear environmental noises that I couldn't before, like when my breaks squeak and the fire alarm.

I can sit in the same room with others and not request the TV volume to be turned up louder. A friend at church has a very soft voice and talks into her chest. Now with the new digital hearing devices, I can hear most of what she is saying.

The other day, when my husband and I went walking, I didn't have my aids in and I missed a comment. He then realized I didn't have my "bionic ears in". And surprisingly, the new digital aid battery life is 2-3 times longer.

Hearing Professionals location was convenient to help me avoid missing a lot of work time. S.T.B.

It is so wonderful to understand the words and conversation of a small grandchild...it is so wonderful to hear the bird songs...it is so wonderful to hear and understand my husband when he speaks to me, and not to have to ask for endless repeats! It is wonderful not to have to pretend that I have heard, when I really haven't, but am too embarrassed to ask for a repeat!

This was the world that opened up to me the day I received my first set of Widex hearing aids.

For years I struggled with hearing impairment! At first I did not recognize my problem because I heard everything...or so I thought! What I didn't realize was that while I heard, I did not understand! When I discovered that my family and friends were hearing and understanding things I did not...I realized I had a problem. I started thinking seriously about getting help. I started noticing articles about hearing impairment and reading them.

Then one vacation day, I failed to hear an oncoming vehicle as I started crossing a road after shooting some video of one of Newfoundland's beautiful rivers. My husband's fear ridden face shocked me into realizing my danger and stopped me just in time. That did it! I definitely had a hearing problem!

Sometime during this period, we learned about *Hearing Professionals* and it was to *Hearing Professionals* that we went for help. Dr. Lisa Nelson proved to be just what I needed. Over the years, her kindness, patience, understanding, expertise have never ceased to amaze me. Everyone at *Hearing Professionals* is always so gracious and helpful.

While my first pair of Widex hearing aids was wonderful, my Widex Diva hearing aids proved to be the next best thing to perfect hearing. Long gone are the days when my hearing resembled that chart that used to hang on Dr. Lisa's door!

Hearing aids, like eyeglasses, are the tickets into the theater of life...we can't do without them.

Thank you Hearing Professionals, for being here when we need you! Lenora M.