



## Loud Shirt Day



### Meet the Coles Family

Sally is the mum of two bright and happy boys, Archer and Banjo. When Archer was just two years old, he suffered from an auto-inflammatory disease that caused his hearing loss, he was in and out of hospital over the course of a year and was confirmed to be completely deaf. With no idea how permanent it was, or what cochlear implants really were, it was a frightening blow for the Coles family.

Archer is now five years old, has a grasp of his cochlear implants, and has been supported by the team at The Shepherd Centre for the past two years.

Sally updates that *“Archer is doing so, so well; he is getting more and more used to his cochlear implants (aka ‘ma ears’) and his language development is really starting to come together all thanks to the amazing work of The Shepherd Centre.*

*Since that day back in June, we’ve been introduced into the hearing loss world. We met the amazing people at The Shepherd Centre which supports children with hearing loss, they’ve helped us beyond measure by answering our questions, speech therapy, and providing support. We wouldn’t have made it through without them.”*

Since his diagnosis, Sally has become dedicated to being *“the biggest advocate for this cause to support not only Archer, but any children and families going through this. It’s hard, scary and if we can find any way to assist then sign me up.”*

**The Coles Family has been a huge support to The Shepherd Centre for Loud Shirt Day over the years, making and selling custom t-shirts in their community, and raising awareness for hearing loss.**

