

# Annual Activities Report

2008



## Our Mission

The Missing Children's Network is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist families in the search for their missing child, and to educate the public in order to decrease the occurrence of children disappearing.

## Who we are

Since 1985, the Missing Children's Network offers front-line services to families who are searching for their missing child. The Missing Children's Network accompanies, supports and counsels these families by working collaboratively with law enforcement agencies, other child search organizations, as well as the media. Throughout the years, the Missing Children's Network has acquired a unique expertise and competence and developed sound safety programs designed for children, parents and professionals.

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## A Message from the President and Director General



The year 2008 was not without its many challenges! In its continued efforts to decrease expenditures, last March the Missing Children's Network moved its operations from the city of Westmount and settled into the borough of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Park Extension. The move has enabled our organization to inject additional funds into our programs and to forge linkages with many more community organizations and schools in the area.

As we reflect upon this past year our hearts are warmed by the memories of countless special individuals whose caring actions demonstrated their true abiding concern for missing children. In February, a group of twelve volunteers reached new heights by climbing Mount Kilimandjaro, while Montreal Police officers renewed their commitment to serve and protect by cycling across Quebec and raising funds for our programs. This spirit of giving continued well into the summer as hundreds of rowers took to the waters in our Annual Dragon Boat Challenge and concluded in late November with over 400 participants of all ages skating their hearts out at the Bell Centre!

As a result, thanks to the generous and continued support we received from everyone in this past year, the Missing Children's Network was able to safely recover 30 children, empower 13,781 students with the skills needed to stay safe, modernize our child identification equipment, provide 15,275 families with an identification booklet of their children, distribute 5,000 posters of missing children, publish a new series of pamphlets designed to assist parents in teaching their children personal safety strategies, implement a new series of workshops designed to prevent teenage runaways and most importantly, provide hope and comfort to dozens of families who are anxiously awaiting to be reunited with their missing child. For all of this, we owe you a debt of gratitude and we look forward to our continued collaboration with each and every one of you as we strive to build a safer world for all children.

The Missing Children's Network also continued to establish itself as a leading authority in the field of missing and exploited children in our province. We granted nearly 150 interviews on a number of subjects that ranged from the prevention of abductions and runaways, to the importance of the Amber Alert, to Internet safety, to profiling cases of children who have been missing for several years. The Missing Children's Network also participated in the filming of *Active-toi*, a children's series on TV Ontario. This special half-hour episode focused on the behaviours children must adopt in order to keep themselves safe in everyday situations. The Missing Children's Network wishes to salute the efforts of the media for the role they played in this past year. Thanks to this increased exposure, we heightened our visibility and notoriety within Quebec.

We are proud of our many accomplishments in 2008 that are highlighted throughout the pages of this Annual Activities Report. Yet despite our progress, the victimization of children continues. We must do more. We must do better. Our children deserve no less.

On behalf of all the families who turn to us for help, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all of our corporate and community partners, law enforcement agencies, the media, as well as our loyal donors and dedicated volunteers for their generous contributions throughout the past year. Your support is our stronghold and our beacon, guiding and empowering us toward a promising and prosperous future.

Warmest regards,

Pierre Lachance  
President, Board of Directors

Pina Arcamone  
Director General

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## Our Objectives

- ➔ To collaborate with law enforcement and government agencies in order to locate and recover missing children and return them safe and sound to their families;
- ➔ To help prevent the abduction and aggression of children, as well as reduce the occurrence of runaways;
- ➔ To sensitize and educate the public about children's personal safety and the prevention of their disappearances;
- ➔ To support and counsel families whose child has either been abducted by a stranger, kidnapped by a family member or has run away from home.

## Status of Missing Children Reports in Canada

Last year in Canada, there were:

- 60,582 cases of missing children reported to police authorities;
- 7,360 of these cases originated from Quebec.

These children went missing from home for a variety of reasons ... they may have run away after a heated argument with their parents or were lured away by an online predator. Some may have been taken to another country by a non-custodial parent – perhaps to strike back at an ex-spouse – or were abducted by someone the child does not know.

Whatever reason a child is missing, parents' lives are turned upside down and minutes race into hours as they frantically seek their child's return home ... a role that the Missing Children's Network has assumed with passion, determination and conviction since 1985.

