

501(c) 3 nonprofit organization

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The SPOTLIGHT

Case Update



Missing
Mary Garza
age 15
Houston, TX



Missing
Nereyda Rodriguez
age 14
Houston, TX

Recovered Alive:

- Maria Juneau, Pearland, TX
- Tory Ellis, Wichita, KS
- Marquita Robinson, Austin, TX
- Christina Lopez, Houston, TX

In Memory of:



Murdered
Brooke Wilberger
Corvallis, OR

October Activities

- 1-3 Search for Lindsey Baum, McCleary, WA
- 1-2 State Clearinghouse/National NPO Conference, Reno NV
- 3 Safety Fair, Clear Creek Community Church, League City, TX
- 6 Safety Fair, Magnolia Creek Subdivision, League City, TX
- 8 Choices Program, Galena Park Middle School, Galena Park, TX
- 14 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Pomeroy Elem., Pasadena, TX
- 15 SKATE Program, Kruse Elem., Pasadena, TX
- 16 SKATE Program, Aiken Elem., New Caney, TX
- 21 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Golfcrest Elem, Houston, TX
- 22 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Maple Brook Elem., Humble, TX
- 27 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Hines Caldwell Elem., Houston, TX
- 28 SKATE Program (2 sessions), Stuchberry Elem., Houston, TX
- 30 SKATE Program, West Columbia

Community Supporting LRC



The Center would like to thank some wonderful organizations that recently held fund raisers to support our mission.

Sassy Pants Studio of Friendswood held a wonderfully successful fall fashion show on September 12th. The proceeds of the event, which raised \$1,500, benefited the Laura Recovery Center. Mothers and their little ones were the models for the event, and all in attendance had a great time. Vendors sold their creative wares, and customers picked up some unique holiday gifts.

The Pasadena and Space City CASI PODs held a chili cook-off on September 26th and 27th for the benefit of the Laura Recovery Center and the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department. The event was held in Dickinson, Texas, and everyone enjoyed great fun and delicious chili.

We are sincerely appreciative of the efforts and support of these organizations.

First Responder Class at HPD

On September 9, 2009, Bob Walcutt, Executive Director of the Laura Recovery Center, taught a First Responder class to officers at the Houston Police Academy. Gay Smither, guest speaker, made a presentation on how the abduction of a child affects the family and community.

The class emphasizes the civilian community's response to a child abduction and what they, the community, expect from the police. Bob said, "We are trying to re-emphasize the need for an officer to take a hard look at every case involving a missing child and to investigate thoroughly and quickly. If it is an abduction case, we are racing against time."

IKE Memorial on Bolivar Peninsula

On September 12th, one year since Hurricane Ike devastated Bolivar Peninsula, residents there held a memorial program to honor those lost to the storm and to celebrate the progress that has been made to restore their community.

The gathering was attended by Bob Walcutt and Bob and Gay Smither of the LRC. It was organized as a memorial tribute to those lost to Hurricane Ike on the Bolivar Peninsula and was led by Bolivar residents Dianne Ledet, John and Joni Harding, Pam Adams, and Shawn Pachlhofer.



The program included uplifting musical selections and reflections on the storm and its aftermath by long time Bolivar residents. The LRC was acknowledged in the program for "their work with the families of the dead and missing from the Bolivar Peninsula."

2009 Gala Cancellation

The "Lighting the Way Home: Gala, scheduled for Oct. 2nd to benefit LRC, has been cancelled. We regret the cancellation of our major fundraiser of the year, but it is clear that our community is still feeling the effects of Hurricane Ike and the economic downturn. **Watch our website for an upcoming auction.**

Contributor Recognition

- Carol E., Lockport, IL
- Gulf States Chapter 8 IRWA, Houston, TX
- Sassy Pants Studio, Friendswood, TX
- Pasadena POD, Pasadena, TX
- Space City POD, Houston, TX

Thank you September office and phone volunteers!

Suzanne Slavin	Janice Liggett	Sandy Stafford
Bonnie Alcancia	Susan Jennings	Sandra Smith

Linda Giordano