

“I can hear my son say  
**I love you  
 mummy.”**

**Kate Obermayer**  
 Bimodal User

**ReSound GN**

Kate Obermayer was 11 when she was diagnosed with profound hearing loss in both ears. For years she struggled with a terrible feeling of isolation. In 2009, Kate received a Cochlear implant. She replaced her regular hearing aid with a ReSound hearing aid soon after. It changed her life.

Kate wanted to have a family. But she knew that if she was going to have children, she needed to be able to hear them.

“Kids don’t always look at you when they’re talking, so lip reading wasn’t going to work.”

And there was the issue around phones. “I couldn’t expect a three year old to make a phone call on my behalf.”

Kate received a Cochlear implant in her right ear when she was 29.

“It was wonderful to be able to hear again. I didn’t think things could get any better. How wrong I was!”

Kate could hear through the implant, however, the hearing aid in her left ear wasn’t providing the same quality of sound.

“Some friends told me about how good the ReSound Smart Hearing aid was, and how it connects up to the Cochlear implant through wireless accessories.”

Kate decided to give it a go.

“I’d heard it was good. But I didn’t realise just how incredible it was to be able to hear clearly through both ears again.”

The Cochlear implant and the ReSound Smart Hearing aid work together in perfect harmony. Sound is streamed directly into both ears without the need for any bulky neckworn components.

“I can control my ReSound Smart Hearing aid through my iPhone, so I don’t need to carry around any remote controls.”

Kate loves her ReSound Multi Mic wireless accessory.

“When my son Arlin is sitting in the back of the car, I give him the Resound Multi Mic and I can hear him chatting away while I’m driving. Sometimes I hear him whisper ‘I love you Mummy’. It’s so great!”

“You can’t underestimate the importance of being bimodal,” says Kate. “Some people might think, ‘hey, I can hear with one ear and that’s okay’. But when you can hear with two, it just blows everything out of the water.”

Since this interview, Kate’s hearing health and needs have changed. In 2017 she received a second Cochlear implant.

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