No matter the circumstances of a disappearance, a missing child's best hope for a safe return depends on immediate, coordinated and focused action.

Other Statistics:

- 63% of missing children are found within 24 hours;
- 86% of missing children return home within the first week of their disappearance;
- 76% of disappearances are runaways;
- 58% of missing children are females;
- 42% of missing children are males;
- 82% of missing children are between the ages of 14 to 17 years-old;
- 1.3% of missing children are under the age of 5.

For nearly twenty-five years, the Missing Children's Network has been offering front-line services to families who are living every parent's worst nightmare ... a missing child. Our staff accompanies, supports and counsels these families by working collaboratively with law enforcement agencies, other child search organizations, as well as the media.



# Family and Community Services

## Case Management

An estimated **66,000** children are reported missing every year in Canada. The vast majority of these children are recovered quickly. We handle the most serious cases in which the child is at the greatest risk. When a child is reported missing to the Missing Children's Network, he is categorized into one of three types of cases: endangered runaway, family or non-family abduction.

When a child goes missing, time is of the essence. We react immediately, spearheading all efforts to distribute information about the missing child to our vast network of partners as quickly as possible. In 2008, we registered 42 missing children's cases with the breakdown as follows:

- 25 cases involving runaway children;
- 11 cases of parental abductions;
- 1 case classified as unexplained;
- 5 missing persons.

At the beginning of the year, we had 59 unresolved cases from previous years. As a result, our team managed a total of 101 cases in this past year alone.

## Runaways

Once again, runaways accounted for over 72% of all missing children reports signalled to law enforcement agencies in Quebec. In this past year, we continued to focus our efforts on enhancing our abilities to rapidly locate missing teens by widening our network of contacts to include members in all regions across the province when distributing our search notices.

**Last year, we intervened in 25 runaway cases.**

Below is a brief presentation of these cases:

Gender	
Girls	25
Boys	0

Ages					
Age	13	14	15	16	17
# of children	2	5	1	6	11



Origins	
Montreal	9
Laval	7
Other regions around Quebec	4
Pierrefonds	2
Maniwaki	2
Buffalo, New York	1

### Runaway Reports:

- ➔ 60% of our overall case management load involved runaway children;
- ➔ All of these cases involved young females;
- ➔ 4 of these cases involved girls who had a history of running away;
- ➔ 16 of these children went missing from their family residence, while 9 ran from their group home;
- ➔ Of the runaway reports, most were safely recovered within the first week of disappearance;
- ➔ Two cases from Maniwaki remain unresolved to date.

The province of Quebec registered the third highest reports of runaway children, with Ontario and British Columbia respectively having reported the most cases.

## Parental Abductions



Even though there are relatively few cases of parental abductions reported to police forces each year, those that are, tend to be very complicated since the children involved are often taken to foreign countries. Complications often arise and the searching parent frequently ends up devoting much of their time, efforts and monies in order to locate their child.

The Missing Children's Network is available to assist, counsel and support these parents during this complex and complicated search process by helping them to develop effective strategies to ensure the child's safe return home. Certain factors of concern such as the child's tender age, length of time they are separated from their family, as well as the emotional impact on their young lives make it imperative that the missing child be found as quickly as possible before a feeling of alienation sets in where the child feels abandoned by the absent parent. In some cases, it is irreversible.

Last year, the Network registered 11 cases involving parental abductions when the children were brought to the following countries:

Countries	
Algeria	3
Spain	1
India	1
Morocco	1
United States	5

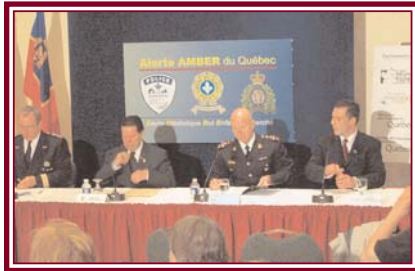
Relative to this situation, 1 father, 9 mothers and 1 grandmother were responsible for the abduction of their children.

