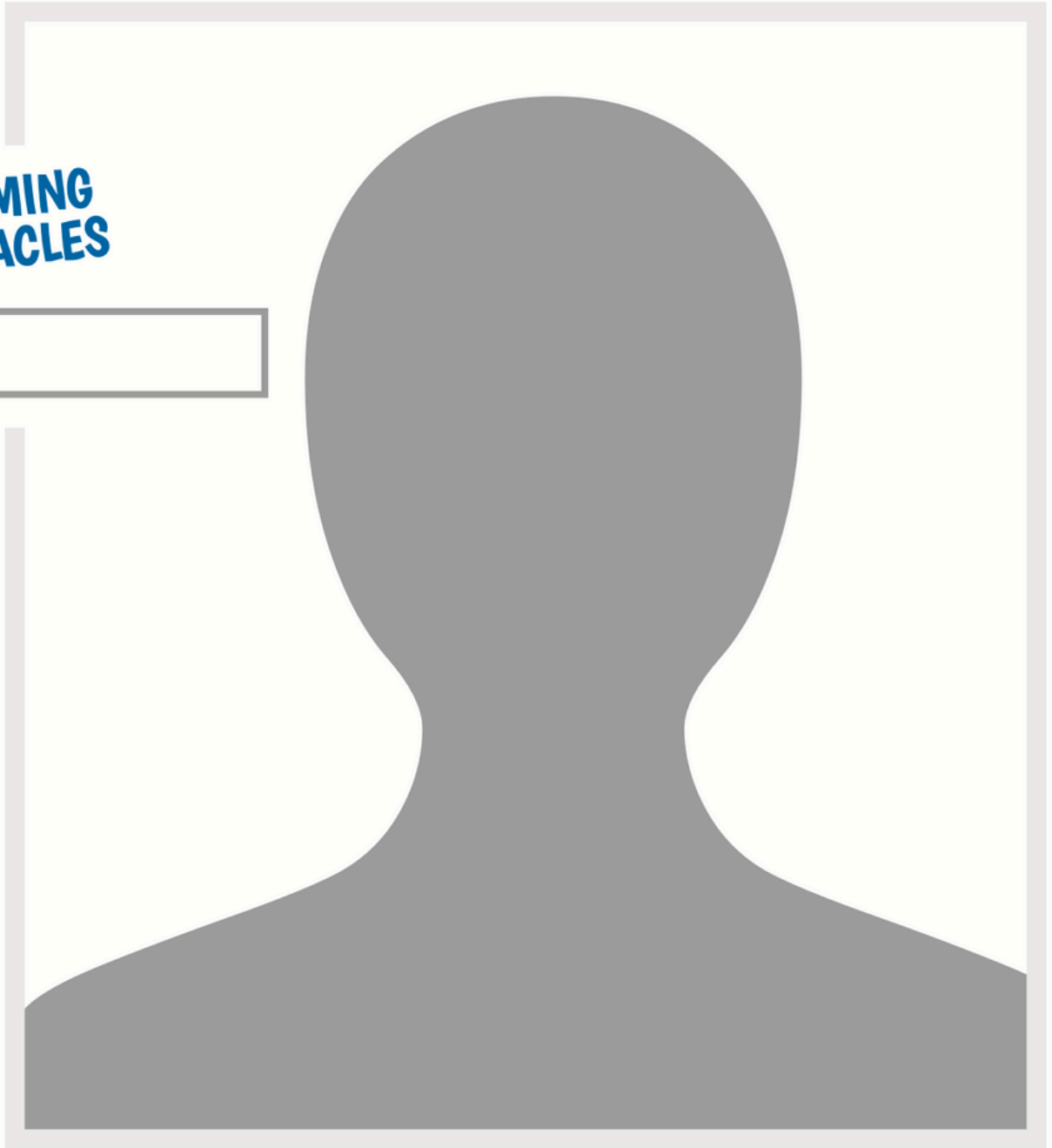


# HEARING MY WAY

The magazine for kids and teens with hearing loss

OVERCOMING  
OBSTACLES



HI FROM

A letter from me:  
Introduce yourself and share  
what readers can find in your magazine.

