

## Color Photo



Amber Alert is in operation throughout Michigan. The color photo can be circulated by police to media throughout the state within two hours of an abduction.

## Fingerprints

Fingerprints are a well known tool for recovery investigation and identification. Everyone's prints are unique. Resourceful parents keep fingerprints available, should the need arise.



## Recorded Interview

A brief videotaped interview is invaluable to an investigator. The MICHIP interview captures



the appearance, speech, mannerisms, and important personal characteristics of a child. It can be quickly distributed via the media to reach a huge audience. It's the cornerstone of Michigan's Child Identification Program.

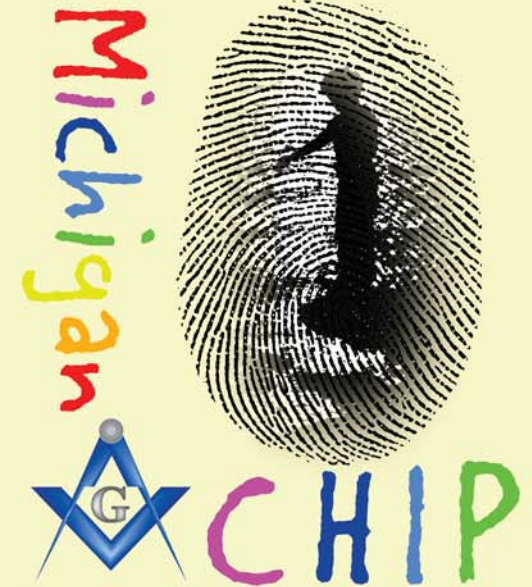
## Michigan CHIP

The Michigan Child Identification Program, or MICHIP, is sponsored by the Michigan Masons and uses a defined "Masonic Model" called COMPREHENSIVE MASONIC CHIP. It is currently in operation by Masonic jurisdictions in thirteen states and continues to be adopted by Masons across North America. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) recognizes COMPREHENSIVE MASONIC CHIP as one of the most complete child recovery and identification programs in the nation. In 1999 alone, over 797,500 children were reported missing in the United States.

At a Masonic Chip Event, Masons generate individual completed child identification kits that are given to the parent to take home for safe keeping (we keep nothing but a permission form). Each child progresses through the several stations of the event (it takes about 10 to 15 minutes) generating an identifying item at each station and placing them in his or her kit. Parents are reminded to take the packages on trips and vacations. This completed kit can be immediately provided to authorities to aid in the recovery of a missing child.

Masons have developed the tools, management skills, and volunteer network necessary to make MICHIP one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs in the nation. The equipment they have purchased allows five events to be conducted simultaneously throughout the state with the goal of giving every family in Michigan a MICHIP package. Refinements to the program will include more up to date systems and more effective tools for law enforcement agencies.

MICHIP is reaching out to every community. Events will be held in schools, shopping malls, county fairs, and at Masonic Centers. MICHIP events increase abduction awareness that, if properly publicized, discourages would-be predators from considering that community.



Michigan  
Child  
Identification  
Program



An Event in the Public Interest  
by the Masons in Michigan

Call 1-800-632-8764 for more information!

## **No charge to parents**

MICHIP is provided free of charge to the public. All of the indemnifying items generated during the event are given to the Child's family.

## **Toothprints® Dental Impressions**

Teeth, like fingerprints, are unique. Even with a child who is losing and gaining teeth, a dental imprint gives accurate and important information for identification purposes.



## **DNA**

Cheek cells in saliva provide DNA, which can uniquely identify anyone.



## **Dog Scents**

Saliva provides a pure, exclusive trace scent, which tracking dogs can use to find lost children.



## **Masonry to Benefit All**

Michigan Masons and the organizations which comprise our Masonic Family, are providing opportunities for our membership to become better citizens through service to others. We are "Making a Difference" to young and old throughout our community by enhancing the quality of life on a daily basis. For more information go to our web site at [www.gl-mi.org](http://www.gl-mi.org).

We provide services for the elder throughout Michigan by offering a "Continuum of Care" at our Masonic Home at Masonic Pathways® campus located in Alma, Michigan. We offer independent living and assisted living nursing home care as well as other services. Tax exempt donation to the Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation make this philanthropy possible.

We care for the youth of our state through various outreach programs, such as:

## **MICHIP**

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## **Masonic Model Student Assistance Training**

Uses a proven model to build teams of educators in our public schools that identify and help students "at risk" to be more successful in school and in life. We sponsor professional trainers from the National Masonic Foundation for Children to hold training sessions throughout the state.

Phone 1-800-632-8764 for more information on any of these programs. Or for more information on Masonry visit our web site at [www.gl-mi.org](http://www.gl-mi.org).

## **The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers**

Uses a proven specialized educational model to tutor area children with dyslexia and provides education to instructors in this proven process. The centers are located throughout the state and are the public service endeavor of our Scottish Rite Masons.

## **Shriners Hospitals for Children**

World renowned for free medical care. The Orthopedic Hospitals treat orthopedic malformations and spinal injuries. The Shriners Burn Hospitals provide acute, reconstructive and rehabilitative care for children with burn injuries. The Michigan Masons support the Shrine Hospitals in many various, fun ways.

## **Masonic Foundation of Michigan Charities**

The Michigan Masonic Foundation provides scholarships to deserving graduating high school seniors throughout our state as well as community matching grants to the local community through our network of local lodges. In the last five years, \$250,000.00 has been provided by the Michigan Masons to help our communities and our young people in obtaining a better quality of life.

## **The Beacon Project™**

Places volunteers in local elementary schools. These volunteers assist the teachers and administration of the schools in dozens of different ways. Providing teachers with time to work more closely with students needing assistance. Volunteers have worked over 80,000 hours in the last three years reading, helping with math, getting mittens on and just listening to young children read.