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The SPOTLIGHT

23,276 Children Attended LRC Safety Programs in 2008

The Laura Recovery Center exists to prevent abductions and runaways and to recover missing children by fostering a Triangle of Trust among law enforcement, community and a missing child's family. We believe that empowering children through education is necessary to keep them safe in today's world. In 2008, LRC presented 114 SKATE programs and 20 Choices programs to 23,276 children.



2008 Preliminary Report

# Programs/Events:	
SKATE	114
Choices	20
Child Education	3
Law Enforcement	4
Safety Fairs	11
Presentations	7
Adult Education	5
TOTAL Events	164
# Participants:	
Children	23,276
Adults	1,612
# New Cases	88
# Cases Resolved	81
# Hurricane Ike Cases	741
# Searches	3

Note: The number of cases resolved and new cases may not represent the same cases.

Make it a New Year's Resolution – Register for a Free On-Line Child ID from the Laura Recovery Center

LRC is pleased to announce the immediate availability of its On-Line Child ID, a free, easy to use, on-line tool to help you gather information about your child that will be crucial should he/she ever become missing.

The LRC On-Line Child ID provides a private and secure location on the Internet to keep your information, a means to download it to your own computer or memory device such as a USB flash drive, and the option to share your information immediately with law enforcement and others.

If your child should disappear, for whatever reason, could you remember important details about them such as their height, eye color, or scars and birthmarks; the names and addresses of friends and how to contact them; the names and contact information of the trusted adults in your child's life such as scout leaders and clergy; their medicines and other special needs; and where their dental and medical records are stored? Could you quickly locate and share pictures of your child that would help law enforcement and volunteers search for them?

If your child should ever be missing, you will need all of this information and more, and you will need to locate it immediately. Right now, while you have time, make it a New Year's Resolution to visit www.MyChildID.org and create an on-line Child ID for your child.

January Activities

- 7 SKATE Program (3 sessions), Creighton Elem., Conroe
- 13 SKATE Program, Clear Lake Elem., Houston
- 16 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Cimarron Elem., Houston

SAFETY TIP

Never dress children in clothing that displays their first or last names, prompting unwelcome attention from people looking for an opportunity to start a conversation with your child.

The Laura Recovery Center and Mike Thaler Announce Art Contest Winners

LRC and Mike Thaler are excited to announce the winners in our recently concluded art contest. The winning entries were selected by well-known author Mike Thaler, whose Black Lagoon series is read and loved by many elementary school children. The three young artist winners are:

- 1st Place: Allyson Godfrey
Bauerschlag Elementary
Clear Creek ISD
- 2nd Place: Sarah Godfrey
Bauerschlag Elementary
Clear Creek ISD
- 3rd Place: John Ramillano
Lawhon Elementary
Pearland ISD

Congratulations to all of the winners! Allyson Godfrey will be illustrating Mike's most recent booklet (Don't Know? – Don't Go!), which teaches kids to always ask permission before going anywhere.

We extend our appreciation to all of the children who entered our contest and the educators who helped make it a success. The booklet will be distributed through the Laura Recovery Center in the Spring of 2009 as a part of our mission to prevent abductions. Please contact LRC if you would like to help sponsor this important project.

Hurricane Ike Update

As of January 1, 2009, LRC still lists 45 people as missing following Hurricane Ike. Visit our website to view the names and photos. Please contact us if you have information about any of the missing.

Contributor Recognition

- John and Martha M., Sugar Land, TX (in honor of Nancy Hill)
- Mary M., Houston, TX
- Michael N., Pasadena, TX
- Tommy and Elaine C., Tulsa, OK
- Muriel P and Sandra S., Friendswood, TX
- Sasser Family Foundation, Galveston, TX
- Suzanne B., Houston, TX
- Nestle Toll House Café, Baybrook Mall, Friendswood, TX

Thank you December Volunteers!

Susan Jennings
Bonnie Alcancia

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Janice Liggett
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