

# The safety of your child is in your hands



## The Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program



In the event that your child should ever become missing or separated from you, Nebraska Freemasons CHIP gives parents the essential materials needed by law enforcement and search officials to help find your child. All identifying materials generated during Masonic CHIP events are given to the child's family. A parent or guardian is required to be present to sign the permission form. **The program is provided FREE for all children.**

### What does Nebraska Freemasons CHIP provide?

- ❖ **A digital still photo and digital video interview** – Children are asked a series of questions to provide information in front of a height chart backdrop. The CHIP interview captures the appearance, speech mannerisms and other important personal characteristics of a child. It can be quickly distributed via the media to reach a huge audience and assist in the quick recovery of an abducted child. The files are downloaded to a CD and given to the parent or guardian.
- ❖ **Digital Fingerprints** – Children's fingerprints are taken on a digital scanner and included on the CD.
- ❖ **Toothprints® bite impression** – Teeth, like fingerprints, are unique. Even in a child who is losing and gaining teeth, a dental imprint gives both accurate and important information for identification purposes. An imprint of the child's teeth will be acquired by biting down on a warmed pliable plastic wafer. Saliva on the Toothprints® also serves as a DNA sample for at least 3 years.
- ❖ **DNA Cheek Swab** – The cheek swab provides DNA material for both mitochondrial and nuclear DNA matching for more than 20 years when properly frozen in a home freezer.
- ❖ **Scent Pad Kit** – Materials provided for the at-home generation of pure scent articles. A scent pad collects skin cells as they are shed from the body. The scent produced by those skin cells is unique to each person. A properly obtained and stored scent pad is one of the purest scent articles that can be provided to a search and rescue dog.

will be sponsoring a CHIP event in your area:

Date:

Time:

Location:

If you would like to find out how to become a Mason, or want more information on the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program, please visit [www.GLNE.org](http://www.GLNE.org) or call the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska at 1-800-558-8029.