

Georgia Masons are presenting the GACHIP program *free of charge to the public*. This program is offered as a public service and as our gift to the citizens of our state.

**GACHIP** provides a valuable tool for the parents or guardians of a child — a small computer disk that includes:

- Full color digital photographs showing various poses of the child. These color photographs can be circulated by the police to the media in the case of abduction and can be used in the Amber Alert Program.
- A complete set of digital fingerprints. Everyone's fingerprints are unique and are a well known tool for recovery, investigation and identification.
- *Information about the child* including distinguishing features such as hair and eye color, scars, etc. The disk will also contain contact information for parents or guardians.
- A laminated ID Card that contains your child's information and a photograph.

All of the identifying information collected at the event about the child is given to the child's family. The GACHIP program retains only the permission slip that must be signed prior to participation in the event. All other data is permanently erased after the child's document is prepared. Privacy is our number one criteria.

### If Your Child Is Missing

**ACT IMMEDIATELY** if you believe your child is missing.

### • If your child is missing from home:

Search the house—checking closets, piles of laundry, in and under beds, inside old refrigerators—wherever a child might crawl or hide. If

you still cannot find your child, immediately call your local law-enforcement agency.

 If your child disappears in a store:

Notify the store manager or security office. Then *immediately call your local law-enforcement agency*. Many stores have a Code Adam plan of action. If a child is missing in the store, the employees immediately mobilize to look for the missing child.

Request that your child's name and identifying information be immediately entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File.

### When you notify law-enforcement:

Explain to them that your child is missing and that your child has been identified at a GACHIP event. The tools that you received in the GACHIP identification kit will provide lawenforcement with digital pictures and information that is compatible with the Amber Alert program. Tell law-enforcement when you noticed that your child is missing and what the child is wearing. Request that your child's name and identifying information be immediately entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File.

For additional information about child safety topics, please visit the following websites:

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

www.missingkids.com

or contact them at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

McGruff — www.mcgruff.org
SafeKids — www.safekids.com

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Georgia Child Identification Program

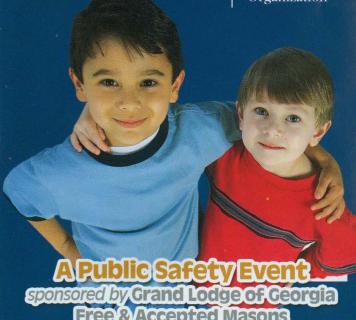
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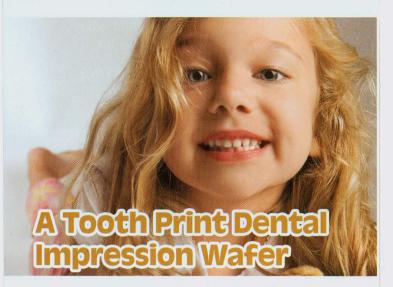
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> 811 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201



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Teeth, like fingerprints, are unique.

Identification - Even with a child losing and gaining teeth, a dental impression gives accurate and important information for identification purposes.

DNA Sample - From the use of the dental impression wafer, a DNA sample is obtained from the cheek cells in the saliva, which can also uniquely identify anyone.

Canine Scents - The saliva from the dental impression wafer provides a pure, exclusive scent, which can be used by tracking dogs in helping to find lost children.



## What is GACHIP?

GACHIP—the GeorgiA CHild Identification Program—is one of the most comprehensive Child Recovery, Identification, and Abduction Awareness programs ever to be offered to parents in the state of Georgia.

Since 2004, Freemasons from various state jurisdictions in the United States and in several Canadian provinces have sponsored Masonic CHIP events.

At a CHIP event, Freemasons set up the equipment and enlist the aid of local volunteers, as necessary, to generate completed child identification kits.

Each child progresses through several stations taking about 10 to 15 minutes for the entire process. The recorded information is presented to the child's parent or guardian to take home for safekeeping. All information is confidential and GACHIP retains nothing but the permission form when the kit is completed and given to the parents.

The mission of the GACHIP program is to raise public awareness concerning the risk of abduction or exploitation that our children now face in today's society. This mission is accomplished by conducting GACHIP events throughout our state.



Visit our website: www.gachip.org

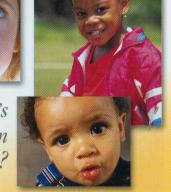
or www.glofga.org



# WHAT IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING?



Do you have your child's current information immediately available?



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Find out how you can protect your children NOW!

**A Public Safety Event**