

Pick A Pearl

Hope Faroa

11 years old, Gr 4



Deafness is a silent disability... (Rachel Shenton).

“Unfortunately, more than 80% deaf/hard of hearing (DHH) students are educated within the public-school system today, having little or no access to supportive systems”

(<https://soe.uncg.edu/we-can-she-can-deaf-can/>).

Both Hope and her younger brother are suffering from hearing loss. She is the middle child of three in her family. At birth she was diagnosed with a cleft palate and shortened lower jaw (Robin Syndrome). At the age of 18 months the palate was repaired. Because she had also been diagnosed with hearing loss, she is currently using hearing aids. Various therapeutic inputs (especially speech therapy) are being offered in order to support her to the development of her potential as an independent individual.

Hope has been a learner at Paarl school since the beginning of 2024. Presently each of the three siblings are attending different schools – while the father is the sole breadwinner.

This family is fighting a constant battle to keep the pot boiling. Apart from the usual household expenses, transport costs to hospitals and schools almost put unbearable pressure on the parents.

Fees for 2024

School: R15 700

Bus: R18 100

Want to make a donation towards this child's fees?

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