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The SPOTLIGHT

RECOVERED ALIVE October 2008



Gregory Sandoval
Friendswood, TX



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LRC FAQs

Do you charge for programs or family assistance?

No. All of our services are provided free of charge.

What hours can LRC be contacted?

Our phone lines are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We have very dedicated volunteers who answer the phones around the clock. Volunteers are an essential part of our organization, and we are very grateful for their help and support.

How does LRC get involved in a missing person's case?

We are normally contacted by a family member or law enforcement. The Center does not self-dispatch. We may coordinate with additional missing person organizations across the nation. LRC is a member of the Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO) consisting of approximately forty non-profit child search organizations who all work together to help find missing children.

Hurricane Ike Missing Persons: Update

Since the beginning of October, the Center has logged numerous hours tracking Hurricane Ike missing persons. Fortunately, the number of missing is now below one hundred, and with each passing day the number drops due to the continuing efforts of the wonderful volunteers. Without their help, we could never have handled the volume of calls received.

We are also learning some valuable lessons in how we managed the tracking of missing persons in a large-scale emergency. The Laura Recovery staff and volunteers have coordinated with thousands of family members, law enforcement, the Red Cross, and FEMA to locate the missing after the hurricane. Tragically, not all of those listed as missing have been found alive.

I must also extend my thanks to the Red Cross volunteers who took our missing persons' list and went door-to-door in Galveston in an attempt to find many of our missing persons. They followed up on leads provided by friends and neighbors. I would also like to thank Lise Olsen from the Houston Chronicle who also followed up on leads and tips to help track down some of our missing.

Bob Walcutt

November Activities

- 5 SKATE program, West Columbia Elem., West Columbia
- 6 SKATE program, Stephen F. Austin Elem., Dayton
- 11 Choices program, Clear Brook High School PTA & students, Friendswood
- 12 SKATE program, Morales Elem., Pasadena
- 13 Choices program, Alvin Jr. H.S., Alvin
- 14 SKATE program, Morton Ranch Elem., Katy
- 14 SKATE program, Franz Elem., Katy
- 18 SKATE program, Robinson Elem., Seabrook
- 21 SKATE program, Kruse Elem., Pasadena

LRC Joins With Popular Children's Author to Sponsor Art Contest

The LRC is excited to announce that we are sponsoring an art contest to illustrate a booklet written by a popular children's author. Mike Thaler, author of the Black Lagoon book series, has written a short booklet on personal safety and abduction prevention and donated it to the LRC.

The winner of the contest will illustrate the booklet written by Mr. Thaler. Fourth and fifth grade students from schools in Alvin, Clear Creek, Friendswood, and Pearland Independent School Districts have been invited to enter. This booklet will eventually be distributed free of charge through the Laura Recovery Center. We hope this will help us in our mission to be proactive in preventing abductions.

We are currently seeking funding to help with the cost of printing and distributing these booklets. Results of the contest will be published in this newsletter in the spring months of 2009.

Contributor Recognition

- ❖ Darel & Ann Marie C., Katy, TX
- ❖ Henry & Peggy Galvan, League City, TX
- ❖ Suzanne B., Spring, TX
- ❖ Tap Connected To The Community Giving Campaign, Princeton, NJ
- ❖ Technip USA, Inc., Houston, TX
- ❖ Chris & Galynn C., Houston, TX
- ❖ Norma L., Pearland, TX
- ❖ Gale & Iva Lou M., Ammon, ID
- ❖ Tim & Sharon T., Bellaire, TX
- ❖ Sylvia M., Dickinson, TX
- ❖ Nestle's Toll House, Baybrook Mall, Friendswood, TX
- ❖ Starbucks, Baybrook Mall, Friendswood, TX
- ❖ Pasadena POD
- ❖ Don & Jolie S., Bellaire, TX
- ❖ Martha H., Houston, TX
- ❖ Richard & Cynthia O., Kingwood, TX



Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you October Volunteers!

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