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Radloff receives hearing devices from Job's project.

The daughter of a Gothenburg High School graduate has been helped by Job's Daughters.

Rachel Radloff, the daughter of Kori (Else) and Eric Radloff, received hearing aids and an audio trainer through the help of Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE)—an international philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International.

Area Job's Daughters are planning a special HIKE presentation Saturday at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Gothenburg.

Bethels #28 of Gothenburg, #4 of North Platte and #30 of Cozad will represent the Grand Guardian Council and unite to have a ceremony to present a check to Radloff.

Rachel, 7, is from Omaha and is also the granddaughter of Dan and Trudy Else of Gothenburg.

Kori describes Rachel as an active student who ice skates and takes dance and theater classes.

"Her extra-curricular activities are important to her and the hearing aids have helped her hear so much better in those environments," Kori said. "We thank the Job's Daughters and HIKE for helping with the cost of these expensive devices."

Being able to hear the teacher in the classroom is a huge plus, Kori said, noting that they've

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seen improvements in Rachel's speech and language development as well.

The Radloffs will be honored with a reception after the ceremony to which the public is invited.

Bethel #28 of Gothenburg will also honor members selected to serve as supreme and grand officers.

They include Becca Else, supreme bethel recorder; Trudy Else, supreme third messenger; Megan Portiner, grand marshal; Kyndal Holmes, Nebraska spirit ambassador; and Carlin Daharsh and Blayr McMichael, grand bethel representatives.

The HIKE Fund, Inc. is a non-profit charity and is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and 20.

Children are eligible to receive a grant with verification of a prescription from an audiologist or physician.

Anyone interested in donating to the HIKE fund or wanting information about hearing devices can contact their local Job's Daughters or access the HIKE Web site at <http://thehikefund.org>.