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## **LOCAL BOY'S FAMILY PLEAS FOR HELP**

The family of a missing twelve year old boy is seeking the public's help in locating him. Gregory Sandoval has not been heard from since September 26, 2008, when his non-custodial mother Sara Sandoval picked him up for her court ordered weekend visit.

Gregory's older brother Roger Banks and his wife Patreca Banks have legal custody of Gregory. They became increasingly concerned as Gregory failed to appear for a football game and a band pool party on September 27. Patreca reports that "Gregory loves football and we have trouble getting him to miss a practice if he's sick – he would never miss a game." The Banks' worst fears were confirmed on September 28 when Sara and Gregory did not arrive at a pre-arranged pickup location. The Banks are concerned that Gregory may have been taken out of the area and have turned to the Laura Recovery Center for help. Patreca has stated that "We have reason to believe that Sara has fled the state with Gregory and possibly the country." It is believed that Sara Sandoval had assistance from one or more persons in fleeing with Gregory.

The Center has distributed Gregory's flyer as far north as Canada. "It only takes one person to recognize Gregory's photo to make the call that can bring him home," said Senior Case Manager Dawn Davis of the Laura Recovery Center. "Some will tell you that because he's with his non-custodial parent that the situation isn't serious. We don't believe that. A child should be safe, both physically and mentally. We're asking Sara to please take Gregory to the nearest police department. Just let everyone know he's okay."

The public is urged to visit [www.LRCF.org](http://www.LRCF.org) and follow the link to Missing Children. Gregory's flyer can be downloaded, printed, e-mailed, and faxed from his page. If anyone has seen Gregory they are urged to call the Recovery Center at 281-482-5723 or the Houston Police Department at 713-731-5223.

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 and fosters a Triangle of Trust among law enforcement, community, and a missing child's family.

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