



**LAURA  
RECOVERY  
CENTER**

FOR MISSING CHILDREN

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**Laura Recovery Center Extends Missing Person Hotline to those  
Effected by Hurricane Ike**

The Laura Recovery Center, in cooperation with the Galveston County Emergency Management Office, has activated a hotline for those searching for missing friends and family who live in the unincorporated areas of the county.

The hotline is available by calling the Center at **1-866-898-5723** or **281-482-5723**. Unincorporated areas of Galveston County include Bolivar Peninsula, Bacliff/San Leon, Freddieville and Algoa.

Those calling should have their contact information available, as well as information about the person they are searching for, including:

- Description of the individual
- Address
- Last time they were in contact with the individual
- Plans the individual had for the storm
- A picture of the missing person if available

Information is transmitted to the Galveston County Emergency Management Office and is used by first responders searching for missing persons.

The Laura Recovery Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization 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 1,300 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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