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### **Author Mike Thaler and the Laura Recovery Center - a Winning Combination for Children's Safety**

The Laura Recovery Center is excited to announce that we are working with the popular and award winning children's author Mike Thaler to produce and distribute an important book about child safety and abduction prevention. Mike's **Black Lagoon** series is known and loved by many elementary school children, and his new booklet, donated to the Laura Recovery Center, teaches kids as only he can that a key part of staying safe is, if you **Don't Know, Don't Go!**.

The LRC has sponsored an art contest to illustrate Mike's new booklet. The winner of the contest will create the artwork that will be used in the booklet. Fourth and fifth grade students from schools in Alvin, Clear Creek, Friendswood, and Pearland Independent School Districts were invited to enter. This booklet will eventually be distributed through the Laura Recovery Center as a part of our mission to prevent abductions. Results of the art contest will be announced in December.

Mike Thaler's new booklet, **Don't Know? - Don't Go!**, will be published in the Spring of 2009.

The Laura Recovery Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, funded by private donations, that was founded in Laura Smither's memory. The Center focuses on Education, Search, and Prevention in the area of missing children, has offered free abduction prevention programs to over 160,000 children throughout the greater Houston area, worked with over 1,400 families with missing loved ones, and has organized over 80 community searches for abducted children nationwide. The Center trains law enforcement at the Houston Police Department training academy and distributes educational materials and child ID kits.

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