

THE HIKE FUND, INC
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment Fund
Supported by Job's Daughters International®

530 Elliott St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0202



Dear Friends:

As members of the Masonic Family, philanthropy holds a special place in our hearts and is central to the work we do. With this letter, we're excited to share how one branch of our Masonic Family—**Job's Daughters International® (JDI)**—continues to live out this spirit of charity in a powerful and meaningful way.

JDI is a leadership and service organization for young women, ages ten to twenty, who have a connection to a Master Mason. Since our founding in 1920 in Nebraska, Job's Daughters has grown to include Bethels across the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil.

From the very beginning, service and philanthropy have been cornerstones of our mission. In 1985, members and supporters of JDI founded a charitable organization of their own: **The HIKE Fund, Inc.**—which stands for *Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment*. HIKE raises funds to provide children, from birth to age 20, with hearing aids and assistive devices when there is both a medical and financial need. Awards of up to \$5,000 are granted regardless of gender, race, or religious affiliation.

Today, The HIKE Fund continues to thrive as a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers, HIKE maintains operating expenses below 10%, meaning more than 90% of every dollar donated goes directly to helping children. To date, JDI has raised over **six million dollars**, changing the lives of nearly **3,000 children**—with many more waiting for assistance.

The success of HIKE inspires a deep sense of pride among Job's Daughters, reinforcing the values of compassion, service, and Masonic heritage. Few organizations can offer a ten-year-old girl the chance to change another child's life—but JDI can. It's this profound impact that gives HIKE its motto: **Kids Helping Kids**.

We invite you to be part of this incredible work. All donations to The HIKE Fund, Inc. are tax-deductible (Tax ID: 36-3406438) and may be made securely online at www.thehikefund.org. Checks should be made payable to "The HIKE Fund, Inc." and mailed to:

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HIKE recipients are celebrated nationwide, and Job's Daughters Bethels often join families in commemorating these life-changing moments. If you ever have the chance to attend one of these presentations, we strongly encourage you to do so. Witnessing a child hear their parent's voice or their own laughter for the first time is unforgettable—and knowing you helped make that moment possible is truly life-changing.

Thank you for your time, generosity, and continued support.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Ingles, President HIKE Board of Directors