

HIKE HAPPENINGS

The Quarterly Newsletter of The HIKE Fund, Inc.



HIKE Explained

HEARING: the process, function, or power of perceiving sound

IMPROVEMENT: making something better

KIDS: children of all races, creed or color

ENDOWMENT: providing or equipping gratuitously

The HIKE Fund is the philanthropic project of Job’s Daughters International, a girl’s leadership organization. The purpose of HIKE is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. An estimated 50 children are provided with hearing devices each year. Since its inception in 1984, HIKE has raised over 6.5 million dollars to help children in the United States.

HIKE HAPPENINGS

The purpose of this newsletter is to promote, inspire and provide useful information and resources about HIKE to the community. HIKE HAPPENINGS will be published on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December of each calendar year.

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Did You Know?

Contributions to HIKE are tax deductible! The charity itself is identified as a tax deductible organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3). The tax identification number for The HIKE Fund, Inc. is 36-3406438.



Why I HIKE? One Jobie's Perspective on Fundraising for HIKE

Becca W. is Grand Bethel Jr. Princess of Virginia Job's Daughters International.

Becca is a high school senior and a member of Bethel 42 Virginia Beach, VA. As a young Jobie, she attended a HIKE Grant presentation and it made a lasting impression on her. Since then, she has been motivated to spread the word about HIKE. As a Type 1 Diabetic whose life is impacted on a daily basis, she related to young people with hearing impairments. HIKE became her charity of choice and for the past six years, she has been an active fundraiser. On October 19th, Becca will help kick off Virginia's HIKE season of fundraising with a promotional march on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. She will also lead an instructional lesson on (1) the types of diagnoses that require hearing aid assistance, (2) why Job's Daughters helps children with hearing loss, and (3) ideas for successful fundraisers. Becca has a personal goal of raising \$1,000 for HIKE this coming year. To do that, she will be selling seasonal baked goods between now and October 19th. You can order her homemade pumpkin bread or make a monetary donation using the QR code below!

"We learn how to become leaders in Job's Daughters. HIKE helps us become servant leaders. I can give back to young people just like me." - Becca W. (Virginia)



HIKE Statistics

As of July 2024:

Grant applications received: 11

Grants awarded: \$29,825

Total Funds Raised since 1984:

\$6,883,167



Celebrating 40 Years of HIKE

HIKE held a tshirt design competition earlier this year to commemorate HIKE's 40th anniversary. Job's Daughters throughout the world submitted designs for a new tshirt and the winning design was unveiled at Supreme Session in La Vista, Nebraska in July.

Congratulations to Breckyn G. from Illinois on her winning design.



You can contact your area's HIKE coordinator for info on how to get your own HIKE tshirt!



Samantha L. HIKE Grant Recipient & member of Bethel #16 Glen Burnie, Maryland

How HIKE Made a Difference

Samantha L. is a 15 year old homeschooled 9th grader and avid crafter. She also currently serves as Fourth Messenger of Bethel #16 Glen Burnie, MD.

When Sammie was six months old, she was diagnosed with mild to severe neuro-bilateral sensory hearing loss. A friend from her church told her family about The HIKE Fund and her parents filled out the application for a grant, which, according to her parents, was an easy process with the help of her doctor and audiologist. In 2010, Sammie received a grant that enabled her to purchase her first set of hearing aids. Her older sister, who also suffers from hearing loss, received a grant to purchase an FM amplification system.

In December of 2023, Sammie joined Bethel #16 in Glen Burnie, MD. Fundraising for HIKE is a big priority for her. She is an avid crafter and makes bookmarks, keychains, magnets and other small trinkets to sell to family, friends and in her community. In May of 2024, she donated several crafts and pieces of original artwork to a silent auction held by DelMar Job's Daughters and along with her other fundraising efforts, raised over \$1,000 for HIKE. One of her goals is to work at a local flea market to sell her arts and crafts items and donate the proceeds to The HIKE Fund, Inc.

"HIKE gives kids a chance to hear." - Samantha L. (DelMar)



BEE Kind for HIKE!

A message from Supreme Guardian Jennifer Selock and Associate Supreme Guardian Brad Bingheim:

"Our ability to hear is a gift that we often take for granted. Imagine a world where you could not hear bees buzzing, birds chirping, the wind, trees rustling, or your parent's voice. We are asking everyone to "Bee" Kind this year as we continue to work together to help children hear!"

You can purchase your HIKE Sunflower pin for \$5.00.

For every \$25 you donate, you can earn one of this year's charms: Bee, Gem, Gnome, Beehive, or 40th Anniversary. For a \$50 donation, you can earn the ASL I Love You charm. To learn more about this year's Incentive Program, please click [HERE!](#)



HIKE Events Report *A recap of recent events in your community*

In July, Job's Daughters from around the world gathered for their annual Supreme Session in La Vista, Nebraska. During the opening ceremonies, members and adults were recognized for their service to HIKE during the previous year. Tiffany Ingles, HIKE's Board of Directors President, provided an update on HIKE's 2024 achievements and presented awards to 40 youth members and nine adults for their outstanding service to The HIKE Fund, Inc.



Job's Daughters International Supreme Session Formal Opening, La Vista, NE



Members of Job's Daughters who raised \$1,000 or more during 2024 receive their medallions and certificates for their service to HIKE.



2024 HIKE Adult Volunteer Award Recipients

Each year, HIKE recognizes adult volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. They help promote and coordinate fundraising efforts across the country. This year's Adult Volunteer Award recipients were Rebecca Huffman (CO), Barbara VonLienen (DelMar), Rob Worthington (VA), Danielle Keene (IN), Angie Pickel (PA), Todd Campbell (WI), Kristene Prouty (DelMar), Lynn Cooper (IN), Jennifer Arruda (MO), and Ellen Garrabrant (VA).

