

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.

HIKE in Action

Leading by Example



On February 16th, the Knights of Solomon Brotherhood presented Bethel #42 Virginia Beach, VA with a check for \$1,000.00 for HIKE from a 50/50 raffle they held with their members. THANK YOU!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

HIKE benefits from the services of special adult volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. These special people deserve recognition.

A limited number of special awards will be presented each year at Supreme Session. The HIKE USA Board invites the nomination of persons, over 20 years of age, to be submitted for the Board's review and selection to receive the **Adult HIKE Volunteer Award**.

If you know of an **adult volunteer** that deserves recognition, please submit a nomination form by June 15, 2025.

Click [HERE](#) for the application form.

BEE Kind for HIKE!



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

HIKE has partnered with Job's Daughters International® 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. To learn more about this year's Incentive Program, click [HERE](#)!



HIKE for a cause at Supreme Session this year in Glendale, AZ! On July 22, 2025, we will hike through the Westgate Entertainment District and enjoy a pizza buffet. You can order tickets [here](#).



HIKE Board of Directors

How you can play an active role in HIKE



**Application
Deadline is
June 15, 2025**



Have you ever thought that you wanted to do more for HIKE, but you weren't sure how? Consider applying for the **HIKE Board of Directors**. We are a group of volunteers who work together to manage the financial, legal, and operational needs of The HIKE Fund, Inc.

The amount of time needed varies depending on your role, but Board members are expected to attend three Zoom meetings and two in-person meetings each year (one in-person meeting is held at Job's Daughter's Supreme Session).

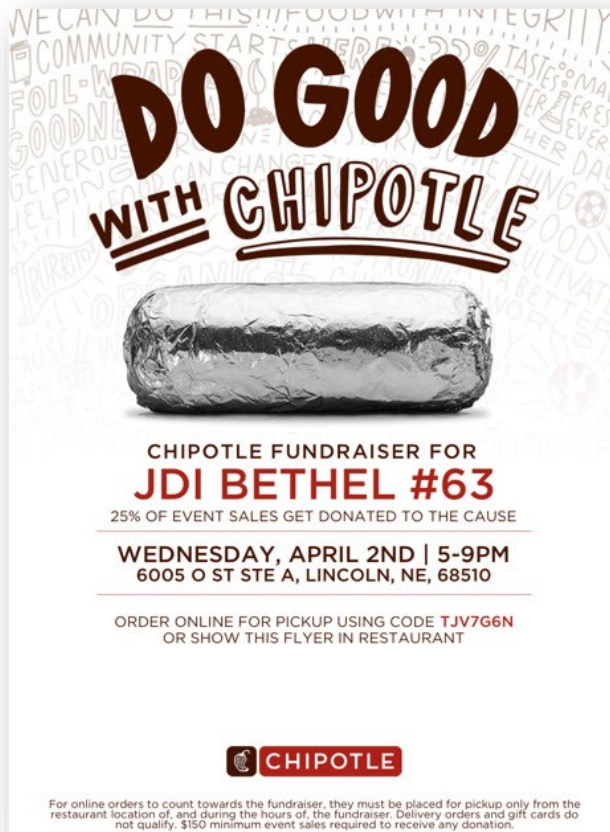
Some of the responsibilities of our Board Members include:

- ◆ Receiving and tracking donations
- ◆ Managing pins and charms that our Job's Daughters earn
- ◆ Sending thank you letters to donors
- ◆ Receiving and reviewing HIKE grant applications & sending checks to recipients
- ◆ Managing our inventory of sales items for Supreme Session
- ◆ Preparing a quarterly newsletter
- ◆ Keeping in touch with our state chairmen
- ◆ Maintaining our website and social media
- ◆ Working to find other areas of income such as grants and other fundraising opportunities.

If you have ideas about how HIKE can extend its reach and help more children or if you simply have a desire to do more for The Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment, it's time to apply to join us on the Board.

Email Tiffany at president@thehikefund.org if you have questions, or fill out the application for the Board of Directors here: <https://forms.gle/tdv1rbzMMd8EvQzN7> or scan the QR Code above.

Upcoming EVENTS in Nebraska



Bring Us Your Shoes HIKE Fundraiser !

Sarah H., Nebraska Daughter HIKE Coordinator.
Sarah and Bethel #15, Fremont, NE are collecting gently worn, used and new shoes to raise money for HIKE. The weight of the shoes donated turns into funds for HIKE! In addition, the shoes get a second life with those in need. Collections are underway and will continue through March 31, 2025. If you would like to donate, please contact Sarah at libbyrugrat@gmail.com.



Upcoming EVENTS

The **National American Sign Language Day** is celebrated on April 15th. It's a day to recognize the importance of ASL and the Deaf community. ASL helps people who are Deaf or hard of hearing communicate their beliefs, values and opinions. ASL can also help with cognitive, social, academic, and emotional development.

