

# HIKE HAPPENINGS

The Quarterly Newsletter of The HIKE Fund, Inc.



-Blake



## 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:

- ♦ Hearing Aids
- ♦ FM Systems
- ♦ Cochlear Transmitters
- ♦ Closed Caption Systems



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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.

## How HIKE Made a Difference!



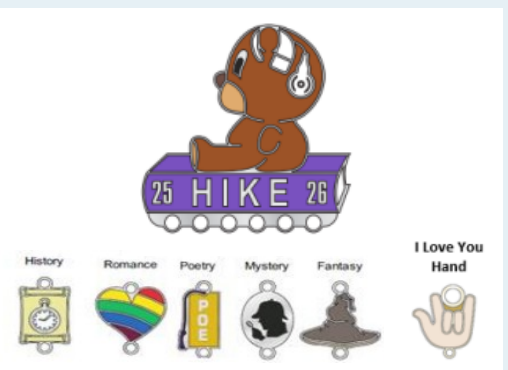
From Aidan's Mom - "Meet Aidan, 17 yr old Autistic fella. He has a big heart, but is often misunderstood. Due in part to hearing loss, and developmental disability. We have had a hard time communicating which had gotten worse in the last many years. The moment Aidan put his hearing aids in his spirit lifted, which can be seen in a picture I was able to get. Pure joy written all over his smile. The 1st night when he took his hearing aids out he was scared, "mom something is wrong my ears are all cloudy". I looked at him and said you are ok, take a deep breathe, this is how you have been hearing. You simply took your hearing aids out. I/We cant thank you enough for this amazing life changing gift. You have given my son the chance to hear, to have better response to people, and situations. With Autism his hearing is also sensory issue. Hearing aids will help to level his hearing and open possibilities for him. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. The Hike Fund not only changed and bettered his life, but those around us. We appreciate each and every one of you! .... Like Christmas for the rest of his life!"



## Ignite Your Imagination for HIKE!



*A message from Supreme Guardian Katie Underwood and Assoc. Supreme Guardian Ken Bright:* We are asking everyone to Ignite your Imagination this year as we continue to work together to help children hear! Our goal is to raise HIKE funds to award grants to all qualified applicants. One grant can be as much as \$5,000. Won't you share the gift of charity and help us help others? Through your efforts, love, and kindness, we can continue to help kids. You can purchase the HIKE Bear pin for \$5.00. For every donation of \$25, you will earn a charm to attach to your pin, or the "I Love You Hand" charm for \$50. Each charm represents a genre of literature: HISTORY (Scroll through time), MYSTERY (Sherlock), POETRY (Edgar Allen Poe bookmark), FANTASY (Wizard Hat), and LOVE (Rainbow Heart). By participating and supporting the 2025-2026 "Ignite Your Imagination" for HIKE program, everyone can help us celebrate working together as we help children hear. Click [here](#) to learn more.





## HIKE in Action

### Leading by Example



Elise H. is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel #39 Yorktown, VA. She and members of her Bethel hosted a promotional event for Job's Daughters International at the Gloucester Farmer's Market in Virginia and also provided lots of useful information about HIKE. Visitors could decorate their very own crowns! About her involvement in HIKE, Elise says "I really enjoyed getting to share what we do and help others learn about HIKE and how we support them."



# Virginia



# Missouri and Illinois

## Lincoln Truman HIKE 2025

**Please join Missouri and Illinois for the annual  
Lincoln Truman HIKE**



**Saturday,**

**September 13, 2025**

**Fenton City Park**

**1215 Larkin Williams Rd. Fenton, Missouri  
63026**

**Pavillion # 2 (in the back of the park!)**

**Registration 10 a.m.**

**Walking to the 911 memorial, lunch, awards  
and introductions to follow.**

**Lunch--\$6.00 all  
proceeds to HIKE**

Please RSVP number attending for lunch  
to [donnagoede@att.net](mailto:donnagoede@att.net)



