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The SPOTLIGHT

Case Update



Missing Youth
Kayleah Wilson
Age 12, Greeley,
Colorado

Search for Kayleah Wilson

On April 8th, Bob Walcutt, Dawn Davis, and Sandy Stafford flew to Colorado to coordinate a civilian search for Kayleah Wilson who went missing on March 28th. The search started on April 10th and by the third day, trained volunteers were running the search and coordinating the volunteer efforts. Kayleah's whereabouts are still unknown, the volunteers continue to search and spread the word concerning one of their missing children. Our thanks go to the Greeley Police Department and to the many fine men and women who gave of their time to search for a missing child. If you have any information, please contact the Greeley Police Department or LRC.

May Activities

- 1 Safety Fair, Whitcomb Elem., Houston, TX
- 4 SKATE program, James F. Bay Elem., Seabrook, TX
- 4 SKATE program (2 sessions), River Oaks Elem., Houston, TX
- 6 Choices program (2 sessions), Community in Schools Summit Alternative Program, Pasadena, TX
- 7 SKATE program (2 sessions), Westwood Elem., Friendswood, TX
- 7 Presentation, Girl Scout Troop 7373, Friendswood, TX
- 8 Meeting, Laura's Legacy Fund Raising Committee, League City, TX
- 11 SKATE program (2 sessions), Challenger Elem., Pearland, TX
- 13 SKATE program (2 sessions), Cline Elem., Friendswood, TX
- 14 SKATE program (2 sessions), Cline Elem., Friendswood, TX
- 19 SKATE program, Texas AgriLife, Bellville, TX
- 20 SKATE program (3 sessions), Jessup Elem., Houston, TX
- 25 SKATE program (2 sessions), Silvercrest Elem., Pearland, TX
- 26 Choices program (2 sessions), Alexander Middle School, Pearland, TX
- 26 SKATE program (2 sessions), Silvercrest Elem., Pearland, TX
- 27 SKATE program (2 sessions), Hitchcock Primary School, Hitchcock, TX

LRC Receives National Recognition from the US Department of Justice



The Laura Recovery Center has received this year's US Department of Justice Missing Children Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award. The Award recognizes "...outstanding contribution and commitment to missing and exploited children" and was presented to Gay Smither and Bob Walcutt by Katherine Schmitt, an Associate Deputy Administrator with the US Department of Justice.

The LRC was nominated by Captain Shari Burrows of the Friendswood Police Department who praised the Center "...for high standards of professionalism and demonstrating noteworthy leadership in protecting children while forging positive relationships with local partners."

Gay Smither, co-founder of the LRC, stated, "It is an honor to receive this prestigious award. We are pleased to be recognized by the Justice Department for the work of our dedicated staff and volunteers. Being a warrior for missing children is often difficult, but we know that one missing child is one too many!"

"Visit www.lrcf.net/mapping/cases to see where LRC cases are located in the United States."

REMINDER
"Lighting the Way Home"
Style Show
May 8th, 11am – 2pm
www.lrcf.org or call 281-482-5723
We hope to see you there!

Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO) Honors Bob Walcutt with 2010 Joan Taavon Award



Bob Walcutt, Executive Director of the Laura Recovery Center, was presented with the Joan Taavon Award at this year's Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Associations (AMECO) annual meeting.

The Joan Taavon Award recognizes employees and volunteers of AMECO member organizations who exhibit extraordinary passion and commitment to the field of missing children. "AMECO applauds Bob's absolute dedication to locating missing children and to youth safety strategies," says Wendy Jolley-Kabi, Executive Director of AMECO.

Wendy continued, saying that "While Bob quickly credits the phenomenal volunteers that help the Laura Recovery Center assist searching families across the country, the 2010 Joan Taavon Award recognizes Bob's significant contributions to reducing the number of missing and exploited children."

Contributor Recognition

- Galveston County Jurors
- Pasadena POD, Dickinson, TX
- Retired Fire and Police Foundation, El Cajon, CA
- Nicholas & Sheryl M., Houston, TX
- Michael M., El Cajon, CA
- Sheila D., Smyrna, GA
- Mark D., Nassau Bay, TX

On April 14, 2010, Gay Smither was elected to the AMECO Board of Directors.

Thank you April office and phone volunteers!

Suzanne Slavin
Bonnie Alcancia

Janice Liggett
Polly Peterson

Sandy Stafford
Kimberly Stoeke

Johnny Hubbard
Cindy Martin