

# HIKE Fund Inc.

## Purpose

The HIKE Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is a philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing loss between the ages of newborn and 20 whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. An estimated 100 children are provided with hearing devices each year. The Fund has awarded many types of devices including, but not limited to, hearing aids, FM systems, tactile units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment, to aid children with hearing loss in communication.

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## Financial Criteria

See "Eligibility"

## Eligibility

- The child must be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 0-20;
- the need for a hearing device is verified by a prescription from an audiologist or physician;
- the family must have a financial need; and
- the child can only receive the HIKE fund once every 4 years.

## AT Services Provided/Covered

- No AT services are provided or covered

## AT Devices Provided/Covered

- Aids for Hearing Impaired

## Application Process

- Contact the HIKE Fund for an application.

## **Pieces of the Puzzle**

- Each application is weighed on its own merit, and the application requires a letter from the applicant's family, which is an important part of the application. Considerations include:
  - family income;
  - size of household;
  - burdensome medical expenses for the applicant; and
  - cost of the hearing technology requested.
- The HIKE Fund does not accept applications for services or devices that have already been fitted.
- Families will be notified of the receipt of their application and of any additional information, if any, that will be required.