## Parental Abduction Reports:

- ➔ 26% of our overall case management involved children abducted by a family member;
- ➔ 6 of the children abducted were males and 5 were females;
- ➔ 10 of the parents had a custody order in place and 1 had no custody order in place at the time of the abduction;
- ➔ 7 of the children were under the age of 5 years-old, 3 were between 6 and 11 years-old and 1 was 13 years-old;
- ➔ Elementary school age children were more likely to be abducted than children over the age of 12.

The province of Quebec accounted for the second highest reports of parental abductions, with Ontario registering the highest reports in the country.

## Amber Alert Update



There was one Amber Alert issued in mid-September by Montreal Police in this past year. The alert was lifted a few hours following its activation as the missing youngster was safely located and recovered.

The Amber Alert was introduced in Quebec on May 25, 2003. During an abduction, every minute counts, therefore the cooperation of the media and citizens is crucial for law enforcement agencies and the Missing Children's Network. The Amber Alert is triggered in the most serious and time-critical cases involving abducted children under the age of 18 years-old.

In Quebec, the Montreal Police and the Sûreté du Québec are the only two bodies who have the authority to activate an Amber Alert. In order for law enforcement to issue an alert, the following four criteria must be met:

- ➔ The child must be under 18 years of age;
- ➔ There must be confirmation that the child has been abducted;
- ➔ The police have sufficient reasons to believe that the child is in serious danger or risk of harm;
- ➔ There are sufficient descriptors to make a search for the child possible, such as a description of the child, presumed abductor, accomplices, or the suspect's vehicle.

The Amber Alert is able to function thanks to the collaboration of the following partners:

- ➔ Montreal Police Service;
- ➔ Sûreté du Québec;
- ➔ Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- ➔ Missing Children's Network;
- ➔ Quebec 9-1-1 Emergency Centres;
- ➔ Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ);
- ➔ Radio and television stations in the province.

## Many Happy Endings!

Last year, the Missing Children's Network was involved in the search and recovery of 30 children by supporting and assisting families, law enforcement agencies, as well as networking with our partners. Out of these numbers:

- ➔ 14 runaways were recovered;
- ➔ 15 children abducted by their parents were reunited with their searching parent;
- ➔ 1 long-term disappearance was resolved when the youngster was unfortunately found deceased.

Since we first opened our offices in 1985, we have participated and contributed in resolving 614 cases of missing children.

### Reunited with their families!



## Offering Families Support and Comfort

When parents contact our offices for assistance and support, they receive pertinent advice that is adapted to their particular situation, as well as obtain documentation on a wealth of subjects that include basic age-appropriate safety tips, the prevention of a parental abduction and the reintegration of a missing child into the family home.

In 2008, our Case Managers received over 200 calls from parents requesting assistance and support, as well as distributed over 1,000 safety publications.

## Photo and Poster Distribution



The distribution of photographs and posters is just one of the ways the Missing Children's Network draws public attention to missing children. Posters are displayed on [www.enfant-retourquebec.ca](http://www.enfant-retourquebec.ca). We work with our partners in transmitting images and information instantly across the province. Most notable is the extensive distribution achieved through the Corporate Poster Campaign.

First launched in 1985, the Corporate Poster Campaign involves companies and organizations that distribute pictures and search notices of missing children in order to reach millions of people across the province. They do this through a variety of methods including postings on bulletin boards in large chain stores, imprints on direct-mail advertising fliers, reprints in national and regional large-circulation magazines and newsletters and airings on network and television shows. All postings include the Missing Children's Network's toll-free number (1 888 692.4673) as well as the contact information for the investigating agency.

# Commitment to Prevention and Education

## Protecting our Most Precious Resources: Personal Safety Programs

The Missing Children's Network believes that every child should receive instructions on personal safety that are positive, comprehensive and effective. To this end, we designed a sound personal safety curriculum for students enrolled in kindergarten to Secondary 3. The program provides children with skills, information, self-confidence and support that will enhance their self-esteem and help them to avoid falling victim to abduction and abuse. Research has shown that children with self-confidence are less likely to be victimized.

Our Prevention Officers are trained to deliver the contents of these workshops, tailored to meet the cognitive and learning abilities of the students in their respective grades. In a positive and constructive manner and through a variety of teaching methods that include role-playing, visual aids, as well as a number of concrete examples and explanations, children develop commonsense safety habits that will help protect them in all types of situations.

