



Kate Vasanth, age 2 ½, hearing loss was diagnosed during prenatal testing and confirmed shortly after birth. Like her older brother, the cause of hearing loss was due to the Connexin 26 gene. She received hearing aids and started speech therapy at 4 weeks of age, received her first cochlear implant at 6 months of age and her second at 9 months of age. Her first word at 11 months was “Up!!” Kate is the family’s fearless, independent adventurer. She will climb any slide and jump into any pool. She loves to dress herself in “matching” outfits and she can put her CI magnet back in place on her own. Her favorite color is purple and she loves Hello Kitty. Kate is also the “investigative reporter.” She comes home from activities and will tell her parents in detail what she and Brendan did that day. Kate will start mainstream preschool at The William Woodward Jr. Nursery School in the fall of 2012. Brendan and Kate’s parents said, ***“The most amazing result of our journey and the greatest gift that The Ear Institute has given our family is a typical childhood for our children.”***