



Human Resources Director Hears All

Thirty-eight year old hospitality professional Molly Clark learned the value of being able to hear everything in the workplace when she had trouble understanding her colleagues. Now, after receiving hearing instruments to fit her lifestyle, nothing stands in the way of her pursuing her professional dreams.

Missing Everyday Sounds

Molly Clark was just starting her career during her early 20s when she noticed she wasn't hearing as well as she used to. If the person she was speaking with blocked their mouth, she found herself moving to see their lips. Her family also commented that she often asked people to repeat themselves.

Molly thought nothing of it, and waited until she was in her late 20s to get her first hearing test. Her test results were inconclusive. The hearing professional who conducted her test said her hearing loss could be hereditary, but it was impossible for Molly to verify. Molly was told that she could benefit from hearing instruments, but the hearing professional did not highly recommend that she get them, so Molly decided to wait.

However, soon Molly noticed that it was difficult for her to hear everyday sounds. When watching scary movies, she was unable to hear a character scream. When listening to music, she couldn't make out the words. She also found herself turning up the volume on the television or on the radio in the car.

More importantly, when Molly was getting started in her career in the hotel business, she noticed that she couldn't clearly hear her co-workers and had to frequently ask them to repeat themselves. Working in human resources, Molly frequently ran meetings and trainings, and would have to walk up to individual employees to hear their questions. Molly felt that her hearing loss was negatively affecting her work because she was missing important information.

Unhappy With Her Hearing Aids

Molly was concerned about the problem, but was also concerned about the price of hearing instruments. While living in Florida, she heard about a state program that provided free hearing aids to residents who were under a certain age and who worked full time. Molly qualified for the program and was happy to receive free instruments, but soon discovered she was unhappy with their size and quality.

"Those hearing aids were awful, they plugged my ears up and they ended up breaking," Molly recounts. "When they were in my ears, it felt like I was talking under water."

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A Lesson in Hearing Awareness

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Molly was frustrated that even with the hearing aids, she was still having trouble hearing things at work. And she was still unable to clearly hear her cell phone, radio and television.

Motion® Allows Molly to Experience Her Full Life

Wanting to find a better solution, Molly saved up money specifically for hearing aids and visited an audiologist in Denver, where she now lives. Molly wanted hearing instruments that were versatile and comfortable. Based on her needs and lifestyle, her audiologist Dr. Barbara Jenkins recommended the Siemens Motion 100 hearing instruments. Molly was immediately impressed with how subtle they were, and was even more impressed with their ease-of-use.

“Motions are comfortable and easy to use,” Molly says.

After being fitted with her Motion instruments, Molly heard birds and crickets chirp, sounds she was surprised to realize she wasn’t able to hear before.

“I asked myself, what else have I missed?” Molly says. “You take that for granted.”

At home, Molly has noticed big improvements. She no longer has to turn the volume way up on the television and no longer has to use closed captioning. She also appreciates the ease of regular conversation; before receiving her hearing instruments, she always asked her stepchildren to repeat themselves.

Molly is happiest with the significant improvement at work in her many meetings and training classes.

“When employees are asking questions, I can hear them now,” she says.

Molly has only had her hearing instruments now for a couple of months, but she wishes she would have had her hearing loss treated earlier. Not only is she happy about the improvement she has seen at work, but she is also thankful for her improved overall quality of life. Molly’s new Siemens Motion® 100 hearing instruments are comfortable, and allow her to enjoy every decibel she was missing.

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