In response to the unresolved kidnapping of nine-year-old Cédrika Provencher, our offices made it a priority to meet with students, staff and families from Three Rivers, an area that remains extremely concerned and shocked by the abduction of one of their own. As a result, our Prevention Officers contacted the Three Rivers School Board and offered the schools the opportunity to welcome our unique and interactive child safety workshops. The response from the schools was extremely favourable and our team was able to meet and discuss personal safety strategies with over 2,000 youngsters and their parents.

In our workshops, we teach children to ask themselves the following three questions:

**1. Do I have a good feeling?**  
(trusting one's instincts)

**2. Will my parents know where I am?**  
(asking for permission)

**3. Will I be able to find help if I need it?**  
(buddy system)

**1 NO = Don't go!**

Last year, we delivered **402 personal safety workshops**, thus empowering **13,781 students** with the knowledge and the skills needed to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations. Overall, we delivered 50% of our workshops to French-speaking students, 40% to English-speaking students and 10% of the presentations were geared to bilingual classrooms.

In the past academic year, the following workshops were presented:

- ➔ “*How I Stay Safe*” - basic safety workshops for students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (230 presentations);
- ➔ “*Internet Safety*” - teaches students how to safely navigate on the Net (147 presentations);
- ➔ “*Talk Before You Walk*” - designed to decrease the incidence of runaway children (25 presentations).

Our Prevention Officers travelled 4,536 kilometres throughout the Greater Montreal area in order to sensitize students to the importance of keeping themselves safe in everyday situations. This year, we were warmly welcomed and received by 60 schools located in the following areas:

- ➔ 45% in the Montreal area;
- ➔ 21% on the South Shore;
- ➔ 15% on the North Shore;
- ➔ 10% on the West Island;
- ➔ 9% in the Three Rivers area.

## **Crisis Intervention - Safeguarding Childhood**



Internet-luring has become a major concern as it relates to missing and exploited children and youth. In this scenario, an adult develops a relationship with the child over the Internet without ever meeting face-to-face. A while later, the adult attempts to meet with the child in secret, thus placing the child in a position of vulnerability and danger.

Last June, a 13 year-old girl from Montreal was lured on the Net by a 31 year-old Belgian and the Missing Children’s Network was called upon to intervene. This troubling incident reminded us all about the vulnerability of children and the anonymity of the Internet. Montreal Police mobilized a vast search for the young girl and within hours she was located safe and sound and the suspect was apprehended. Despite the rapid intervention by police, the incident sent shock waves all across the city and left school officials and families perplexed and questioning what they could have done in order to prevent this alarming situation from occurring.

Our Prevention Officers addressed both the school officials’ concerns, along with the parents by holding a week-long series of workshops in November in which they discussed personal safety with every classroom. A private evening session was also held for the parents in which we discussed just how powerful the Internet is as a learning tool. However, parents need to be informed about the evolution on the Net, the importance to establish the rules of use, to be alert and attentive to any changes in behaviour, and to supervise their child’s on-line activities. Effective parent/child communication and education is the key to ensuring their child’s personal safety.

## Empowering Families with the Knowledge to Stay Safe

Some parents hesitate to talk about personal safety with their child because they don't want to frighten him or diminish his spontaneity. However, giving children the knowledge and practical skills they need to look after themselves is as important as teaching them to read and write.

Since 1993, the Missing Children's Network has been offering parents and professionals a personal safety workshop entitled, "Keeping Our Children Safe", designed to considerably reduce the risks of aggression against children 0-17 years-old and prevent their abduction.

In this past year, our Prevention Officers delivered 26 seminars, thus reaching 327 families with practical safety information.

## Safety Publications

The Missing Children's Network is a leader in education and prevention. Through a vast array of proactive programs and publications, the Network provides children and teens, teachers and childcare providers, as well as parents and professionals with free information and advice about ways to be safer at home, on the Internet, in the community and while traveling outside of the country.

