



**LAURA
RECOVERY
CENTER**

FOR MISSING CHILDREN

ANNUAL SUMMARY 2008



In memory of Laura Kate Smither

EDUCATION: Law Enforcement Education

3 Law Enforcement Education Programs were taught in 2008, training 80 officers.
(TOTAL TO DATE: 82 courses taught to 3,035 law enforcement officers. in Texas)

SEARCH: Search for Missing Children

2 Ground Searches in 2008. (TOTAL TO DATE: 83 ground searches)

1 search in Texas (Misty Branham, 17 - alive). 1 search in Nevada (Brianna Denison, 19 - murdered).

Assisted 88 new families with missing children and loved ones in the year 2008, through searches, telephone consultations, poster creation and website display and distribution. (TOTAL TO DATE: 1,348 cases)

73 Missing Person Posters were created in 2008 – Production and distribution of missing person posters for all case work (see www.LRCF.org for current posters).

PREVENTION: Abduction Prevention Education Programs

114 S.K.A.T.E. Programs (Safe Kids Are Taught Early) were presented in 2008 at 58 different locations, presented to 20,723 children and 789 adults. This program teaches about the lures used by abductors and escape techniques.

(TOTAL TO DATE: 960 programs to 178,467 children & 9,245 adults)

20 Choices Programs were presented in 2008 at 5 different locations, presented to 2,068 children and 116 adults. This is a runaway prevention and life choices program .

(TOTAL TO DATE: 82 programs to 7,650 children & 283 adults)

17 Adult Education events were held in 2008 to bring awareness to the issue of missing children and educate parents on sexual predator activity in our area.

(TOTAL TO DATE: 140 adult presentations)

Community Outreach

HURRICANE IKE: On September 13, 2008 Hurricane IKE made landfall in Galveston, TX. LRC was asked by the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management to be the missing person call center for this disaster. LRC fielded over 1,000 Ike related calls resulting in **742 missing person cases**. 41 cases remain unresolved. 2,000 volunteer hours were logged.

11 Health & Safety Fairs (TOTAL TO DATE: 78 Safety Fairs)

7,710 Abduction Prevention Education Materials were produced & distributed in 2008.
(TOTAL TO DATE: 67,604 abduction prevention education materials).

5,200 Child Identification Kits were produced and distributed in 2008.
(TOTAL TO DATE 34,977 Child ID Kits)

Laura Smither Scholarship: 2008 recipient: ERIN ELLIS - University of Notre Dame. (TOTAL TO DATE: 11 - \$3,000.00 Scholarships)



EDUCATION

SEARCH

PREVENTION

Together Everyone Achieves More