

# 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 1985, 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.

## Leading by Example



On May 3rd, Job's Daughters from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri gathered for the 37th Annual Mid America HIKE at Smithfield Lake in Missouri. They raised over \$4,000 for HIKE. Next year, Kansas will host this rewarding and fun event.



# 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries), Gnome, Beehive, or 40<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto: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.





**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](#).

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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](#).



## HIKE Preps for College!

*Illinois teen receives \$5,000 grant*



Hailey, the Illinois Daughter HIKE coordinator had the honor of presenting a check to Ashley this weekend. We had a great time getting to know Ashley and her mother. We presented the check which has been used to replace her worn out hearing aids in preparation of attending college this fall. Then we socialized for a while and had some snacks. Ashley is a very wonderful young lady. It was a great day for Illinois Job's Daughters.

- Frank Rahman

## HIKE @ Supreme Session

Be sure to stop by the HIKE Sales table to check out the 40th Anniversary pin and t-shirt, along with a few other new items to keep you cool in the Arizona heat. To cap it all off, the new pin and charm set for 2025 - 2026 will be revealed and available towards the end of the week, after SGC election results are announced. You are going to love it!







## DelMar launches HIKE Pride & Promotion Streamer Program

*Take a look at this and other ideas for fundraising & effective promotion*



**HIKE  
PRIDE  
AND  
PROMOTION  
DELMAR**

**EARN A HIKE STREAMER FOR YOUR  
HIKE OR BETHEL FLAG**

**Hold one HIKE event and one  
HIKE promotional event each  
term to qualify for the streamer**


**DETAILS**

- A HIKE event could be anything from a bake sale, a hike, roller skating, bowling, etc to earn funds for HIKE. Be creative! It must be an **EVENT** - for example, putting out a donation jar at a lunch/dinner would not qualify as an event. Feel free to promote at this event too, (we'd love that!) but the Bethel still must have two separate dates of an Event and Promotion.
- Promotion could be putting out a donation jar and/or flyers at any event (public or Masonic).
- Pictures are greatly appreciated (please have media releases on file so we can share on social media)! A member of the Exec.Bethel Guardian Council should email the HIKE Chairman advising when the event and promotion have been completed.
- **Deadlines** - Fall term - Bethel's January 2026 Installation date / Spring term - dates can be planned until the Bethel's June Installation date, but details must be emailed to Chairman by April 21st.
- Email Mom Kristina with any questions - [gotguineapigs@gmail.com](mailto:gotguineapigs@gmail.com)



**More Ideas:**

- HIKE 5K or 10K Run
- Paint Party
- Dinner
- Talent Show
- Basket Raffle
- Virtual/Live Bingo





## \$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 May 2025.

**Daughters are requested to submit a photo and media release form to**  
[coordinatorsupport@thehikefund.org](mailto:coordinatorsupport@thehikefund.org)

Name	State/Jurisdiction	Amount	Name	State/Jurisdiction	Amount
Sienna B.	Wisconsin	\$3,043	Cecilia K.	Iowa	\$1,539
Hannah S.	Pennsylvania	\$3,025	Cecilia B.	Virginia	\$1,317
Jacqueline H.	California	\$2,510	Nora U.	Missouri	\$1,292
Samantha L.	DelMar	\$2,560	Abigail M.	Virginia	\$1,234
Gabriella K.	Missouri	\$2,050	Sophie W.	Virginia	\$1,116
Sarah D.	Washington	\$2,000	Lily O.	DelMar	\$1,100
McKaylyn B.	Nebraska	\$1,982	Avril H.	Iowa	\$1,081
Ashlynn M. (J2B)	Iowa	\$1,794	Lilian M.	Iowa	\$1,081
Rebecca W.	Virginia	\$1,667	Abby S.	Iowa	\$1,081
Elizabeth A.	Washington	\$1,651	Whitney V.	Illinois	\$1,016
Victoria S.	Virginia	\$1,543	Gabrielle H.	Ohio	\$1,000

**HIKE Fundraising** *Shining a light on those who volunteer for HIKE!*

## STATE/JURISDICTION TOTALS as of APRIL 2025

ARIZONA	\$387	NEBRASKA	\$18,388
CALIFORNIA/NEVADA	\$8,406	NORTH CAROLINA	\$300
COLORADO	\$350	OHIO	\$4,455
FLORIDA	\$201	OKLAHOMA	\$1,050
IDAHO	\$3,470	OREGON	\$50
ILLINOIS	\$3,982	PENNSYLVANIA	\$3,795
INDIANA/KENTUCKY	\$2,049	SOUTH DAKOTA	\$6,660
IOWA	\$6,780	UTAH	\$200
KANSAS	\$1,916	VIRGINIA	\$18,702
DELAWARE/MARYLAND	\$9,136	WASHINGTON	\$4,085
MICHIGAN	\$200	WISCONSIN	\$3,637
MINNESOTA	\$629	WYOMING	\$1,005
MISSOURI	\$7,138	MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS	\$739
MONTANA	\$97		



## Fundraising Stats

Total 2024-2025 Donations:  
\$107,506

Total Awards Granted: 32

Total Grant Amount:  
\$113,743.50

*"...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/>



## Connect with us!



@thehikefund1985

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](http://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  
[executivesecretary@thehikefund.org](mailto:executivesecretary@thehikefund.org)

## Current HIKE Board of Directors

Click [HERE](#) for the 2024-2025 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](mailto: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](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

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