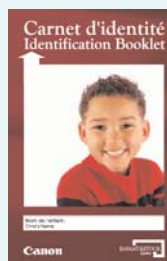
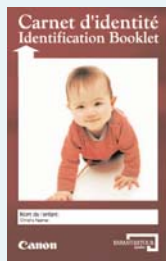
In May, the Missing Children's Network published a three-part series of pamphlets designed to assist parents in teaching their children sound safety habits for life. Operation Vigilance: guidelines for parents with children from newborns to adolescence are now available on-line by visiting our website at [www.enfant-retourquebec.ca](http://www.enfant-retourquebec.ca)

Following the abduction of an eight-year-old boy in Lévis, Quebec, our offices were inundated with calls from frantic parents, as well as law enforcement agencies from across the province who were all seeking resource tools that would enable them to broach the delicate subject of personal safety with youngsters in their respective communities. Our Operation Vigilance brochures served as educational tools during this crisis period.

In 2008, the Missing Children's Network distributed **31,917** print copies of its safety publications to schools, community organizations and professionals.

The complete list of all our publications and resources can be found at [www.enfant-retourquebec.ca](http://www.enfant-retourquebec.ca)

## Our Publications



## Building a Safer Society for our Children



**Canon**

It is with immense pleasure and pride that the Missing Children's Network warmly welcomed **Canon Canada** as the official Photo Sponsor of its Child Identification Program! Canon's generosity helped us realize a long-standing wish ... the modernization of our child identification clinics. Through the years, this essential service to families has seen tremendous evolution from video cameras, that were initially used in order to film a child's image on cassette, to our current identification booklets where polaroids capture a child's features.

Today, thanks to the partnership between the Missing Children's Network and Canon Canada, parents are now provided with one of the most crucial tracking devices they can have in the event that their child goes missing - a recent, high quality digital photograph of their child.

## A Photo is Worth a Thousand Words: Child Identification Program



No parent wants to think his child could ever go missing; however, last year in Quebec, there were over 7,000 reports of missing children signaled to law enforcement agencies. Police authorities believe that an **updated** identification booklet is the most useful tool in the event a child is lost or goes missing, because it speeds up the search process considerably.

A distraught parent may have difficulty describing his child's appearance and since "a picture is worth a thousand words" a recent photograph of their child, included within the identification booklet, can save precious minutes and make a difference.

In this past year, the Missing Children's Network organized and hosted 23 Child Identification Clinics providing 5,775 families with a visual and documented record of their child to be used in the event of an emergency. As well, thanks to the collaboration and participation of several provincial police forces who took the initiative to host child identification campaigns within their respective regions, an additional 9,500 identification booklets were distributed. Our Child Identification Program compliments the Missing Children's Network's Prevention and Awareness Programs.

## Community Outreach

The **Domestic Trafficking of Canadian Children** (with a special interest and link to runaway and street children) has become a serious concern in our province. In 2007, the **International Bureau for Children's Rights** was mandated to respond to this challenging problem. An official working committee was recently formed and the Missing Children's Network was invited to be a part of this panel to help make recommendations. In the past few years, the Network has made it a priority to bring widespread attention to vulnerable runaway children.

The working committee is composed of members representing several community organizations such as the Women's Y, Youth Protection Services, Youth Shelters, Group Homes, Native Women's Associations, various School Commissions and UNICEF.

At this time, our first priority is to understand the nature and scope of this problem and later develop initiatives to assist street workers when intervening with this vulnerable clientele.

## West Island Youth Action

The Missing Children's Network has a seat on the Board of Directors of West Island Youth Action (AJOI), an organization created in May 2007, whose mission is to establish and maintain street intervention services for youths 12-25 years-old on the West Island. Their objectives are as follows:

- offer support and referral services to youths at risk (substance abuse, runaways, suicide prevention, etc.);
- develop and offer services in order to prevent the exploitation of youths and young adults;
- prevent the adhesion to street gangs;
- encourage networking among the various partners in order to build safe and healthy communities.



# Special Events

The Missing Children's Network is a non-profit organization and does not benefit from operating grants from any level of government. We would like to salute the following members of our community who selflessly shared their time, talents and efforts on behalf of missing children. The funds raised in the past year helped to finance our child recovery program aimed at assisting families throughout their on-going efforts to find their missing child(ren), as well as fund our unique and effective personal safety programs geared towards children, parents and professionals. All of these services are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of our many corporate partners.