Lincoln Truman HIKE 2025 Details





## Upcoming EVENTS

# Missouri

**Fall into Supporting HIKE!**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**5 p.m. til 9 p.m.**

**Fenton Masonic Temple**

**401 Hays Hill Drive**

**Fenton, MO 63026**

*Join the HIKE Committee for a  
Fall Fun Adventure*

*Fire Pit with Smore packages to  
purchase*

*Ball Roll Race down Fenton  
Hill—purchase as many balls  
as you wish!*

*Dancing with a favorite DJ!*

*Raffle Baskets for all to consider!*



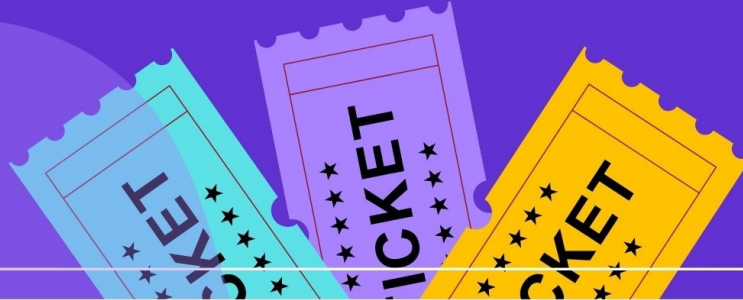
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment

- ☐ All funds raised will go directly to HIKE!
- ☐ Admission \$3.00
- ☐ Smore packages—enough for two Smore--\$5.00
- ☐ Balls for the races--\$5.00 each!



*DelMar*

DELMAR JOB'S DAUGHTERS



## HIKE RAFFLE

WIN THIS GIGANTIC TEDDY BEAR; ALL TICKET SALES  
SUPPORT HIKE. DRAWING DEC. 13TH

**2 TICKETS FOR \$10 OR 5 FOR \$20**



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CONTACT KRISTINA  
DELOSREYES AT [DELMARHIKE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DELMARHIKE@GMAIL.COM)



## 2024-2025 HIKE Adult Volunteer Awards

HIKE benefits from the services of adult volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. On July 22, 2025, at Supreme Session in Glendale, AZ, HIKE recognized 10 deserving individuals with the Award. 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 15th of each year.

### Adult Volunteer Award Recipients

Jennifer Selock, Past Supreme Guardian

Brad Bingheim, Past Assoc. Supreme Guardian

Donald Curry, IL

Frank Rahman, IL

Zach Boyer, PA

Karen Mitchell, IN

Sara E. Shank, PA

Jeremy Kerber, VA

Diane Brown, VA

Rebecca VanBlaricom, IL

*A Heartfelt Thank You*  
**TO ALL OF OUR  
 AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**  
 We couldn't do it without you!

## The HIKE Fund, Inc. Welcomes New Board Members!

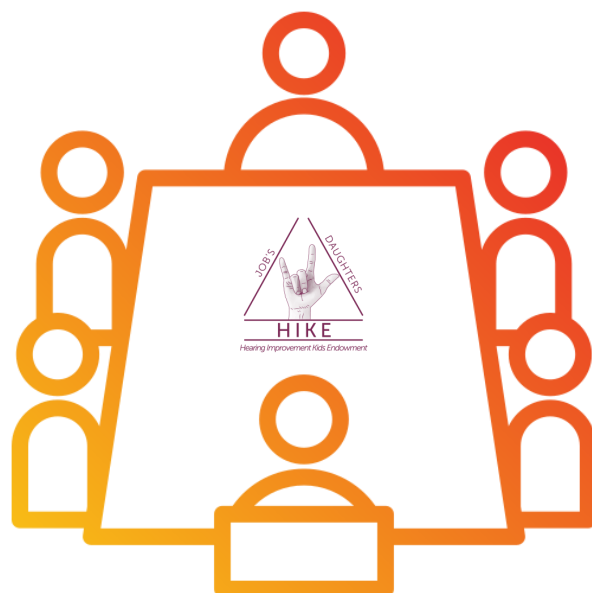
At our annual meeting held in July in Glendale, Arizona, we were thrilled to welcome three new members to the HIKE Board of Directors. Congratulations and welcome to the Team.

