

**10 July 2024**

**Letter to Benefactor:**



**PATIENT: Miss Hilma Amisha Chibvongodze - DOB: 2021-04-22**  
**Fundraising registration number: 030-787-NPO**  
**Public benefit organisation number: 930005868**

This letter serves to confirm that Hilma has been evaluated at the Ear Institute's Cochlear Implant Unit.

She was diagnosed with a profound sensorineural hearing loss after a comprehensive audiological test battery, which included electroacoustic and advanced audiometric procedures. The most powerful hearing aids indicated insufficient hearing thresholds for normal functioning and development.

Implanting Hilma will give her access to sound which will provide her with the only chance of age-appropriate speech and language development. This will help her to perform better at school and give her the opportunity for better education resulting in independent employment as an adult.

If not implanted, it may lead to permanent changes in the auditory cortex in the brain which may make it impossible to benefit from a cochlear implant or any form of hearing restoration surgery in future.

The cost involved for one cochlear implant:

Cochlear implant system	R 265 000.00
Surgery and hospital for both ears	R 125 000.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>R390 000.00</u></b>

**Hilma does not have an active medical aid and needs to raise the entire amount before the operation can proceed. Please consider a donation towards Hilma's life-changing operation. The Gift of Hearing is a gift of life, and she will benefit from a cochlear implant for the rest of her life.**

*Donations must be paid into the following bank account referring to the stipulated bank reference:*

Account name	<b>Foundation for Children with a Hearing Loss in SA</b>
Bank	<b>Standard Bank</b>
Branch	<b>Gezina</b>
Branch code	<b>01484500</b>
Account number	<b>011794798</b>
Reference	<b>MED0023/Hilma</b>
Please send proof of all payments, together with your contact details to the Foundation manager: <a href="mailto:erika@hearingloss.org.za">erika@hearingloss.org.za</a>	

***RSA donations are tax deductible, please enquire with us.***

If the parent/patient decides not to proceed with the cochlear implant at the Ear Institute Cochlear Implant Unit, or if the cochlear implant cannot be done because of medical reasons, contributions made by the parents/patient towards the costs of the cochlear implant surgery shall be refunded to the parent/patient. However, monies donated from **third parties** in the contribution account shall not be returned and will be used for other suitable cochlear implant candidates. A handling fee of 15% will be charged should the cochlear implant order be cancelled due to non-medical reasons.

**Please note:**

- No patient, parent, family member or guardian of such patient may claim any donation amount from the Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss in Southern Africa, unless the amount of donation was stipulated and confirmed in writing.
- In the event where a donation was allocated towards a shortfall amount for a cochlear implant procedure, this donation amount will decrease when additional funds are raised should it sufficiently cover the shortfall. A percentage of the surplus amount will be applied for future repairs/mappings and the balance will be transferred to another patient in need of funds. *Let's pay it forward!*
- The Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss in Southern Africa's fundraising assistance is strictly for personal, non-commercial use.
- **Registration for any additional charity or fundraising platforms / campaigns that collect monetary donations for the same purpose as set out in this contract, must be disclosed to the Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss in Southern Africa.**
- **No additional fundraising campaigns for the same shortfall amount may proceed when the total amount for the operation reflects in our account.**

Please let us know if you require additional information.

***Thank you for changing the life of a child!***

Yours sincerely



**Erika Basson**

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