## **An Incredible Team... An Extraordinary and Unforgettable Adventure!**

How incredible it was to see the Missing Children's Network's flag flying atop Mount Kilimandjaro (5,895 metres), the highest peak in Africa. Breathtaking, isn't it?

The climb proved difficult at times. On the fourth day of the expedition, the altitude, fatigue and poor weather began to have a negative effect on some of our climbers. Nonetheless, the team did not succumb, inspired by the courage that families of missing children demonstrate by keeping hope alive for their loved ones. Yves Beauchesne, Céline Beaudoin, Yves Malo, Marlène Ménard, Louise Poulin, Normand Tremblay, Micheline Thibodeau, Hélène Perron, Réjean Messier, Lorraine Lake, Francine Roy and Julie Hardy reached deep within themselves to find the courage, strength, drive and determination necessary to reach the summit and conquer Kilimandjaro.

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008, our twelve remarkable climbers proudly planted the Missing Children's Network's flag at the summit of this imposing mountain for the entire world to see. Then they passionately shouted out the names of all our missing children for all humanity to hear them, remember them and hold them close to their hearts, so that none of these children will ever be forgotten.

A daring feat without a doubt! These relentless climbers can proudly boast having reached beyond their dream and accomplishing their goal, by raising \$75,000 to benefit missing children. These generous individuals have left a lasting impression on the heart and soul of our organization.

Congratulations and many thanks from the bottom of our hearts to the entire team and huge hugs to Marcèle Lamarche, the driving force behind this inspirational expedition.



## Annual Breakfast of Hope

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Barbie's Resto-Bar in collaboration with the Police Team, commemorated Missing Children's Day by hosting its traditional Breakfast of Hope on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Showing solidarity for missing children and their families were police officers representing law enforcement agencies from across the province! Joining the Police Team were MP's, Pierre Lussier, Nicole Demers and Massimo Pacetti, along with Jean-Marc Pelletier, Mayor of the borough of Longueuil, who did not hesitate to roll up their sleeves and enthusiastically serve the hundreds of customers present.

At the end of this special family day, over \$14,000 was raised in aid of the Missing Children's Network's innovative Child Recovery and Prevention Programs.



## Annual “Row, Row, Row Them Home” Dragon Boat Challenge

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of eager rowers joined us along the historic shores of the Lachine Canal for our Annual Dragon Boat Challenge on one of the hottest days of the year, proving that they keep missing children warmly in their hearts!

In a show of solidarity, **Greg Ramsey**, one of the first children to be found by the organization was joined by several families, including **Gwen Temperton**, whose daughter Melanie has now been missing for over 20 years. Set in a friendly and non-competitive environment, a total of nineteen boats took to the water to help us bring missing children safely home.

Our top four qualifying teams thrilled spectators with a photo-finish ending where we proudly crowned our new Dragon Boat Champions, the **Marois Wake-Makers!** To our surprise, one of the rowers was none other than **Thomas Mulcair** of the NDP who helped muscle his team to an impressive victory! A revenge match between our new winners and last year's champions, **Lake Louisa Loonies**, is already in the works for next year!

The excitement continued well into the afternoon when Patrick Swann, Ambassador representing **Air Canada Kids' Horizons** program drew the winning ballot for a pair of return airline tickets valid for any destination in North America .... the lucky winner was **Bernard Mondou!**

All in all a splendid day to remember ... lots of sunshine ... warm spirits ... endless fun ... friendly competition .... compassionate supporters and a final total of over \$72,000 for our Child Recovery and Prevention Programs!

A very special thank you to all our generous sponsors that included CTV Montreal, ING Direct, Loblaws Lasalle and Expressions.