Create your own vision  
board collage with  
photos, text, cutouts,  
and images that are  
important to you.

Something  
you're looking  
forward to...

# THINGS

# I LOVE

Fill in the things you love right now:

Movies:

Music:

Books:

TV Shows:

Concerts:

Places:

Inspiring Role Model & Quote:





**OVERCOMING  
OBSTACLES**  
INSPIRING STORIES OF  
KIDS AND TEENS LIKE YOU

How does \_\_\_\_\_ hear?

With \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_!

Circle your devices:



### ALL ABOUT ME

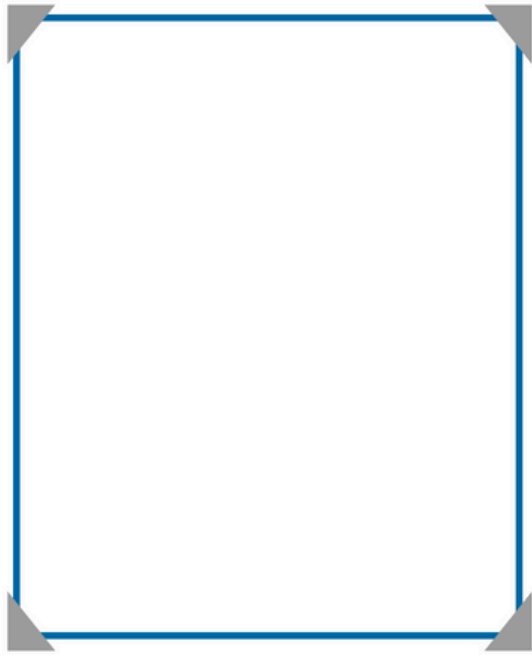
Include your age, grade, hometown, and things you love to do.

### MY HEARING LOSS STORY

Share your story from your diagnosis to your hearing devices to your education.

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What was one of your toughest challenges, and how did you overcome it?



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# FUN & GAMES



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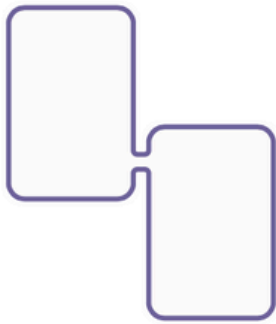
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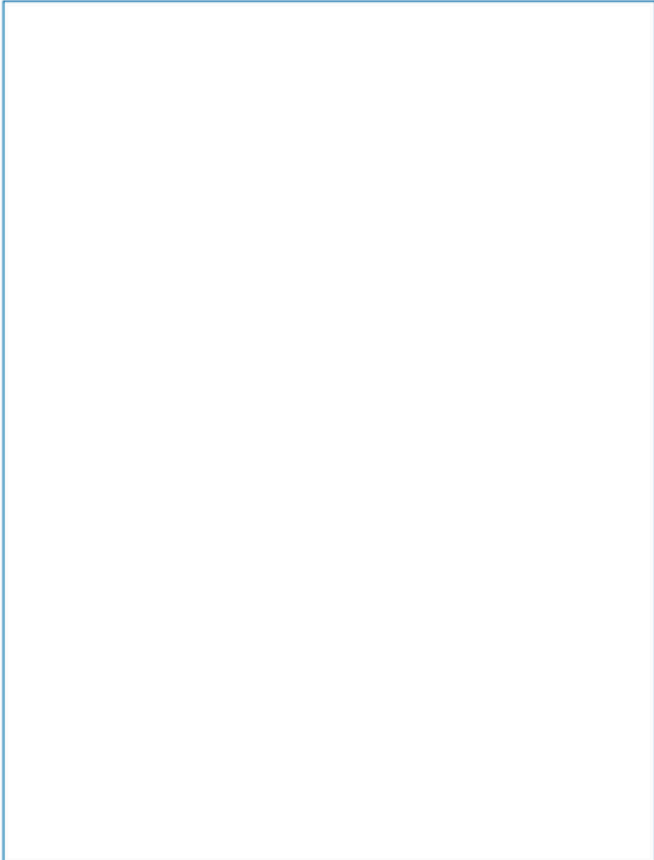
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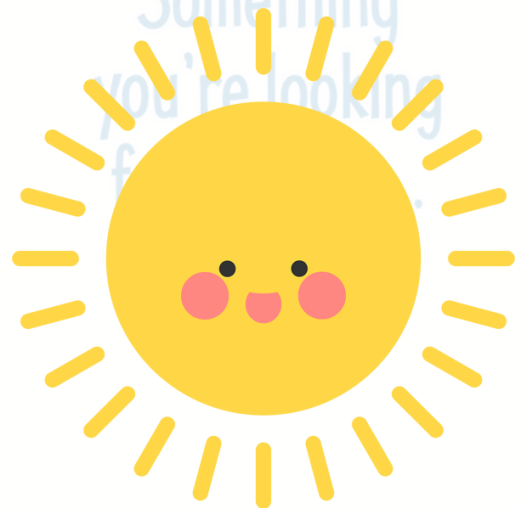
PARKER

