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## Overview

My Right To Hear is a **Tax-Exempt Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization** that aims to address, coordinate, and provide relief for impoverished children with hearing loss in Palestine. This includes early screening for hearing loss, treatment with hearing aids or cochlear implant surgery, and posttreatment rehabilitation.

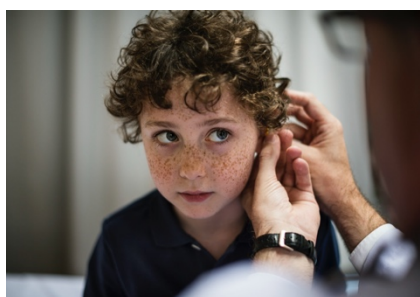
## Background

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), over 5% of children worldwide (34 million) have disabling hearing loss. The impact of untreated hearing loss extends to affect the functional performance of the children, their social and emotional interaction, and cause a significant economic burden. In developing countries, including Palestine, children with hearing loss rarely receive any schooling. Moreover, when they become adults, they will have a much higher unemployment rate. Among those who are employed, a higher percentage of people with hearing loss are in the lower grades of employment compared with the general workforce.

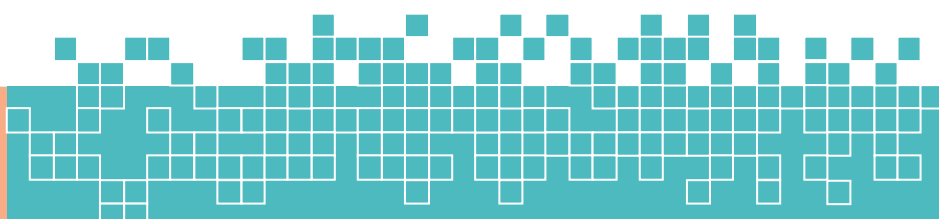


Therefore, early detection and intervention are crucial to minimizing the impact of hearing loss on a child's development and educational achievements. In infants and young children with hearing loss, early identification and management through infant hearing screening programs can improve the linguistic and educational outcomes for the child. More definitive treatment is often achieved using hearing devices, such as hearing aids and cochlear implants. However, in developing countries, less than 3% of people with hearing loss have any form of access to hearing devices or to rehabilitation.

## Our Mission in Palestine



It is estimated that 250-350 children are born with hearing loss every year in Palestine. Most of those children need cochlear implants and extensive hearing rehabilitation early in life (ideally younger than 3 years of age) to have the best chance to improve. However, due to the high cost of cochlear implants (ranges \$27,000-\$60,000 worldwide), only few children every few years get to have the procedure done in Palestine, leaving hundreds of other children waiting desperately for years.





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From there, My Right To Hear was founded in 2019 as a Non-profit organization to help underserved children with hearing loss in Palestine have a chance to hear for the first time, by providing cochlear implants, hearing aids and rehabilitation at no cost.

In order to do so, we built a complete infrastructure needed to perform cochlear implants, from the ground up, starting with training local surgeons. We also collaborated with several leading hearing companies, including ASTEMED, Starkey Hearing, and MED-EL to provide the necessary equipment, cochlear implants, hearing aids and rehabilitation. Additionally, we partnered with the Audiology and Speech center at An-Najah National University for children screening and rehabilitation. We established a free rehabilitation center and trained several local centers in West Bank and Gaza to provide those services.

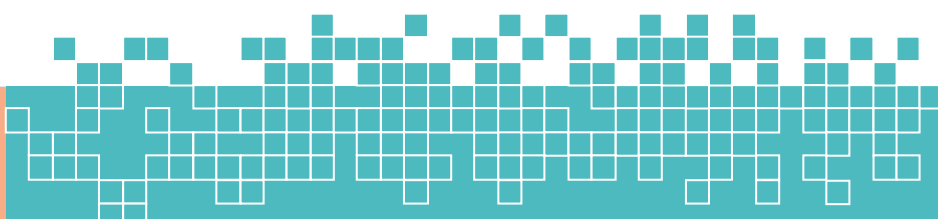


With this combination of expertise, we were able to have all the necessary means needed to work with the children early on in their life until they are able to hear and speak. We also managed to lower the cost of each procedure and subsequent rehabilitation to \$10,000, maximizing the number of children who will be covered. Since starting in 2019, we have provided and supported **more than 70 cochlear implants** in West Bank and Gaza. Hundreds of hearing aids were also provided for free. Sponsors for those procedures included several benefactors and philanthropists from Palestine, Middle East and USA, along with other local and international collaborators.

### Children Selection Process



Dr. Samar Khaledi (Professor and Chair of Audiology and Speech Pathology at An-Najah National University) and Dr. Ramadan Hussain (Gaza) receive lists of candidate children with hearing loss from the Palestinian Ministry of Health and other government hearing organizations in the country, after in depth clinical evaluation. Children are re-evaluated by Drs. Khaledi and Hussain to make sure they fit the indication for cochlear implants. After a careful selection process, children will be scheduled to have the procedure done by trained surgeons at Red Crescent Hospital in Hebron.





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## Achievements

### 2020

- 1- A total of **47 cochlear implant** surgeries performed at the Red Crescent Hospital in Hebron.
- 2- Additionally, **16 more cochlear implants** provided for free to the Ministry of Health to be implanted in Gaza.
- 3- Established multiple hearing rehabilitation centers and collaborated with local centers throughout West Bank and Gaza.

### 2019

- 1- Trained local surgeons to independently perform cochlear implants in Palestine.
- 2- First successful cochlear implant surgeries at Red Crescent and Al-Ahli hospitals in Hebron.
- 3- Total of **8 cochlear implant** surgeries were performed in Gaza and West bank.
- 4- Established an infrastructure for cochlear implant surgery and rehabilitation in Palestine.

## Managing Co-Founder - USA



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### International Collaborators



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### Local Collaborators



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## For Tax-Deductible Donations

### 1- Wire Transfers

Name: My Right To Hear

Bank: J.P. Morgan Chase

SWIFT/BIC Code: CHASUS33

Routing Transit Number: 065400137

Account Number: 651596386

### 2- PayPal

Name: My Right To Hear

Email: [Donate@myrighttohear.org](mailto:Donate@myrighttohear.org)



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## Tax Exemption Approval



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Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
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Cincinnati, OH 45201

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01/29/2021  
Employer ID number:  
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Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
March 31, 2020  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
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