

**DNA, LIKE FINGER-PRINTS, ARE UNIQUE**

# WHAT IS GACHIP?

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

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



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**GACHIP—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.

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## GEORGIA CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

*To schedule an event visit our website: [www.gachip.org](http://www.gachip.org)*

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## WHAT IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING?

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

**Find out how you can protect your children NOW!**



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# NO CHARGE TO PARENTS

# IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING

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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.
- **DNA Swab.** The DNA Swabs provided are the unique DNA of the Child which is important for investigation, recovery and identification.

*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.*

## ACT IMMEDIATELY!

### • 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 law-enforcement 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.



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### A PUBLIC SAFETY EVENT

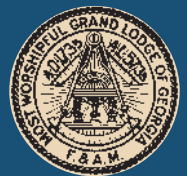
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Organization

ALL GACHIP Events are requested through and coordinated by the Georgia Freemasons (online - Event Request). We conduct events anywhere across our state when both the equipment and volunteers can be committed.