

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. Hearing devices can include:

Closed Caption System
Cameras, glasses, and software are all available to assist with closed captioning

Cochlear Transmitter
While we cannot cover medical procedures, we can assist with equipment related to cochlear implants.

Hearing Aids
BTE, RIC, ITE or ITC hearing aids; digital or analog

FM System
Assists in noisy places; often used in classrooms

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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

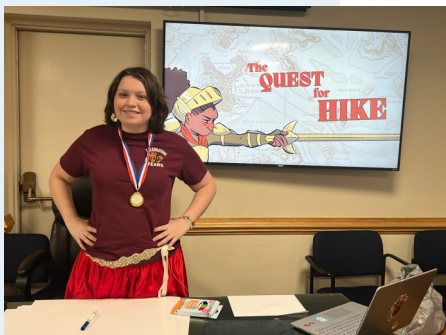


Hannah S. is Senior Princess of Bethel #16 Chambersburg, PA

Hannah is an 8th grader who loves sports (she wrestles and plays soccer and field hockey) and loves Job's Daughters. She comes from a family of Job's Daughters and credits her Mom, Godmother, and Aunt Melinda C. as mentors. She is very excited to have been chosen as this year's Daughter HIKE Coordinator for PA. Her goal is to raise awareness about HIKE and encourage other young women to make a difference in a child's life. This year, she has been instrumental in coordinating fundraising activities such as planning a three-mile HIKE in Elizabethtown, PA raising over \$700. Her promotional pen, hat and beanie sales have raised several hundred dollars and throughout her state and surrounding jurisdictions, she sells Duck-o-Grams. You can purchase ducks and attach messages that are then gifted to others, spreading not only the message of HIKE but also joy to everyone who receives them. She is proud to join the HIKE \$1,000 Club and has already raised over \$2,000.00 for The HIKE Fund, Inc. this year.

"Being PA's Daughter HIKE Coordinator has helped Hannah come out of her shell, her bubbly personality shows with every effort she makes promoting HIKE." - Sara S. (Hannah's Mom)

HIKE Education



Leading by Example: the Quest for HIKE

On October 19th, Becca W. (PHQ Bethel #42 Virginia) led an information session at Virginia's HIKE Weekend in Virginia Beach. Her presentation focused on (1) What is HIKE, (2) Who HIKE Helps, and (3) How We Can Help. Becca discussed how and why HIKE was founded and presented statistics on HIKE's history of grant donations. In her discussion on who HIKE helps, she discussed who can receive grants, the application process, why a recipient might need hearing devices, and an explanation of various hearing aid devices that might be purchased with a HIKE grant.

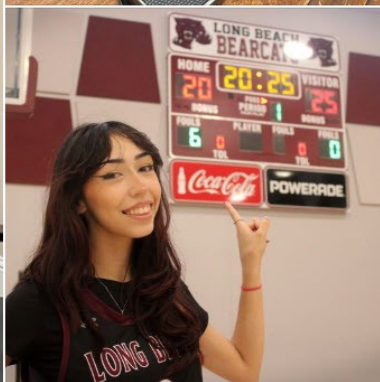
In her final section on how WE can help, she gave examples of many ideas for fundraising activities. She explained what the \$1K Club is and encouraged girls to think of the many ways they can help HIKE and reach the goal of becoming a member. Each segment of her presentation was accompanied by an interactive activity to reinforce the lesson and allow the girls' creativity to flow! At the end of the presentation, guests got to participate in a fun activity to "battle the Dragon" in their "quest for HIKE!"



How HIKE Made a Difference

Meet two recent HIKE Grant recipients: Mia & Natalie

Mia was fit with her first set of hearing aids in August of 2024. She was so excited to rock her pink hearing aids and multi-colored earmolds! At her first follow up appointment, Mia was already hearing better in her Karate class and was proudly wearing her new hearing aids all day at preschool. Mia and her family are so grateful for the Hike Fund.



