

Allison's Journey

After several months of uncertainty, Allison was diagnosed with profound hearing loss on October 1, 2013. We called Desert Voices the very next day to set up a tour. As soon as we met the teachers and had a chance to talk with the students, we knew that we wanted her to attend Desert Voices, and we started parent infant therapy the very next week. After a 6 months trial with hearing aids, Allison received bilaterally cochlear implants in March of 2014.

At age two Allison started attending the toddler class at Desert Voices and at three she transitioned to the full day preschool program. Allison positively thrived at Desert Voices and successfully mainstreamed into kindergarten at age five. She is in first grade now and doing amazingly well. She loves art, swimming, and when she grows up, she wants to be a baker.

Desert Voices always felt like family - even more so when I began working as a teaching assistant in the toddler room in 2016. I was inspired by the amazing teachers and staff at Desert Voices to make a career change and return to school to pursue a graduate degree in Deaf Education.

Lockwood Family