HI, I'M PARKER!  
WELCOME TO MY MAGAZINE.  
YOU CAN LEARN ALL ABOUT THE  
LATEST NEWS, TRENDS, AND  
GET ALL THE SCOOP ON... ME!

NEW YEAR, NEW ME



THE FUTURE IS  
BRIGHT!



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WICKED

Music:

TAYLOR SWIFT

Books:

HARRY POTTER

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THE VOICE

Concerts:

THE ERAS TOUR

Places:

DISNEY WORLD

Inspiring Role Model & Quote:

"IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT." - WALT DISNEY

SIBLING SPOT

# FAMILY FUN SPOT



A picture of your family

**This is the story of my family:**

I HAVE HEARING LOSS, BUT  
MY BROTHER DOESN'T. WE  
ARE REALLY CLOSE AND  
LOVE PLAYING OUTSIDE  
TOGETHER. HE IS ALWAYS  
THERE TO HELP ME WHEN I  
NEED HIM.

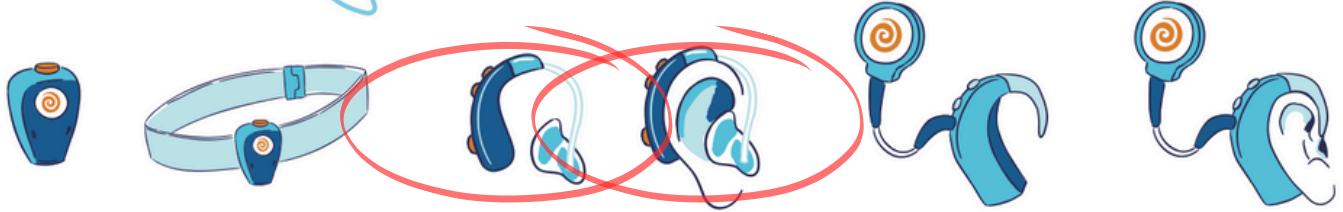


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How does **PARKER** hear?

With A BASKETBALL, CONCERT TICKETS, and TWO HEARING AIDS!

Circle your devices:



### ALL ABOUT ME

Include your age, grade, hometown, and things you love to do.

I'M 11 YEARS OLD, AND I GO TO MIDDLE SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA. I LIKE TO PLAY SPORTS, TRAVEL, HANG WITH MY FRIENDS, AND PLAY ON MY IPAD.

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MY HEARING LOSS WAS DIAGNOSED WHEN I WAS A BABY. FIRST I DIDN'T PASS THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING IN THE HOSPITAL. THEN WE DID MORE TESTING A FEW WEEKS LATER. I GOT MY HEARING AIDS SOON AFTER THAT. I WENT TO A SPECIAL PRESCHOOL TO LEARN TO LISTEN AND SPEAK.

