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The SPOTLIGHT

Holiday Hustle Benefits Laura Recovery Center

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On Saturday, December 12th, the City of Friendswood hosted the 11th annual "Holiday Hustle" 5K Fun Run / Walk and Kid's K, with the event proceeds of over \$6,000 benefiting the Laura Recovery Center. The event was enjoyed by over 200 runners and walkers from the surrounding area.

LRC thanks all of the following event sponsors: Alton C. Todd Law Firm , International Paint and Body, C.L. Davis & Company, Norman Frede Chevrolet, Friendswood Goddard School, Memorial Hermann Southeast, HDR Engineering, Top Printing, Abel Veterinary Services, HomeTown Bank of Friendswood, Cathy Newsom Insurance, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Johnson Family Insurance, Texas Advantage Community Bank, T.F. Harper and Associates, Cornerstone Maintenance, Sign City and Inline Graphix. We also thank Andrea Petri, an aerobics instructor for the City of Friendswood, for treating the participants to a pre-race warm up. Many other businesses from the community helped sponsor the run by donating goodie bag items and door prizes.

This event would not have been a success without the many volunteers and staff working to make this happen. We especially thank the City of Friendswood for hosting this event. We extend our sincere appreciation to all!

January Activities

- 22 SKATE Program, (2 sessions), Cimarron Elem., School, Houston, TX
- 23 Safety Fair, Goodard School, Friendswood, TX
- 24 SKATE Program, Bending Bayou Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston, TX

Happy New Year!

Mocha Makes the Start of a Great Day

The afternoon of December 8, 2009, a family contacted the LRC regarding a man who had left home the night before and had not returned. The man was an avid walker/runner, but the night he disappeared visibility was limited due to fog. The family worried about the fog and the rapidly dropping temperatures, and the man was without needed medication.

The LRC contacted the Greater Houston Search Dog team who quickly sent representatives out to aid in the search. The handlers and their dogs worked hard into the early morning hours but without success.

The next morning the LRC began sending neighbors and volunteers out on foot searches. The GHSD again sent handlers and their dogs. One of the GHSD volunteers, Bonnie Florio, brought her dog Mocha, a beautiful chocolate lab, on her first "official" deployment. A couple of hours into the search a call was received that Mocha along with her handler Bonnie and volunteer flanker, Ryan, had found the lost man alive! Although the man was suffering from medical issues, he is now resting at home comfortably thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, a flanker, a handler, and an amazing dog named Mocha! Good dog!



Bonnie, Mocha, and Ryan

Contributor Recognition

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- Tommy & Karen C., Tulsa, OK
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- Joann C., Seabrook, TX

2009 Statistics

New cases:	80
Located alive	55
Murdered	4
Deceased	1
Unresolved	18
Closed	2
Searches	10
Search days	29
Flyers	2,615
Education Programs:	
Event sessions	170
Adults attending	1,674
Children attending	28,117

Thank you December office and phone volunteers!

- Suzanne Slavin
- Bonnie Alcancia
- Sandy Williams
- Janice Liggett
- Sandra Smith
- Susan Jennings
- Sandy Stafford
- Kimberly Stoeke
- Linda Giordano
- Brenda Rogers