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To whom this may concern:

My name is Frank Montenegro. I have a ten year old son named Vincent who was born with bilateral hearing loss and relies on cochlear implants to hear and communicate. As a father we do our best to protect our children and keep them safe. My goal has always been to do everything in my power to provide my child with the best possible care. You never really understand the importance of cochlear implants until you realize the appreciation one feels to have your child hear your voice. My kiddo loves to sing and read books out loud, Cochlear Implants made the possibility real. I feel more than fortunate, as a single dad the financial burden of these devices make you feel like all hope is lost. With the help of more contributions people like my son Vincent would have a chance at getting the best services available. Thank you for your time.

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