



LSL Life – Parents Share

- Matt:** If I could go back and relive those moments in the chaos of learning that we have a child with a hearing disability, I would tell myself to stay calm, and try to understand the big picture more. And everything's going to be okay. The hearing loss isn't going to define who Maggie is. It's an obstacle, but she's done a phenomenal job of overcoming that obstacle.
- Janeth:** We were told to wait until Sophie was of school age to do something about the hearing loss. Well, I was a kindergarten teacher for eleven years, and I have a degree in early childhood. So I know that during the first three years of children's lives, that's where you make connections, that's where you develop the brain. It would have been detrimental for Sophie. She would not be who she is today if we had waited that long.
- Gerald:** Good shot, buddy.
- Kendra:** If I were to talk to new parents who were experiencing hearing loss with their child, I would tell them to continue to seek answers. Don't give up. Stay hopeful. And right now, it seems like it's storming and it's raining, but there's a rainbow at the end of it all.