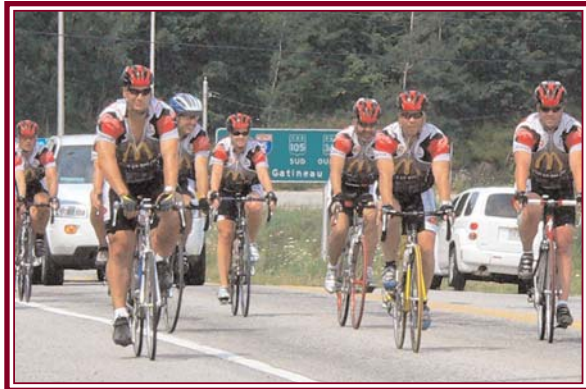


## To Serve and Protect

A sum of \$61,000 was raised through the valiant efforts of 21 police officers (12 cyclists and 9 escorts) who took part in the Annual *Protecting the Magic of Childhood* Cycling Tour that spanned 1,100 kms across our province. Spokesperson for the tour was Isabelle Charest, decorated speed-skating Olympian, as well as Jean-Guy Gagnon, Assistant Director and Chief of Operations of the Montreal Police, who served as Honourary President.

The tour departed from Montreal on July 25<sup>th</sup>, proceeded through the Abitibi region, and concluded in Val d'Or where the cyclists were warmly welcomed by officials at City Hall.

Over and above the funds collected to help finance our Child Recovery and Prevention Programs, this event also sought to raise public awareness about the importance of making child safety an everyday priority. Along the route, our Prevention Officers made daily stops at several McDonald's Restaurants and PROXIM pharmacies, major partners of the event, and held our popular Child Identification and safety booths.



## Teeing-off in Aid of Missing Children!

On Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Honourary Co-Chairs **Ray Lalonde** and **Sean Kelly** warmly greeted participants as they all teed-off on behalf of missing children. For a pleasant change, Mother Nature smiled upon us and helped ensure a truly memorable day for all!

From beginning to end, our golfers felt genuinely welcomed and even a wee bit spoiled by the never-ending array of prizes that were theirs to take home. The elegant black leather box housing embossed golf balls and generously donated by Callaway was a real hit! Adding to their delight was the overwhelming excitement of meeting some of their favourite celebrities that included Yvan Cournoyer, Mathieu Dandenault, Yvon Lambert, along with our fabulous emcees, Paul Graif and Marc Labrecque!

Enthusiastic bids flew back-and-forth as patrons competed for coveted treasures ranging from winery visits of the Bordeaux region, including airfare aboard Air Canada and a seven-night stay at Château La Croix de Gay, autographed sports memorabilia, a once-in-a-lifetime thrill for a youngster to carry the Canadiens' flag and ride the zamboni during a Habs game, concert tickets to see our very own Céline Dion in Montreal *and* in the Big Apple, fantastic golf packages, romantic evenings and exquisite gift baskets for both men and women.

All in all a great day ... legendary hockey heroes ... favourite TV sports personalities ... spectacular prizes ... tantalizing hors d'oeuvres ... compassionate supporters and over \$65,000 was raised for our Child Recovery and Prevention Programs. For every family and every child that will benefit from our support and services in the coming year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

A very special thank you to all our generous partners that included Desjardins Carrefour, Club de hockey Canadien, Inc., American Iron & Metal Company, Callaway, Air Canada Kids' Horizons, Trans Québec Services Audio-Visuel and Emblemtek.

Finally, heartfelt thanks are also extended to our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, whose smiling faces and warm personalities helped ensure that our golfers were well taken care of from the moment they arrived until the end of the evening.



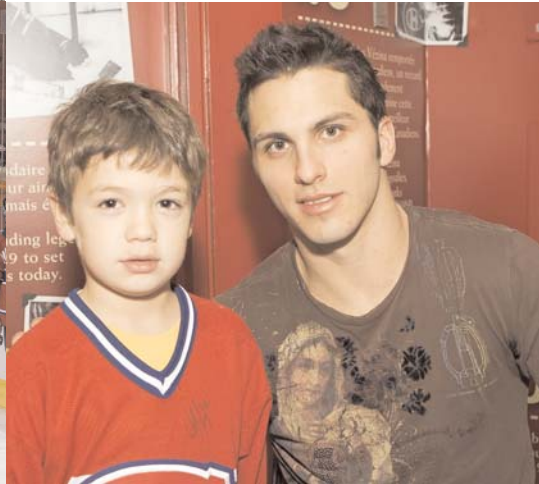
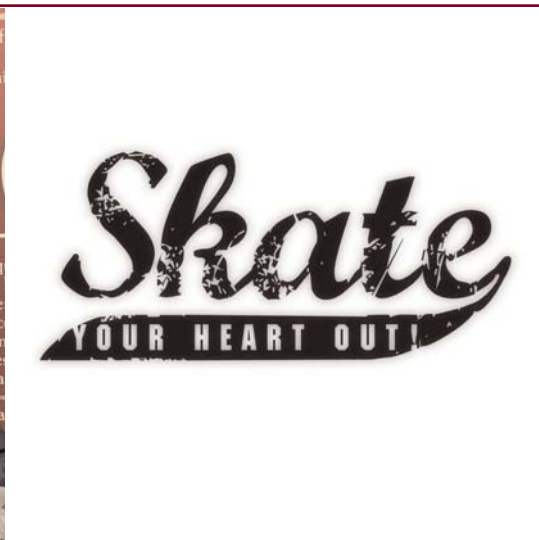
## Skate Your Heart Out!

