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# The SPOTLIGHT

## A Christmas Message

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our fabulous volunteers who work so tirelessly for our missing children.

To the families whose loved ones are still missing, please know that our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We light a candle of hope for each one of you.

Merry Christmas with love,  
Bob and Gay Smither, co-founders

### Phone Volunteers Make 24/7 Hotline Possible

We want to give special thanks to our dedicated phone volunteers. In order to provide a 24/7 hotline, we rely on volunteers to answer the phones on weekends.

They are so dedicated that they are willing to answer the phone calls from 6:00 pm Friday through 9:00 am Monday. Our phone volunteers have been known to jump out of the shower, be awakened in the middle of the night, take notes against a wall at Home Depot and in dressing rooms, and avoid malls and movie theaters on the weekend. They are committed to answering every call in order to provide support and hope to all families who reach out to LRC for help. We honor our weekend warriors for so generously giving of their time.

## December Activities

- 4 SKATE Program, (2 sessions), Arizona Fleming Elem., Houston, TX
- 5 Holiday Hustle, Stevenson Park, Friendswood
- 17 SKATE Program, Dulles Elem., Sugar Land, TX

### Missing Student Charlottesville, Virginia \*\*\$150,000 Reward



**MORGAN DANA HARRINGTON**  
Missing Since: October 17, 2009 at 21:20  
Age: 20  
Missing From: Copeley Bridge near intersection with Ivy Road  
Sex: female  
Height: 5 ft. 6 in.  
Weight: 120 lbs.  
Eye Color: blue  
Hair Color: Blonde  
Race: White  
Complexion: fair  
Birth Date: July 24, 1989

\*\*The Harrington family is offering a \$100,000 reward and the band Metallica is offering a \$50,000 reward for the safe return of Morgan Harrington or information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for Morgan Harrington's disappearance. Please call the Virginia State Police at **434-352-3467** or call the Laura Recovery Center.

### Contributor Recognition

- Nicholas & Sheryl M., Houston, TX
- Jennifer R., Friendswood, TX
- S.R.B., Friendswood, TX
- Halliburton, Houston, TX
- Annette K., Friendswood, TX
- Janice L., Pearland, TX
- Bay Colony Elem., PTA, Dickinson, TX
- Kenneth & Tina F., Houston, TX
- Silbernagel Elem. PTA, Dickinson, TX
- Galveston Co., Galveston, TX
- Firstgiving, Somerville, MA
- West Columbia PTA, West Columbia, TX
- Abel Veterinary Service, Friendswood, TX
- West Columbia CIS, West Columbia, TX
- United Way, Dallas, TX
- Bay Oaks Elem., Dickinson, TX
- Stuchberg Elem., Houston, TX

### LRC Organizes Search for Missing Virginia Tech College Student

The Laura Recovery Center (LRC) sent three staff members to Charlottesville, Virginia, to organize a three-day search for missing college student, Morgan Dana Harrington. 20-year-old Morgan disappeared on October 17, 2009, while attending a Metallica concert on the campus of the University of Virginia.

At the request of Morgan's family, Dawn Davis, Janice Liggett, and Bob Smither traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia, to organize a community-based search for Morgan during the weekend of November 6 - 8. During the weekend, 1,667 volunteers and 171 search and rescue persons helped look for Morgan. A total of 183 search teams were sent out. Specialized dog teams and mounted horse riders also assisted. Searchers covered approximately 2,600 acres of ground.

While no new information related to Morgan's disappearance was found, local volunteers were trained during the weekend search by LRC and will continue looking for Morgan.

We want to thank everyone who supported the search and ask everyone to continue to support Dan and Gil Harrington in their ongoing efforts to find Morgan. For more information, please visit: [www.findmorgan.com](http://www.findmorgan.com).

Please consider the Laura Recovery Center when you do your end-of-year giving.

### People Magazine Features LRC Cases

Four current LRC missing child cases, those of Amber Dubois, Lindsey Baum, Morgan Harrington, and Brittanee Drexel, are featured on the cover of the November 23, 2009 issue of People Magazine. Help bring these children home! You can e-mail and FAX their flyers for free from the LRC website.

Thank you November office and phone volunteers!

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