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The SPOTLIGHT

Case Update



Missing Youth
Hailey Cunningham
Age 16
San Antonio, TX



Missing Youth
Christina Lopez
Age 13
Austin, TX

Recovered Alive:

Marcela DeLeon League City, TX
Ashley DeHoyos Pearland, TX
Chloe Shanley Deer Park, TX
Evelyn Gomez Houston, TX
Jennifer Jimenez, Houston, TX
Kenneth Kirksey, Portland, TX
Paulette Gonzales, Houston, TX
Destiny Lareda, Pearland, TX
Dominique Hampton, Houston, TX
Donne' Campbell, Fresno, TX

Contributor Recognition

- Galveston County juror donations
- Pasadena POD, Dickinson, TX
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., Dallas, TX
- Steven & Debbie S., Friendswood, TX
- Bernard D., Garland, TX
- Teresa K., Kirbyville, TX
- Jacky A., Simpsonville, SC
- Gilmore Elem. PTA, League City, TX
- Tracie E., Santa Fe, TX
- McWhirter Elem. PTA, Webster, TX
- BP Fabric of America Fund, Princeton, NJ
- Samantha S., Pearland, TX
- Chuck & Danielle S., Houston, TX
- Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Princeton, NJ
- Suzanne B., Houston, TX
- Eduardo A., Houston, TX

Mexico Joins Search for Missing Teen

The same day Amber Dubois' family requested their help, Mexican authorities began a door to door canvas in Tijuana showing Amber's flyer and questioning tenants. They assured the family that their search would continue throughout their jurisdiction as far south as Rosarito. LRC extends our gratitude for their help and rapid response. (See April Spotlight for information about Amber Dubois' disappearance.)

Author Visits Winner of Art Contest

The Laura Recovery Center has been working with the popular and award winning children's author, Mike Thaler, to produce and distribute an important booklet about child safety and abduction prevention titled *Don't Know? Don't Go!*

LRC sponsored the art contest to illustrate Mike's new book. The winner of the contest has the honor of illustrating the booklet written by Mr. Thaler. LRC will be distributing the booklets as part of the effort to prevent abductions.

Thaler attended the award presentation for the first and second place winners on the 12th anniversary of Laura Kate Smither's abduction and murder, Friday, April 3.

The winners are twin sisters who attend Bauerschlag Elementary in Clear Creek Independent School District. First place went to Allyson Godfrey, and second place went to her twin sister, Sarah Godfrey. Winners were given a Certificate of Excellence and a set of Mike's books autographed to them in a personalized Black Lagoon Series tote bag.



Artist Mike Thaler, (center) autographing books for twins Allyson and Sarah Godfrey (left and right of Thaler).

Justice for Laura

April 3, 2009, marked the 12th anniversary of the abduction and murder of Laura Kate Smither. No one has been charged in her murder. Laura's brother, David, prepared a nine day prayer series (a Novena) to seek the softening of Laura's killer's heart and that God's justice be accomplished for her. All prayers are available at www.lrcf.org/j4l.

May Activities

- 6 SKATE Program, Fry Intermediate School, Texas City
- 6 SKATE Program (3 sessions) Kohfeldt Elem. School, Texas City
- 6 Presentation for adults, St. Vincent DePaul, Houston
- 7 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Northside Elem., Texas City
- 7 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Roosevelt-Wilson Elem. (2 sessions), Texas City
- 8 SKATE Program (2 sessions), A.R. Turner Elem., Willis
- 8 Choices Program (4 sessions), Manvel Jr. High, Manvel
- 11 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Heights Elem., Texas City
- 11 Choices Program, Balmorhea High School, Balmorhea
- 13 SKATE Program, Texas AgriLife, Bellville, Austin Cty. Fairgrounds
- 14 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Moore Elem., Pasadena
- 14 Choices Program, Fort Stockton High School, Fort Stockton
- 14 Choices Program (2 sessions), Fort Stockton Middle School, Fort Stockton
- 15 SKATE Program (3 sessions), Carroll Elem., Houston
- 18 SKATE Program (3 sessions), Alvin Primary School, Alvin
- 19 SKATE program (2 sessions), T.H. Rogers Elem., Houston
- 21 SKATE Program, Westlawn Elem., La Marque, TX
- 22 Presentations (4 sessions), Golden Acres Elem., Pasadena
- 26 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Silvercrest Elem., Pearland
- 27 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Silvercrest Elem., Pearland

Fundraisers for LRC

May 2, 2009, 11:00 am: *Lighting the Way Home Style Show and Luncheon, Tad Akers in League City, TX*
(www.lrcf.org) **RSVP now!**

May 5, 2009, 12:30 pm: *IRWA's (International Right of Way Association) 17th annual golf tournament, Meadow Brook Golf Club, Katy, TX*
(www.irwachapter8.org)

June 6, 2009, 10:00 am: *Pasadena POD Chili Cook-off, Blanco Bar, 3406 W. Alabama, Houston, TX - all proceeds go to LRC*

LRC Free Flyer Maker:
www.MyFlyer.org

Thank you April office and phone volunteers!

Susan Jennings
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