



Vanished Children's Alliance

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Past Events

Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) KID Identification

On October 19, the VCA and Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) teamed up for the KID Identification event. KID was a free program that provided participating children a chance to be fingerprinted and photographed. This vital documentation was provided for parents to keep in the event of a child's abduction. In addition it also provided parents and caretakers with critical safety information to keep their children safe. This event, which took place at 82 OSH hardware stores across California, was the largest safety event of its kind for VCA. When we were first approached by OSH to help coordinate this event, we had no idea what an impact the KID Identification event would have on communities throughout the state. With the help of valuable volunteers and local police departments, we are happy to share that the event was a major success. Our combined efforts helped to fingerprint over 16,000 children statewide. In addition, more than 51,000 pieces of VCA child safety literature were distributed to concerned parents, guardians and grandparents.

White House Conference on Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children

Georgia K. Hilgeman-Hammond, Executive Director and Founder of the Vanished Children's Alliance, attended the White House Conference on Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children held in Washington, D.C., October 2, 2002. Conference presenters included White House Cabinet Members, experts in the field of child abduction, law enforcement personnel, families of victim children, adults victimized as children, corporate leaders, along with other Federal, state and local officials. The focus of the conference was prevention of child victimization. The topics included family and non-family abduction, child pornography, trafficking of children, runaway and homeless youth, and Internet safety. Speakers included President George W. Bush, Attorney General John Ashcroft, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and FBI Director Robert Mueller.

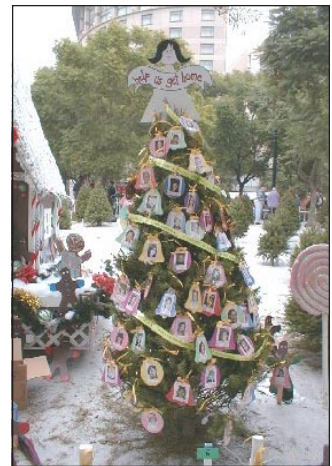


Georgia K. Hilgeman-Hammond, Founder and Executive Director

Georgia K. Hilgeman-Hammond commends the Bush Administration for hosting this conference. According to Ms. Hilgeman-Hammond, "Since 1980, VCA has worked diligently to keep children safe, stop the victimization of children, and to facilitate their healing. As a VCA representative I was very proud to have participated in the White House Conference. I hope this will be the impetus for a renewed national commitment to and focus on, our most precious resource, our children."

Downtown San Jose's Christmas in the Park

On November 20, 2002 our hard-working volunteers helped create Christmas tree ornaments to decorate the VCA Christmas tree at Downtown San Jose's Christmas in the Park. The tree was adorned with ornaments displaying pictures of missing children and topped with an angel to watch over them. These ornaments will be given to the parents and families of those missing children.



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PASSAGE

The Parents Actively Searching Supporting And Gaining Empowerment (PASSAGE) program provides a valuable resource for parents to actively participate in the search for their and other missing children. This VCA program offers victim parents the opportunity to network with other victim families in the search for their children. Parents can choose to disseminate group posters of their missing child and 23 other missing children to places they travel. This is a great way for parents to support and assist each other during the very difficult location and recovery process.

YES! I want to support Vanished Children's Alliance!

Name: _____ Email: _____ I can make my donation:
 Address: _____ Fax: _____ quarterly monthly
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ yearly one time
 Day Phone:() _____ Evening Phone:() _____ Please do not add me to VCA's mailing list
 Please keep my name anonymous
 I am interested learning how I can ensure VCA's future through planned giving
 My company will match my gift! Company Gift Match Contact Person/Info: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

- \$500 Sponsors overall efforts to help find a child.
- \$100 Pays for a school presentation to teach kids safety.
- \$75 Fingerprints 25 children.
- \$50 Pays for 50 b/w posters or 25 color posters.
- \$25 Covers the cost of the Sighting Hotline for a full day!
- \$____ Any amount will help make sure we're there for them.

*Please make contributions payable to Vanished Children's Alliance.
 VCA is a federally approved 501(c)(3) charity. Tax ID number 94-2783682
 Thank you for your concern and generosity!*

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DONOR APPRECIATION

VCA would like to thank all of our donors for their generous support. Our continued services would not be possible without the generous efforts of many individuals and organizations. Their donations are gratefully accepted as a symbol of support for the services our organization provides. With their support, we will continue to provide active case management, photo dissemination of missing children, reunification services, counseling, and technical assistance. In addition we will maintain prevention education to families and children as well as training for law enforcement and education professionals.

DONOR HALL OF FAME

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE DONORS WHO HAVE PROVIDED US WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

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◆ SAINT RAYMOND SCHOOL-MOTHER'S CLUB

VCA DONOR CIRCLE CATEGORIES

MEMBER		\$25.00
SPONSOR		\$50.00
ADVOCATE		\$100.00
BENEFACTOR		\$500.00
GUARDIAN ANGEL		\$1,000.00 AND ABOVE

Staff News

New Employees

VCA would like to welcome three new additions to the VCA family: Madolyn Orr, Kristine Wadley and Meredith Webb. Madolyn and Kristine will be joining us as Community Outreach Specialists in our Outreach and Development Department, while Meredith will be joining the casework staff in our Casework Department. In September 2002, Madolyn received her M.A. in Development Studies at University of Leeds in Leeds, England. Kristine received her B.A. in Linguistic Anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in June 2002. Meredith earned her B.A. in Psychology and minor in Women's Studies at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. We would like to extend a warm welcome to these three talented women who have been invaluable in reaching the community to make it a safe place for children.