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Over 500 guests attended the annual HIKE event at Supreme Session on Thursday, July 25th at Papio Fun Park in Nebraska



Papio Fun Park in Papillon, NE hosted the 2024 Annual HIKE event full of fun and fellowship. Guests enjoyed go-karts, mini golf, arcade games, batting cages, watersports and refreshments.

Fundraising Tally by State/Jurisdiction

Since July 1, 2024

Arizona	\$100
California	\$1429
Florida	\$125
DelMar	\$250
Idaho	\$660
Illinois	\$1251
Indiana	\$740
Iowa	\$13
Kansas	\$1276
Minnesota	\$62
Missouri	\$948
Nebraska	\$1150
Ohio	\$175
Oregon	\$50
Pennsylvania	\$125
South Dakota	\$1610
Virginia	\$3660
Wisconsin	\$10
Misc.	\$100



HIKE's Motto is:“that every child with joy may hear”

The origin of the motto comes from a poem by William Blake entitled “Reeds of Innocence” written in 1789 in his compilation of poetry called *Songs of Innocence*.

REEDS OF INNOCENCE

Piping down the valleys wild,
Piping songs of pleasant glee,
On a cloud I saw a child,
And he laughing said to me:
'Pipe a song about a Lamb!'
So I piped with merry cheer.
'Piper, pipe that song again;'
So I piped: he wept to hear.
'Drop thy pipe, thy happy pipe;
Sing thy songs of happy cheer!'
So I sung the same again,
While he wept with joy to hear.
'Piper, sit thee down and write
In a book that all may read.'
So he vanish'd from my sight;
And I pluck'd a hollow reed,
And I made a rural pen,
And I stain'd the water clear,
And I wrote my happy songs
Every child may joy to hear.



HIKE IN YOUR AREA

Virginia

Experience an *Magic*
ENCHANTED JOURNEY
at Virginia's
HIKE WEEKEND
Virginia Beach | October 19, 2024

Baked Goods FOR HIKE!

Pumpkin Bread LOAF - \$10

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE HIKE FUND
GOODS WILL BE DELIVERED AT VA HIKE WEEKEND

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND HIKE OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BECCA AT (757) 777-2589

Preorder at
<https://bit.ly/Bg4hike>

DelMar



Bethel 42 Hollywood, MD will be selling raffle tickets for a Thanksgiving & Christmas theme basket at the Southern Maryland All Masonic Family Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 29th at Gilbert Run Park in Charlotte Hall MD. Picnic begins at noon, door prizes and lunch at 2:00 pm. Tickets for 3 for \$1.00. All proceeds go to HIKE!



Illinois

Please plan to join Illinois at the annual Lincoln Truman HIKE!

Join us in the fun at
LINCOLN TRUMAN HIKE

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
30 Ramey St, Collinsville, IL

September 14
12pm till 3pm

Bring \$5 for lunch at 12!
Bring the donations you have made to claim your duck!

— Take your chance at winning a mystery prize!
Throw a (rubber) duck at the target!

— Buy a duck for \$5 or raise \$25 for HIKE and get a free duck!

RSVP to Carrie.rund@gmail.com

HIKE IN YOUR AREA

Nebraska

PLEASE JOIN BETHEL #1
JOB'S DAUGHTERS
INTERNATIONAL FOR

HIKE Color Walk

SEPTEMBER 15 | 4-6PM

COLOR | FOOD | WALK

\$35 REGISTRATION INCLUDES T-SHIRT, COLOR PACKET, AND MEAL
\$25 REGISTRATION INCLUDES COLOR PACKET AND MEAL

Scan to
Register and
for more Info!



Pre-
Registration
closes Sept. 7th

105 W CENTENNIAL RD, PAPILLION, NE

ALL PROFITS BENEFITTING HIKE
(HEARING IMPROVEMENT KIDS ENDOWMENT)

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How do I apply for a HIKE Grant?

Download this [Application](#) and mail completed documents to:

The HIKE Fund, Inc.
c/o Ellen Garrabrant
1511 River View Road
Maidens, VA 23102-2725

How do I donate to HIKE?

Donate online via [PayPal](#) or download this [Donation Form](#) and mail to :

HIKE Secretary
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

I am a Job's Daughter or Jobie to Bee and I want to order a HIKE Pin & Incentive Charms

First, read this overview of this year's program:

[Q&A about JDI Incentive Awards](#)

Then, download this [BEE Kind for HIKE Pin/Charm Order Form](#) and mail it with your check to:

HIKE Secretary
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Note: checks should be made payable to The HIKE Fund, Inc.

How do I apply to volunteer on the HIKE Board of Directors?

Fill out this online [Application](#) by June 15th of each calendar year.

How do I nominate someone for the HIKE Adult Volunteer Award?

Fill out this online [Nomination Form](#) by June 15th of each calendar year.

The HIKE Fund, Inc. website

www.thehikefund.org

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Current HIKE Board of Directors

Click [HERE](#) for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors and contact information

HIKE Coordinators Info

When making a HIKE Grant Award presentation, use these required forms: [HIKE Award Presentation Form](#) [Parent/Guardian Release Form](#)

*Please send a summary article with photo to ??? And cynsirk@msn.com for inclusion in HIKE HAPPENINGS

Job's Daughters International

Funds for HIKE grants are raised primarily by members of Job's Daughters International, a girls leadership organization. To learn more, visit them at www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org

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