

Hearing Loss Experience Inspires Her to Make a Difference in the Lives of Others

Elise Ansberg

Outstanding Youth Advocate for Hearing Healthcare Recognized: Elise Ansberg Awarded for Philanthropic Efforts with HearAide.

Elise Ansberg knows the struggles of those who suffer from hearing loss. The Ottawa Hills High School senior was born with bilateral hearing loss and received her first pair of hearing aids at the age of three.

Elise Ansberg, now a senior at Ottawa Hills High School, has been awarded the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award from The Ability Center for her work with HearAide, an organization that provides hearing healthcare to underserved communities worldwide. Ansberg, who was born with bilateral hearing loss, raised over \$45,000 for HearAide and traveled to Jordan in March 2022 to set up two clinics in refugee camps, where she was able to help others with hearing loss like herself.


About The Ability Center: The Northwest Ohio agency strives to make our community the most disability friendly in the country by increasing independence for people with



disabilities, discovering true passions, and changing the community's perception of disability. The Ability Center has served the seven counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Defiance, and Williams since 1920.

"Elise embodies the spirit of youth activism, proving that young people can create significant social impact. Her advocacy work shines a light on the unique challenges faced by individuals with hearing impairments, fostering empathy and understanding – especially for youth in the community."

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