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Who would have thought, a little trivia can make such an impact on kids like Max?

Toowoomba based Hear and Say Centre is inviting social groups, sporting clubs, community groups, families and friends, to a night of nonstop trivia fun on Saturday 28 April while helping give the gift of sound to children with hearing loss.

Children just like local boy Max Ramsay who at four months of age was diagnosed with hearing loss in his right ear, after contracting Pneumococcal Meningitis. Max was 2 years old when he received a cochlear implant.

Mum, Kelly Ramsay said that before Max's cochlear implant it was difficult to understand what he was saying, today, thanks to the gift of sound, Max is a happy little boy who loves reading books.

"Every night we read a story to him, and then afterwards he takes the book and goes to sleep with it, proud Mum, Kelly said.

In addition to regular speech and language therapy, Max attends the fortnightly LEAP Playgroup, as well as monthly visits for occupational therapy. Max loves Hear and Say playgroup because he gets to socialise with other kids just like him.

Anna Warby, Hear and Say Listening and Spoken Language Therapist at the Toowoomba Centre has watched Max grow.

"Max is now 4 years of age and his sound development has continued to progress and I am pleased to report is at the expected level for his age."

"Max's achievements, and those of other children in the Hear and Say program, are made possible by the generosity of Hear and Say donors who provide the funds that allow us to continue to provide children in Toowoomba, and across the Darling Downs, with the listening and spoken language they need, Ms Warby said.

The Trivia Night, fundraiser is on Saturday 28 April from 6.30pm, at the Millennium Centre, Anglican College and Preparatory School.

Tickets for tables of eight can be purchased on line at www.hearandsay.com.au/toowoomba-trivia

For more information contact a member of the fundraising team on 3850 2111 or email to fundraising@hearandsay.com.au

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About Hear and Say www.hearandsay.com.au

Established in 1992 by Dr Dimity Dornan AO, Hear and Say today provides services and programs to children, young adults and families across six centres as well as e-Auditory-Verbal Therapy and e-Audiology programs reaching out rural and remote families. Hear and Say also provides School Hearing Screening Program and paediatric hearing services - as a child's hearing can change over time.



Our aim is to help all children to hear, listen and speak so they can attend a regular school, have wider career choices and can more fully participate in their community. Hear and Say interfaces state-of-the-art hearing technology (digital hearing aids and implantable technology such as cochlear implants) with the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach.

As a not-for-profit organisation Hear and Say must raise more than \$10,000 each year, for up to five years, to fill the funding gap so that one child with hearing loss to listen and speak. Hear and Say is committed to using clinical research to measure outcomes and its success lies in the vital role that parents/caregivers play in teaching their children to listen and speak.