

# CHIP

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

A Service Provided By The Indiana Freemasons



## WHAT IS CHIP?

CHIP addresses the alarming fact that over 1 million children are reported missing each year. The Freemason CHIP program is the most comprehensive service of its kind. It is provided free of any charge to all participants. It also provides an opportunity to educate our children on safe practices, which will reduce their risk of abduction or exploitation.

### CHIP consists of:

1. **A digital video** - 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 digital video is recorded onto a 3" CD and given to parent or guardian). It is the cornerstone of CHIP.

2. **Fingerprints** - Children's fingerprints are computer scanned to provide clear and readable prints. Fingerprint cards are given to parent or guardian.

3. **DNA** - A DNA kit is provided to parent or guardian to be completed at home as soon as possible. The DNA kit includes envelopes for #1 - hair samples, #2 - nail clippings and #3 - oral swab for saliva sample.

**All identification materials are given to parent or guardian. The registration/permission form is filed for statistical value only and will not be given out to anyone for any reason.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the \_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship to child)

of \_\_\_\_\_. I give permission for the child to participate in CHIP as a parent or legal guardian. I understand that this program consists of one or more of the following:

1. **A digital video CD**
2. **Child's fingerprints**
3. **DNA kit – given to be completed at home**

I understand that any material generated in the identification process (i.e. digital video, fingerprints, and DNA kit) become the sole property of the child's parent or legal guardian. No copies will be made or retained on file by the Freemasons. I further understand that this identification process program is being done solely as a community service at no charge. As the child's parent or legal guardian, I release the Freemasons from any and all liability related to this program.

Adult's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIP location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

