



Greetings “HEAR We Go” sponsors, volunteers, supporters & friends - my name is Kenyon and I’m honored to be your 2020 Teen Ambassador!

My “hearing journey” began at birth when I failed the newborn hearing screening three times! So, began the testing to determine a diagnosis - genetic, neurological, and of course more hearing tests. My parents and brother are all hearing, so this was uncharted territory for my family!

After much testing; I was diagnosed with mild/moderate, bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. At 2 years old, we went to Nemours A.I. duPont Hospital to get fitted for my first pair of hearing aids - they were blue with bright green ear molds!

During this time I attended Delaware School for the Deaf (DSD). It was at DSD that I learned to communicate using American Sign Language (ASL). The teachers and Audiologist at DSD provided my family with strategies that helped me succeed.

Fast forward 14 years! I’m now a sophomore at Tower Hill School where I’m a three sport student athlete - soccer, basketball and baseball; I’m involved in clubs and play the baritone in the band. My favorite subjects are math and science. I really enjoy playing baseball - I play on my Little League team, travel teams and for school. One of my most memorable moments happened this summer when I played in the Little League World Series (Seniors) in Easley, SC - it was one of the most exciting times of my life!

I view my inability to hear as a deficit; but not a handicap! I motivate myself to work hard at school to maintain good grades and push myself to succeed at athletics. I actively participate in my church where I’m an acolyte, sing on the choir and attend Sunday school. In my spare time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and spending time with my family.

I have been coming to A.I. Hospital Audiology pretty much all my life - everyone there has always been very friendly and they take great care of me, my hearing aids and my hearing! My family and I are grateful to get such amazing, compassionate, quality care!

