

Because Of Merlin...

I am a fifty four year old female, legally blind since birth. I have no central vision and a limited amount of peripheral vision, which I thought was what everybody saw. One of the early clues to my low vision was the problems I encountered at school. I had to sit in the front row in the classroom to be able to see the chalkboard. I could not pass the driving test at age 16, which prompted a trip to the optometrist. This doctor said "something's going on with your vision, you need to see a specialist" and I did not have the opportunity to do this until I was 23 years old. Doctors have argued for years over the actual diagnosis. All I know is that my low vision has limited my abilities over the years. Then I was able to obtain the Merlin Enhanced Vision CCTV. For the first time I'm able to view photos of my children, grandchildren, and other family members. I never knew what they looked like until I could see them with Merlin's assistance. Merlin has also enhanced my life and increased my independence in so many ways.

I am now able to read billing statements, check for accuracy and make corrections when necessary. Finally, I'm able to pay bills when I need to, and not have to depend on someone else to help me. I can also read forms to complete on my own. No longer, am I completely dependent on others to help me do things that most people take for granted doing everyday.

The Merlin allows me to read phone numbers in the phone book so I can make or change appointments. I can now telephone anyone I want to talk to and make phone calls for personal business. Reading the newspaper had been a thing of the past, but now I can read the newspaper, which brings me back into the community. Along with the newspaper, I can read the grocery ads and sale bills, which saves me money on groceries and other necessities.

Imagine the reaction of persons who have been receiving letters, birthday cards, and holiday cards from me lately when I had not been able to see well enough to send them in years! My family has also been amazed by my newfound interest in baking and cooking for them and it's because Merlin allows me to read recipes and directions on food packages so I can cook once again.

Personally, I had a former interest in history and family genealogy. My limited vision had ended this hobby. Now I'm able to renew my interest and am currently researching my family tree. In my family research, I've been able to obtain photographs of my deceased parents, grandparents, and other relatives and for the first time, I know what they looked like.

My Merlin is used daily, and this is just a glimmer of how much use it gets and how much it has changed my life for the better. Thanks so much for the Merlin Enhanced Vision CCTV.