

The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

Jeremy Michaels' hearing loss was suspected in-utero, and officially diagnosed at nine weeks of age. He received a cochlear implant at age two and a half, and was mainstreamed from the beginning. Now age 13, Jeremy made Principal's List at his school in Queens, and has his heart set on becoming a scientist.

Success stories like these are why The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary (NYEE) is an international leader in restoring sight and sound to children. Last year, the Infirmary performed 25,000 surgical procedures and served 225,000 patient visits, making it one of New York's busiest hospitals. Pediatric care comprises more than thirty percent of the Infirmary's services across all specialties in Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat), and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Every day, the Infirmary's operating rooms are busy treating children suffering from eye disorders and eye trauma, or in need of reconstructive surgery to correct congenital vision and hearing defects, including cochlear implantations to reverse deafness in infants as young as five months.

Ten-year-old Lillian Pravda is another New York Eye and Ear success story. Born with severe vision impairment, she has had several surgeries at the Infirmary to remove cataracts and to adjust the muscles in her eyes. In gratitude, Lillian began to distribute toys in the Infirmary's pediatric department to children undergoing eye surgery. From her talks with young patients and their families, she and the Infirmary created *Vision for and from Children*, a special fund to help children like herself, who have eye-related medical challenges. The fund is helping the Infirmary make its sight-saving treatments available to children less fortunate than Lillian, and helping provide for much needed pediatric care supplies and equipment.

To learn more about *Vision for and from Children* and about The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, go to www.nyee.edu or call the Infirmary at 212-979-4019.