VCA STAFF FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: TOP ROW: MADOLYN ORR, SUZIE TYLER, VICTORIA CONTRERAS, MELISSA SCAMPINI. BOTTOM ROW: BILL HAMMOND, DENISE ANIMA, KATHRYN HUTCHINS, GEORGIA HILGEMAN-HAMMOND, MEREDITH WEBB, KRISTINE WADLEY, AMY ANGELO, KATHRYN BARTLETT, MONICA DIMAGGIO.

FEATURE EMPLOYEE- BILL HAMMOND

Bill Hammond has over thirty years experience in working with child victims and crimes against children. He has been consulting with the Vanished Children's Alliance since 1990. He now works at the VCA Headquarters in San Jose, California where he serves as the Director of the Casework Department.

Hammond's extensive casework experience is enhanced by 18 years as a police officer working in the area of child abuse. He has provided training to over eighteen thousand (18,000) law enforcement, social work, and medical professional in the areas of juvenile and child abuse related cases. In addition, he has 14 years experience managing national projects for organizations like the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Criminal Crisis Response Initiative, and the Missing and Exploited Children Comprehensive Action Program.

Hammond is a national and international recognized consultant and trainer providing a wide range of services in the area of child victimization, planning, and community mobilization. These services include training in the area of investigative techniques in both child physical and sexual abuse, curriculum design and development, case consultation, expert testimony, organization and management, large and small group facilitation, strategic plan development and program development.

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CASEWORK DEPARTMENT

SINCE 1980, THE VCA CASEWORK DEPARTMENT HAS ADDRESSED THE NEED FOR VICTIM PARENTS TO OBTAIN CREDIBLE, EFFECTIVE AND COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE IN THE LOCATION AND RECOVERY OF THEIR MISSING OR ABDUCTED CHILDREN. OUR CASEWORKERS MAINTAIN AND UPDATE REGISTERED CASES OF MISSING CHILDREN THROUGH INFORMATION FROM PARENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. NEW CASES ARE REFERRED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER LEGAL AGENCIES AND OUR 24-HOUR SIGHTING HOTLINE ALLOWS US TO INFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT OF NEW UPDATES IN A CASE.

CASEWORK DEPARTMENT SERVICES

- Q INTERNATIONALLY ACCESSIBLE 24-HOUR TOLL-FREE SIGHTING LINE
1-800-VANISHED
- Q ON CALL CASEWORK STAFF TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE, ON-SITE ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH/RECOVERY EFFORTS AND POSTER DISSEMINATION
- Q SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN SEARCHING PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF MISSING CHILDREN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY
- Q REGISTRATION OF MISSING CHILDREN, INCLUDING ACTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT, SEARCH/RECOVERY ASSISTANCE
- Q DISTRIBUTION OF MISSING CHILDREN PHOTOS, DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION, POSTERS, AND BROCHURES NATIONWIDE AND OVERSEAS VIA MASS MAILINGS, THE INTERNET AND THE VCA WEBSITE (WWW.VCA.ORG).
- Q NETWORK WITH OTHER CREDIBLE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES AND OTHER VICTIM SERVING AGENCIES.
- Q MAINTAIN AN UPDATED INTERNATIONAL REFERRAL LIST OF PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF MISSING CHILDREN

DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK! GET YOUR COPY OF THE ROAD HOME BY EMAIL. COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 6 AND RETURN IT TO VCA!

RECOVERY NEWS

We are happy to announce that Anna and Emily Nunez, who were previously classified as endangered missing, were recovered in Morgan Hill, CA on November 4, 2002. Le-Zhan Williams, who was abducted by a non-family member in 1996, has also been recovered in Vallejo, CA on December 6, 2002.

SHOPS THAT GIVE!

Like shopping, but hate going to crowded malls? Shopping online at the virtual mall of ShopsThatGive.com makes for a more pleasant shopping experience and makes it even easier to donate to VCA. When you buy products from ShopsThatGive.com, we earn referral fees from merchants. Choose products from 1-800-Flowers, Eddie Bauer, The Sharper Image, Target, and more. ShopsThatGive.com donates 50% of merchant fees collected to VCA. You pay the same price and it costs you nothing to help VCA.

For more information visit:

www.ShopsThatGive.com

BUDGET CUTS

All over the United States, state governments have been experiencing increasing budget cuts in all social and victim services. The State of California, where the VCA headquarters are located, is not immune to this increasing trend. Although, these budget cuts have added some obstacles to our path, it will not prevent us from continuing our efforts to enable the safety of all children.

**Our Deepest Sympathies
to the Family & Friends
of
Malakia Zali Logan
Abducted May 15, 1988
Recovered Deceased**



Dedicated to Preventing, Locating, Recovering and Reuniting Missing, Runaway & Abducted Children Since 1981

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

The Vanished Children's Alliance and Orchard Supply Hardware/Sears Hardware will team up once again in March for the 2003 How to Fair season. This four day event will take place in Pleasanton and San Mateo, CA. The VCA will have booths set up at both locations to disseminate child safety information and to fingerprint children.

Pleasanton

Orchard Supply Hardware
"How to Fair"
Saturday, March 1, 2003
Sunday, March 2, 2003
All Day

San Mateo

Orchard Supply Hardware
"How to Fair"
Saturday, March 22, 2003
Sunday, March 23, 2003
All Day

If you would like to know how you can be involved in this or other events, please contact our Outreach and Development Department at (408) 296-1113 or email us at info@vca.org.



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