

Our daughter Clarissa has a profound hearing loss and has had hearing aids since she was 8 months old. She has been using her personal FM system since she was 12 months old. Clarissa will turn 3 years this month.

As you can see from the audiogram below, Clarissa receives great benefits from using her FM system. Between using the FM continuously at home and at Clarissa's preschool we can confidently say that her speech and listening skills have improved dramatically.

We expect her to make even greater progress when her teachers will use it in mainstream Kindergarten.

We are very distraught of even the thought of the auction of these frequencies. Imagine this, our daughter is in math class. While the teacher is discussing a problem, with the FM system on, a truck driver drives by the school and cues his CB and our daughter hears his conversation. How confusing do you think that would be?

For hearing impaired kids it is important that they are able to focus on every second of their school lessons. With the use of the FM it greatly improves their ability of focusing and understanding.

We hope you have great success in fighting this battle and that our input will be useful. Please let us know if we can do anything more.

Sincerely,

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 Date of Birth: 2/24/97

Date: 1/5/2001

## HEARING AID CHECK

Binaural  
 MicroLink FM system  
~~Right~~                      ~~Left~~

Manufacturer	Phonak		
Model	Bin E4s + MicroLink FM		
Serial #	SK 32194	IB	33602
Potentiometer Settings	Programmable		Programmable
Volume Control Settings	Aided-Binaural 12/4/00	N/A	N/A
	Unaided	Aided ± FM	Aided
Speech Reception Threshold	30 / detection = 25	20	
Speech Discrimination (HL level = ) in quiet	DNT	DNT	
in noise (s/n = )			
<b>Warbled Tone Thresholds</b>			
250 Hz	10	0	
500 Hz	30	15	
1000 Hz	55	35	
2000 Hz	60	40	
3000 Hz	60	45	
4000 Hz	65	50	

### Listening Difficulty Questionnaire

Compared with unaided listening, aided listening is

Better          Same          Worse

**COMMENTS** Clarissa was conditioned to respond to warbled tones by placing a block in box. Results were obtained with good reliability. When FM results were compared to aided only results from 12/4/00, improvement is noted. Clarissa receives approx. 15-20 dB of additional gain ± the microLink FM system. Her mother reports that they have been using the FM system whenever possible at home.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continued use of MicroLink FM system on Full time basis if possible.
2. an appt has been made to obtain speech discrimination scores, secondary to request from Clarissa A-V therapy

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