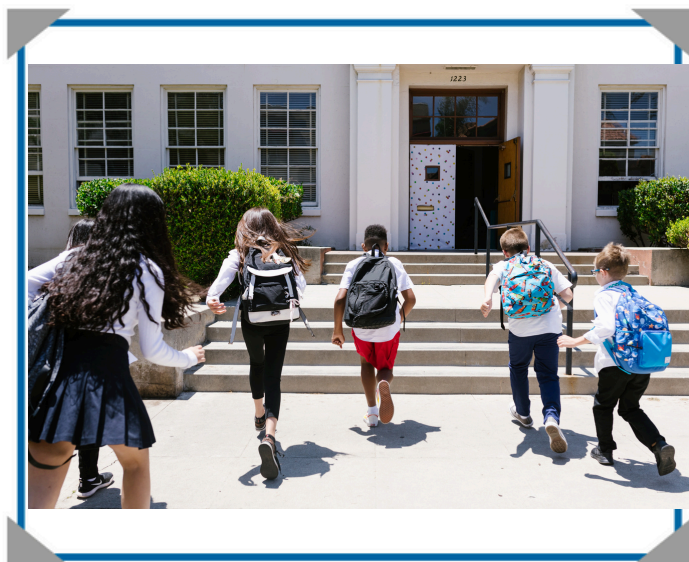
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FOR A LONG TIME I ONLY WORE MY HAIR DOWN, NEVER IN A PONYTAIL, BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO MY HEARING AIDS. AS I GOT OLDER AND GAINED CONFIDENCE, I STARTED TO REALIZE I SHOULD JUST BE ME AND WEAR MY HAIR HOWEVER I WANT. NOW I AM PROUD TO SHOW MY HEARING AIDS!



MY HOUSE



MY SCHOOL

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AT SCHOOL, I LOVE ENGLISH, GYM, AND MUSIC. MY FM SYSTEM HELPS ME HEAR MY TEACHERS MUCH BETTER. I MEET WITH MY TOD ONCE A WEEK TO REVIEW VOCABULARY AND SELF-ADVOCACY SKILLS.

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

Do your friends have typical hearing, hearing loss, or both? Talk about what your friends mean to you.

MOST OF MY FRIENDS DON'T HAVE HEARING LOSS. THEY ARE REALLY NICE ABOUT MAKING SURE I'M INCLUDED AND REPEATING THINGS WHEN I NEED THEM TO. I HAVE SOME FRIENDS WITH HEARING LOSS FROM MY PRESCHOOL, AND IT'S NICE TO HAVE PEOPLE I CAN RELATE TO.

## #GOALS

What are your hopes and dreams for the future? Does hearing loss affect those goals?

IN THE FUTURE I WANT TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY TO EUROPE. I WOULD LOVE TO WORK AT DISNEY ONE DAY, AND MY GOAL IS TO BE IN THE DISNEY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. I THINK MY HEARING LOSS WILL HELP ME STAND OUT AND WON'T HOLD ME BACK!



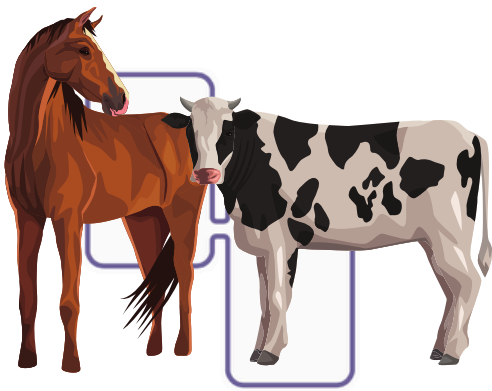
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MY HEARING AIDS BY PARKER

DO YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF MUSIC?

DO YOU HEAR YOUR FRIEND'S VOICE?

DO YOU HEAR THE BELL RING AT  
SCHOOL?

I HEAR ALL THESE THINGS AND MORE!

MY HEARING AIDS GIVE ME THE  
GIFT OF SOUND.

IT'S THE BEST GIFT OF ALL!