

Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada

Making the decision to have a baby is a tremendous responsibility – but imagine being hearing impaired and wondering how you manage caring for the new little person about to enter your life. That is Kimberly’s reality – and her attitude is to “Bring it on!”

Shortly after they married, Kim and Ted started to talk about having a baby – but they were worried about how they would manage if Kim couldn’t hear their baby’s cry. Kim explored many options, especially when she found that hearing aids were no longer effective for her. Kim then learned about the Lions Foundation of Canada’s Hearing Ear Dog program.

These Dog Guides alert their handlers to various sounds in the home, such as a telephone ringing, a baby’s cry, a knock at the door, or a activated smoke alarm. “Buddy is my ears. He can alert me to important sounds such as my baby crying, and takes enormous pressure off me. I feel more freedom and confidence as a result,” says Kim.

