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In Memory of
Brianna Parish
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HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

During the crowded holiday shopping season, it is important to spend time reviewing shopping safety with your child/children.

- Always keep your children in your sight while shopping.
- Have a plan in case you become separated.
- Always supervise your children in public restrooms and public facilities.
- Teach children to look for people who can help if they become lost such as a uniformed security guard or a salesperson.
- Remind children to remain in the area where they became separated.
- Never dress a child in clothing that displays his/her name.
- Never allow younger children to shop alone.
- Notice what your child is wearing before going shopping.

If you do become separated, go immediately to store personnel. Be prepared to describe your child's physical features, clothing, and age. Have a fun holiday shopping experience by practicing safe shopping with your child.

Art Contest Update

Schools from Pearland, Alvin, and Clear Creek Independent School Districts submitted entries for the contest to illustrate a short booklet written by Mike Thaler, acclaimed author of the Black Lagoon children's book series. A panel of LRC staff members and volunteers judged the entries on November 18th and chose 10 finalists to submit to Mr. Thaler.

We thank all of the students who participated in this contest and the school staff for promoting this project. Congratulations to the ten finalists listed below!

- Luis Angel Barragan, Alvin ISD
- Madison Dishongh, Alvin ISD
- Allyson Godfrey, Clear Creek ISD
- Sarah Godfrey, Clear Creek ISD
- Naazneen Ibtehaj, Clear Creek ISD
- Kaley Justis, Clear Creek ISD
- Emily Mena, Clear Creek ISD
- Tyler Owens, Pearland ISD
- John Ramillano, Pearland ISD
- Samantha Tripoli, Pearland ISD

Mike Thaler will select the first, second, and third place winners. The first place winner of the contest will have the honor of illustrating the booklet written by Mr. Thaler. Final results of the contest will be published in our January newsletter.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Thaler for donating this personal safety and abduction prevention booklet to LRC and for sharing his talent and time to support our mission.

Would you like to help get this essential information into the hands of children? We are currently seeking sponsors to help with the cost of printing and distributing these booklets. Please call the LRC if you would like to be a part of this important project.

HOLIDAY HUSTLE Benefits LRC

Take a break and join the holiday fun! The City of Friendswood, along with Alton Todd Law Firm, is hosting the annual Holiday 5K Fun Run/Walk and Kids' K Fun Run on Saturday, December 6th at Stevenson Park. Registration will be held from 7-7:45 a.m. All proceeds from this event are donated to the Laura Recovery Center. For information about the event or for sponsorship or volunteer information, call the Community Services Department at (281) 996-3220 or visit the city website at www.ci.friendswood.tx.us.

December Activities

- 6 **HOLIDAY HUSTLE**, Stevenson Park
- 10 **SKATE** program, Lakewood Elem., Houston, TX



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Contributor Recognition

- o Janice L., Pearland, TX
- o Nancy W., Friendswood, TX
- o Wells Fargo, Community Partner Grant (Autumn Creek, Clear Lake, and Bay Colony stores)
- o Morton Ranch Elem. PTA, Katy, TX
- o West Columbia Elem. PTA, West Columbia, TX
- o Franz Elem. PTA, Katy, TX
- o Sarah G., Pearland, TX
- o Wendy E., San Antonio, TX

VOLUNTEERS are **NEEDED** for the Friendswood Holiday Hustle on Dec. 6th at Stevenson Park in Friendswood. If you are able to help or know someone who would like to assist, please call the LRC at 281-482-5723.

LRC FAQs

Will LRC help search for a missing teen?

Yes, depending on the situation. If the missing teen is a runaway, we will normally not send out ground searchers but may coordinate a flyer campaign to help pinpoint the teen's location. If the case appears to be other than a runaway, the Center will coordinate the civilian ground search and help bring in necessary resources to find the missing person. We do not charge the family, community, or police for assistance.

If you have a missing teen, don't wait. Report them to the police immediately then call LRC for additional help. We will obtain the information needed, prepare a flyer, and post it on the LRC website at www.lrcf.org. From there, you can download, fax, and email the teen's flyer anywhere in the U.S. Then the Center will work with you to develop a strategy to help locate the teen.

Bob Walcutt

Thank you November Volunteers!

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