Natalie was fit with Widex Moment 220 RIC Rechargeable hearing aids, along with a Sound Assist accessory. She is a Senior in High School and plays basketball. She was struggling with hearing at school and during basketball practice. After trying hearing aids, she was doing much better. She is so grateful for her new hearing aids thanks to the HIKE Fund.

BEE Kind for HIKE!

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

Job's Daughters International® is excited to celebrate HIKE's 40th anniversary this year. For 40 years, HIKE has partnered with JDI in 'Helping the World to Hear; One Child at a Time'. 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, Ruby Gem (celebrating 40th anniversaries), Gnome, Beehive, or 40th Anniversary. For a \$50 donation, you can earn the ASL 'I Love You' charm.

We are so proud and honored to continue the long-standing relationship between HIKE and Job's Daughters International® and we look forward to many more years of 'Kids Helping Kids'

Always Be Humble & Kind!

To learn more about this year's Incentive Program, please click [HERE!](#)



"Thank you so much. Words fail to express our gratitude!" - Theresa A.

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

Virginia



Virginia Job's Daughters held its annual HIKE Weekend of activities and fundraising in Virginia Beach, VA. Miss Congeniality Kenzie W. led a scavenger hunt on the Boardwalk at the Oceanfront. Becca W., Grand Bethel Junior Princess, gave a presentation about HIKE promotion at Kempsville Lodge. The event continued with a sleepover at a Masonic Lodge with breakfast prepared by the Dads of Bethel #42. Over the weekend, VA Job's Daughters raised over \$5,000.00 for The HIKE Fund, Inc.



Illinois & Missouri

The annual Lincoln Truman HIKE was held on Sept. 14th. For more than 30 years, Illinois and Missouri have been alternating hosting a HIKE Fundraising event in September that both jurisdictions participate in! This year Illinois hosted at Cahokia Mounds State Park and included lunch at Bethel #24 as well as fun activities including a Duck hunt, Walk and Chuck-a-Duck.

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!

HIKE
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment

RSVP to Carrie.rund@gmail.com



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Nebraska



What started as a fundraiser in 2018 for Rachel R. (HIKE Grant Recipient, PHQ & Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter 2021) has continued as a fun annual HIKE Color Walk!! For the event, participants sign up to walk a path near Bethel #1 in Papillion, NE and during the route, they are blasted with colored powder. It's messy and fun! The highlight is always the beginning of the walk when everyone gets their own packet of powder. The group gathers together and throws the powder up into the air, getting everyone off to a colorful start.



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)
thehikefund.org

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Pennsylvania

Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania, led by Daughter HIKE Coordinator Hannah S., celebrated the season with a Turkey Trot themed HIKE on November 16th at the Masonic Village in PA. They held a promotional sale for pens, hats and beanies and also sold Duck-o-Grams. Each Bethel can purchase ducks with positive messages for others and share them at meetings. Ducks were also sold at their Jurisdictional Weekend in Elizabethtown, PA. Since September, PA Jobies have raised over \$2000.00 for The HIKE Fund, Inc.



Fundraising Stats

Total Applications since July 2024: 16

Total Grant Requests since October 2024: \$51,099



Upcoming EVENTS

DelMar



Addie W., a very active Jobie to Bee from DelMar Bethel #16 in Glen Burnie, MD is having a Scentsy "fun"draiser in hopes of becoming a member of the HIKE \$1K Club! The deadline to place your order is Dec 15th.

You can order here: [Addie's Scentsy Party](#)



About Us

The purpose of HIKE is to provide hearing devices for children between the ages of newborn to twenty years, who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

We are an inclusive, non-discriminatory organization and welcome applications from any eligible child and family with verified prescriptions from an audiologist or physician.

All donations are tax-deductible

EIN: 36-3406438

To donate:

<https://thehikefund.org/donate/>



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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:

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530 Elliott Street
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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.

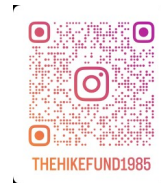
How do I nominate someone for the HIKE Adult Volunteer Award?

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

The HIKE Fund, Inc. website

www.thehikefund.org

The HIKE Fund on Instagram



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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](#)

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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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