



# THE HIKE FUND, INC.

*Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund  
Supported by Job's Daughters International*

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## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

If you have been asked to present an award for the HIKE Fund, you will be doing so on behalf of all Job's Daughters. This is an excellent opportunity to promote our organization as well as to draw attention to the work of The HIKE Fund. The following suggestions are offered to assist you:

Presentations may take any form deemed appropriate for the family. Be especially sensitive to concerns they may have. You may want to plan an informal presentation prior to or following a Bethel meeting or a more formal event at a state-wide activity where a number of Job's Daughters will be present. Young recipients may not understand the meaning of the award check, but they understand the concept of an "unbirthday" type of party, when they can open a small gift or two and the check is handed to the parent(s)!

**Please talk with the parents or guardians of the recipient to determine the most appropriate way to honor this family. Be certain to get their permission to publicize the presentation.**

IF the family is sensitive to a need for privacy, afford them every consideration for same (this is a frequent request when the child is the victim of physical deformities). Perhaps a visit to the home by the Honored Queen and the Bethel Guardian would be appropriate. Later a report during a Bethel meeting will do much to draw the interest of other members of the Bethel.

Invite area Bethels and other heads of Masonic family organizations.

Be certain your State Chairman, Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian, and other JDI workers know the date, time, and place of the presentation.

Invite representatives of local government bodies and other dignitaries who may help you promote HIKE and the JDI.

Get media coverage whenever possible. Invite local newspaper, radio, and television host by contacting the "assignment desk" or the features editor.

... " ... that every child with joy may hear ... "

Blake

Please take lots of photographs. Later, share prints with the recipient's family, Bethel members, Grand Council newspaper if you have one, and other Masonic publications. Let everyone know the good work that you are doing! Importantly, don't forget to send an article (and photographs) to the Historian of the HIKE Board and the SUPREME NEWS EXCHANGE!

Later, if appropriate, invite the recipient and his/her family to join your Bethel for a fun activity. Check on the child's progress with his/her hearing deficiency, and let the Bethel Daughters know how things are going!

Be sure to check on eligibility potential for membership in organization - we have gotten several new Job's Daughters through the work of HIKE!