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Author Mike Thaler and the Laura Recovery Center Announce Art Contest Winners

The Laura Recovery Center is pleased to announce the winners in our recently concluded art contest. The winning entries were selected by well known author Mike Thaler whose **Black Lagoon** series is read and loved by many elementary school children. The three young artist winners are:

First place: Allyson Godfrey of Bauerschlag Elementary (Clear Creek ISD)

Second place: Sarah Godfrey of Bauerschlag Elementary (Clear Creek ISD)

Third place: John Ramillano of Lawhon Elementary (Pearland ISD)

Congratulations to the winners! Allyson will be illustrating Mike's most recent booklet, **Don't Know? - Don't Go!**, which teaches kids to always ask permission before going anywhere.

The Laura Recovery Center would like to thank all of the children who entered our contest and the educators who helped make it a success.

Don't Know? - Don't Go! will be distributed through the Laura Recovery Center in the Spring of 2009 as a part of our mission to prevent abductions.

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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