Christmas came early for some 400 participants who hit the Bell Centre ice on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. They lived the dream of a lifetime as they skated on the legendary ice of the most celebrated hockey team in history and had the opportunity to meet some of their favourite stars up close and personal. We were honoured to welcome **Francis Bouillon**, **Guillaume Latendresse** and **Maxim Lapierre** who simply thrilled their young fans as they eagerly signed autographs, posed for photographs and answered endless questions!

The excitement was palpable from the moment we first opened the doors to the magical moment when the children finally met their idols in person, a joy that they could hardly contain ... the awe and wonder on their faces will be etched in our hearts and minds for years to come.

The excitement continued well into the afternoon when young Maxim Lapierre drew the winning ballot for a pair of return airline tickets valid for travel to any destination in North America .... "Eric Paradis, it's time to pack your bags for an unforgettable trip, thanks to Air Canada Kids' Horizons!"

All in all many warm memories to treasure ... hundreds of compassionate supporters who skated their hearts out and helped raise over \$25,000 for our Child Recovery and Prevention Programs. We would also like to thank all our generous partners that included Air Canada Kids' Horizons, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Mega Brands, Québecor, Les Aliments Ange-Gardien, the Roasters Foundation, Hockey Galore, Canon Canada and Merck Frosst Employees' Charity Trust Fund.



## **Adopt-a-Bear Corporate Campaign**

Our Adopt-a-Bear Corporate Campaign was a huge success! Thanks to the participation of several corporations, over 1,000 Hope Bears found warm and loving homes. Our teddy bears are the ideal gift for all special occasions such as birthdays, gift exchanges, anniversaries, stocking stuffers or just because!

Our Hope Bear originates from the mother of two young boys who were abducted and missing for over six years. Every Christmas Eve while they were missing, she would place their teddy bear under the Christmas tree and read him her sons' favourite story, *"Twas the Night Before Christmas"*, silently praying that one day she would read it again to her boys.

Thanks to the Missing Children's Network, her sons were found and returned safely home and the teddy bear has become an international symbol of hope for all missing children!

The Missing Children's Network is proud to salute the efforts of the following corporations who generously participated in this campaign: Barbie's Resto Bar, Telus, Great-West, Gaz Metropolitain, Scotia Bank, Canada Border Services Agency, Hilton Québec City, RBC Westmount, Elm Plaza and Desjardins Fédération des Caisses du Québec.



***A Missing Children's Network's teddy bear was given by a volunteer to this little girl in the village of "Chimling" located in Nepal.***

# Soutien à nos programmes de recherche d'enfants et d'éducation Support for our Child Recovery and Education Programs

## **Anges gardiens - Dons de 25 000\$ et plus Guardian Angels - Donations of \$25,000 and over**

Barbie's Resto-Bar (Laval, Brossard & Saint-Léonard)  
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Service de police de la ville de Montréal

## **Ambassadeurs de l'espoir - Dons de 10 000\$ et plus Ambassadors of Hope - Donations of \$10,000 and over**

Banque Scotia  
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## **Amis des enfants portés disparus - Dons de 1 000\$ et plus Friends of Missing Children - Donations of \$1,000 and over**

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We apologize for any misspellings or omissions. Please let us know of any errors by contacting our offices at 514.843.4333.*

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 Auberge Harricana  
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