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I forgot to tell all of you something that happened to me this year. I was surfing the net oneday looking at hearing aids. My last one had taken its final dump. After what all has happened in the last few years I could not replace it.

I found a site called http://foundationforsightandsound.org/

I had my daughter check into it and I applied.

thinking, I had a chance of getting hearing aids like I did of winning the lottery.

Well believe it or not I was accepted and through a local hearing clinic I received my hearing aids. About $4500.00

worth. Now people have to be more careful what they say around me, LOL. I

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Subject: Thanks

In the spring of 2000 I was diagnosed with "Menire's Syndrome" which started in one ear and soon went to both, known as bi-lateral. Syndrome means no known cause or cure and some of the symptoms are the following.

Debilitating nausea, vertigo, head-aches, tinnitus and the possibility of the loss of hearing. The attacks can come at anytime with no known ability and no availability to any medicine, they prescribe Valium. I refused to take it as I told my wife I'm dumb enough already, she did not argue.

Since I was a long distance truck driver I had to take medical retirement. I could not pass the test with Valium in my system. Still with the attacks coming all of the time it was not safe for me to drive. Many times I had to immediately pull over to the side of the road because of the vertigo or dizziness. I also had lost up to 80% of my hearing in one ear and 60% in the other ear. I could not talk on the phone and I could not understand normal conversation.

As I learned to work around the disease, my wife and I became full time RV-er's. We sold our real estate and household goods. We'd work at any given campground for 2 or 3 months and then move on.

In Texas I bought a pair of Re Sound hearing aids in 2001. Wonderful, fantastic and expensive. BUT I could hear again. They lasted (made them last) over 11 years. In 2011 my wife became ill and we spent our small fortune on Drs and hospitals. Our finances that we thought would last about 30 years were gone in less than 10.

Our wonderful lifestyle was over, we returned to our home town here in Michigan. Within 3 months she succumbed to the ravages of cancer.

Thanks to our children we had a place to live.

With the savings gone there is just enough to live on. Roaming on the internet one day I discovered the Foundation For Sound and Sight' Help America Hear Program. The rest is history as they say. I now have another pair of Re Sound aids

I, at 74 yrs of age am in the NOW generation. I removed a word from my vocabulary which was - HUH? I no longer have to ask for all of the repeats or at meetings asking people to speak up. Now they tell me to SPEAK UP.

I'm getting my, what is left, singing voice back and am now looking for a gospel quartet to join up with, again.

I'm now telling everybody that there is some help available. Just get off of your duff and look.

The Foundation is fantastic to work with and they seem to have plenty of patience, with old people. LOL

I wish you all the best and hope you're able to keep up the good work.

I'll be listening and HEARING!
Darrell Patton

can now join in more conversations, listen to more music (still can't sing though), and be more aware of what is going on around me.
It was a great christmas presant that came this summer.
Thank You Dr. Shapiro and the girls at Foundation for Sight & Sound.

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