

Dr. Schachterle,

I cannot begin to express my Gratitude for getting me this hearing aid. Words fail me, this is such a tremendous thing! I've struggled for some years now, finding it more and more difficult to hear the pitches in female voices.

As a lifelong PTSD and sexual-assault victim, I've been technically disabled for twenty one years now. It's only now as I work through my trauma therapy, I can begin to rebuild. My goal is to work as a Victim's Advocate, and public speaker against sexual violence. I hope to work several phone crisis hotlines, organizations I currently volunteer for in lesser capacities.

As I work primarily with female victims, and female dominated stats, my struggles to ~~hear~~ hear these women have been frustrating and difficult in the extreme. In my personal life I had become gunshy of talking with women at all, with my endless "What did you say's?" and misunderstood conversational fragments. Pretending I've heard and understood what they have said.

Recently, one of my volunteer jobs became very interested in hiring me!! As I continue in my volunteer capacity I'm trying to earn a GED diploma to meet their hiring requirements and eventual employment. I'm fifty years old and my life is just beginning! This hearing aid will go a long way to helping me achieve my goals and aspirations! (I am crying as I write these words)

Thank you from the depths of my broken soul, thank you from a heart full of love, promise, and hope!

I see my debt to this program as an honour debt, and I live by my sense of personal honor. The fact that this debit will then benefit another individual cannot be ignored or forgot. I will begin repaying this program with my first paycheck.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for this kindness, you have my everlasting gratitude and respect. Thank you for your compassionate work, effort, and resources!

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