# **USH Society Home Photo Booth**

# (DESCRIPTION)

Text: Shine a Light on Usher Syndrome. @Home Photo Booth 2020. Storytelling to raise awareness for Usher Syndrome.

### (SPEECH)

[MUSIC PLAYING]

# (DESCRIPTION)

A woman with red hair. Text: USH Type 2A. Deborah Heffernan. Cork, Ireland.

# (SPEECH)

Don't let having Usher syndrome limit your potential and dreams.

# (DESCRIPTION)

Two boys in glasses and matching clothes put their arms around one another. Bookbags are at their feet. Text: focus on their abilities not their disabilities. USH Type 1D. Eamon and Kealan. Australia.

A smiling woman with brown and grey hair. Text: USH Type 2A. Marisa Postlewate. Texas USA.

# (SPEECH)

Always focus on what you have and not what you have lost. Do the best you can with what you have and don't give up hope.

## (DESCRIPTION)

A young man in a ball cap. Text: Having Usher Syndrome doesn't have to limit your dreams. Do you and be you and show the world that nobody can put a cap on your potential. USH Type 2A. Brenden Sorensen. Arizona, USA. A young girl smiling wide wearing a golden Belle dress. Text: USHType 1B. Alexandra Lopatofsky. Pennsylvania, USA.

#### (SPEECH)

Usher syndrome does not define who a person is. You define who you are.

## (DESCRIPTION)

A young girl poses in a blue and black dance dress. Text: USHType 1B. Michaela Lopatofsky. Pennsylvania, USA.

# (SPEECH)

With the right support system, people living with Usher syndrome can do anything.

#### (DESCRIPTION)

A girl in a wide brimmed hat and American flag dress. Text: Just because I am Deaf-Blind that

does not mean I cannot learn or do activities. I may need time or learn differently. Please be patient with me and try again. USH Type 3B. Krishangi Shroff. Texas, USA.

A boy in a red shirt and red cap. Text: Don't look at the shadow, look at the sun. USH Type 3B. Aryan Shroff. Texas, USA.

A young woman grins. text: USH Type 2A. Caroline Cerilli. Michigan, USA.

# (SPEECH)

Usher syndrome has introduced me to a fantastic community and inspired me to learn more about the history of disability rights. Both of these have been wonderful additions to my life.

# (DESCRIPTION)

A grinning man looking down on us from his chair. Text: I remember receiving my diagnosis, my initial response was fear, but then an even stronger emotion emerged, the feeling of finally knowing where I belong and knowing I was not alone. This feeling is something we should forever pursue for our fellow USH friends all over the globe since the bigger, the more united our community, the stronger we are! USH Type 2A. Jorge Cantu. Monterrey, Mexico.

A young man in a plaid buttun-up shirt. Text: USH Type 3. Aaron Graham. New York USA.

# (SPEECH)

The more aware society is about Usher syndrome, the more we can live truthful and honest lives.

# (DESCRIPTION)

A woman and a golden retriever. Text: USH Type 2A. Katherine 'Kim' Paulk. New York, USA.

# (SPEECH)

USH is a journey of love, learning, informing, and development to achieve personal goals. My success comes from discovering ways to mentor, to be mentored, and to use our learns to help others with or without Usher syndrome. Making a difference and growing skills to help me make a difference helps me to conquer each day.

## (DESCRIPTION)

A woman in an orange shirt. Text: Living with Usher syndrome is about how to live with change and the unknown. If you have usher syndrome, know you are not alone and breathe. Arm yourself with the resources and tools you'll need to live with it. Armed with these tools, I've been able to fulfill my dream to become a nurse. USH Type 2A. Laura Rough. Salt Lake City, Utah USA. A woman and a young girl hold hands in front of a mural of Texas. Text: Priyanka Nordstrom. Texas, USA.

#### (SPEECH)

As I raise my daughter with Usher syndrome, I hope to instill pride for who she is and what she can do.

# (DESCRIPTION)

The testimonial is interpreted in ASL. Text: Type Unknown.

A woman and a lean yellow dog. Text: No matter how hard the going gets, or how impossible the task, or how bad of a hand we are dealt, we can push on and survive. USH Type 1B. Linnea Haga. Florida, USA.

A young girl with long blonde hair and a shirt that says, "Breathe in Peace." Text: USH Type 1B. Ava Bullis. New Jersey, USA.

# (SPEECH)

Focus on your capabilities, not your disability. Dream it, believe it, crush it.

# (DESCRIPTION)

A young woman in a black lace dress. Text: I am not what has happened to me. I am what I choose to become. USH Type 2A. Eugenia Trevino Mellado. Monterrey, Mexico.

A woman by the beach in a cap. Text: USH Type 2 A. Deb Marinos. Oregon, USA.

## (SPEECH)

Though life can be frustrating because I have to work harder to do things differently, I have accomplished much, and I have so much joy.

# (DESCRIPTION)

A woman with short curly hair. Text: USH Type 2A. Meagan Moore. Oregon, USA.

## (SPEECH)

My journey toward blindness has been and will continue to be long and emotional, but I am grateful for my loving husband and children who are here to support me along the way. I am also grateful for every day I continue to enjoy God's beautiful creation, watch sunsets, read books, and watch my kids play. I'm gradually learning how to advocate for myself, use new skills to navigate the world, allow my friends and family to show their love and support by helping me when needed, and how to trust in my Heavenly Father's plans for me.

## (DESCRIPTION)

A young woman with long brown hair and braces. Text: USH Type 2A. Diana Velarde. Mexico City, Mexico.

## (SPEECH)

Life is full of possibilities. You only have to keep moving to see them.

## (DESCRIPTION)

A young woman with headphones around her neck. Text: USH Type 3. Reut Sadigurschi. Israel.

# (SPEECH)

Even when it's hard, we can do anything we set our mind to.

# (DESCRIPTION)

Two young men stand next to one another. One is wearing a pink shirt and the other a blue graduation gown. A green tree and grey house are behind them. Text: USH Type 1b. Gavin Morrobel & Ethan Morrobel. New Jersey, USA.

# (SPEECH)

Be confident, and be yourself, and remember, you can do anything.

# (DESCRIPTION)

A baby with dark brown pigtails. Text: Natalia will grow up knowing that Usher is a part of her but will NOT define who she is. The opportunities for her will be endless. We are here, we will be her eye sand ears. Text: USH Type 1B. Natalia Rodriguez. California, USA. A boy looks up at us from a swing set swing. Text: Life has its up and downs... keep swinging! USH Type 2A. Wils Banu. Needham, USA.

# (SPEECH)

Life has its ups and downs. Keep swinging.

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Text: Usher Syndrome Society. Art. Awareness. Research. Cure. A logo with 12 dots representing 2 braille cells. The braille letters u s are highlighted in blue. Text: usher syndrome society.