**Jen Ours**, from Wisconsin, will be taking over the role of working with our State Chairmen/Coordinators. She is the current HIKE Chairman for her state, and her daughter has been a HIKE Daughter Coordinator twice, so she has excellent experience for this role.

**Kori Radloff**, from Nebraska, will work with Kristina on our website and social media. Her background in digital design will be an asset to us.

**Dacia Williams**, from California, will be learning the process of reviewing HIKE grant applications. We are excited because Dacia also works with HLAA (Hearing Loss Association of America) and this may open up some partnership opportunities.

These three ladies are going to be amazing additions to our HIKE team. If you know them, or happen to meet them, please offer your congratulations and thanks for taking on these positions.





# HIKE Fundraising

**\$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 July 2025. Club members were recognized at the "Bee the Change" Supreme Session in Glendale, Arizona. This year we celebrated 38 members in the \$1K Club who raised over 42% of the total funds raised for HIKE in the 2024-2025 calendar year.

Name	State/Jurisdiction	Amount	Name	State/Jurisdiction	Amount
Hannah S.	Pennsylvania	\$4,250	Avril H.	Iowa	\$1,301
Sienna B.	Wisconsin	\$3,168	Nora U.	Missouri	\$1,292
Sarah D.	Washington	\$3,100	Saydis C.	Heartland	\$1,231
Samantha L.	DelMar	\$2,561	Teagan M.	Missouri	\$1,200
Jacqueline H.	California	\$2,510	Sophie W.	Virginia	\$1,189
Ashlynn M. (J2B)	Iowa	\$2,455	Grace W.	Nebraska	\$1,175
Emma J.	Ohio	\$2,332	Elise H.	Virginia	\$1,175
Juliana R.	Virginia	\$2,250	Ellainah K.	Virginia	\$1,146
McKaylyn B.	Nebraska	\$2,222	Abby S.	Iowa	\$1,101
Elizabeth A.	Washington	\$2,102	Lily O.	DelMar	\$1,100
Gabriella K.	Missouri	\$2,050	Sophia A.	Virginia	\$1,087
Rebecca W.	Virginia	\$1,902	Lilian M.	Iowa	\$1,081
Cecilia K.	Iowa	\$1,764	Keylie C.	Virginia	\$1,037
Cecilia B.	Virginia	\$1,717	Whitney V.	Illinois	\$1,016
Victoria S.	Virginia	\$1,616	Rachel C.	Virginia	\$1,002
Kyra V.	Ohio	\$1,573	Max H.	Colorado	\$1,000
Annabelle H.	Indiana	\$1,500	Gabrielle H.	Ohio	\$1,000
Jade W.	Wyoming	\$1,312	Kylee P.	DelMar	\$1,000
Abigail M.	Virginia	\$1,307	Jessica J.	Ohio	\$1,000

**WELL DONE!**



## NEW MERCH!!

Sunglasses \$7.00    Fidget Keychain \$5.00  
Umbrella \$12.00

Email Gabriela (VA) to order!  
[marketing@thehikefund.org](mailto:marketing@thehikefund.org)



## Coordinator's

## HANDBOOK

Our Coordinator's Handbook is a valuable resource for all State and Jurisdictional Coordinators.

Tools You Can Use:

- ◆ Responsibilities
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ HIKE's Board of Directors
- ◆ Ideas for Fundraising
- ◆ Legal info on grants and donations
- ◆ Sample letters for correspondence
- ◆ Tips on presentations for recipients
- ◆ Application info and forms
- ◆ Awards for 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 [Ignite Your Imagination Pin/Charm](#)

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.



## 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](#)

## 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)

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

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