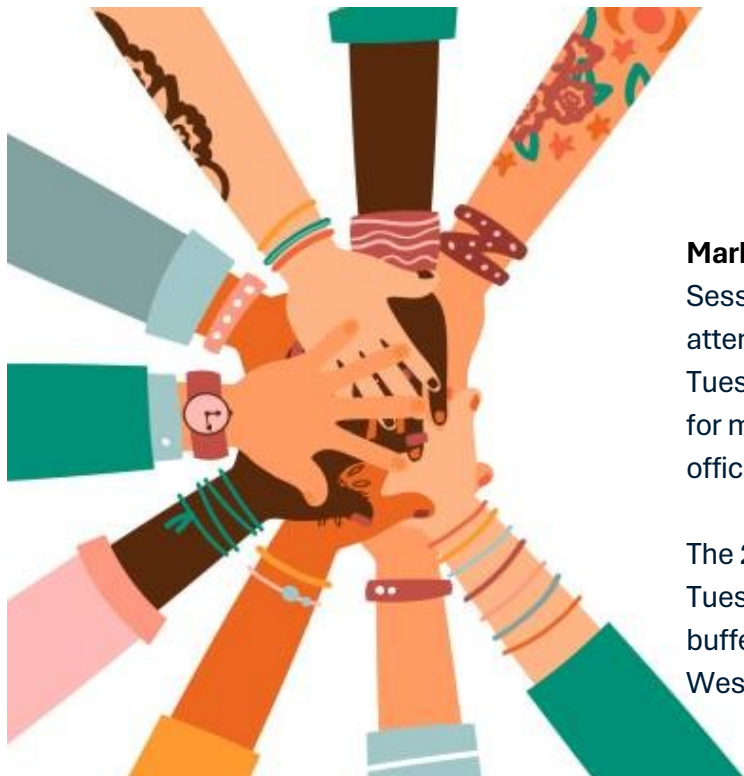
Challenge for April: using the chart on the right, learn how to spell your own name in ASL.



April 15th is
**NATIONAL
AMERICAN SIGN
LANGUAGE(ASL)DAY**



Sign Language Alphabet



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2024-2025



Mark Your Calendars! Are you attending Supreme Session in Glendale, Arizona? Then make sure you attend the **HIKE Supporters Meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more information from Supreme and their official [Supreme Session 2025 Facebook group](#).

The **2025 JDI HIKE Event** will also be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 6-8:30 pm with a pizza buffet and exciting interactive "hike" through the Westgate Entertainment District. Sign up [here](#).



\$1,000 CLUB

HIKE acknowledges Job’s Daughters who have raised \$1,000 or more per calendar year with a special award. Here are the \$1K Club members as of February 2025.

Daughters are requested to submit a photo and media release form to coordinatorsupport@thehikefund.org

Name	State/Jurisdiction	Amount Raised for HIKE
Gabriella K	Missouri	\$2,050
McKaylyn B.	Nebraska	\$1,855
Hannah S.	Pennsylvania	\$1,775
Rebecca W.	Virginia	\$1,527
Elizabeth A.	Washington	\$1,500
Ashlynn M. (J2B)	Iowa	\$1,445
Cecilia B.	Virginia	\$1,317
Nora U.	Missouri	\$1,292
Victoria S.	Virginia	\$1,284
Cecilia K.	Iowa	\$1,239
Avril H.	Iowa	\$1,081
Lilian M.	Iowa	\$1,081
Abby S.	Iowa	\$1,081
Sophie W.	Virginia	\$1,010
Gabrielle H.	Ohio	\$1,000

STATE/JURISDICTION TOTALS SINCE JULY 2024

ARIZONA	\$383.51	NEBRASKA	\$11,559.67
CALIFORNIA/NEVADA	\$5,214.82	NEW MEXICO	\$0
COLORADO	\$350.00	NORTH CAROLINA	\$300.00
FLORIDA	\$201.01	OHIO	\$4,455.31
GEORGIA	\$	OKLAHOMA	\$1,050.00
IDAHO	\$3,270.00	OREGON	\$50.00
ILLINOIS	\$3,238.08	PENNSYLVANIA	\$2,545.00
INDIANA/KENTUCKY	\$1,409.55	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$6,610.03
IOWA	\$6,129.67	UTAH	\$200.00
KANSAS	\$1,726.00	VIRGINIA	\$13,600.15
DELAWARE/MARYLAND	\$5,116.29	WASHINGTON	\$1,714.05
MICHIGAN	\$0	WISCONSIN	\$3,279.00
MINNESOTA	\$225.85	WYOMING	\$0
MISSOURI	\$6,094.60	MISCELLAENOUS DONATIONS	\$339.45
MONTANA	\$0		

Fundraising Stats

Total 2024-2025 Donations:
\$80,998

Total Awards Granted: 29

Total Grant Amount:
\$74,178

*"...That every child
with joy may hear..."*

-Blake



New! Updated Coordinator's Handbook



Our Coordinator's Handbook has been recently updated and is a valuable resource for all State/Jurisdictional Coordinators.

Tools You Can Use:

- ◆ Responsibilities of a Coordinator
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ Points of Contact for HIKE's Board of Directors
- ◆ Ideas for Fundraising in your State/Jurisdiction
- ◆ Legal information on grants and charitable donations
- ◆ Sample letters for correspondence
- ◆ Tips on presentations for grant recipients
- ◆ Application information and forms
- ◆ Info on Awards for Adult and Youth Volunteers

Click [HERE](#) to download the Handbook

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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Awarding Grants Since 1985



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

The HIKE Fund on Instagram



The HIKE Fund mailing address

HIKE Executive Secretary
c/o John Hauser
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
johnhauser11@gmail.com

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 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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