[Music]

right

I believe I was about seven or eight

years old I had about a six

six to seventy percent hearing loss

uh the time was 1995

and they were looking for a candidate

who was able to have a voice to express

themselves so I was selected

to have the implant and

in a way I was afraid because

it would be a new experience

and so my wife and my family

wanted me to have it done because we had

no way of communicating

once I had the implant

done it was amazing because

for the first time I heard my right

car when I got out of bed and she said

good morning so that was the first time

I heard her say

good morning and when I heard that I

jumped for joy

and I went around the house where we

were living

trusting the doorbell or putting the

radio on

and I was able to hear the way I used to

hear

many many many years ago I trained

myself to learn new sounds

that I never heard before such

as the crickets on the ground

and uh the ocean waves which I never

heard

are the raindrops on top of the car

my right voice and

my children sound because I never heard

them talk for many many many

years and I have to give my wife credit

because once I got implanted in 1995

1996 she made me

read books to pass the time

and I must have read well

over a thousand bucks

my wife is a good singer and she's

saying to me

and we do a lot of wonderful things

together

and I love my wife zelda and I still

love her today

of course you do

[Music]