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Humana and Texas Center for the Missing Announce the Launch of a New Mobile Training Lab and Missing Child Recovery Center

Houston, TX – Humana and Texas Center for the Missing will launch a critical new community resource for the prevention and recovery of missing children in the greater Houston area at three locations September 18th, 19th, and 20th. Please join us at any of these locations to celebrate the unveiling of this valuable community asset:

For those serving: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, and Wharton counties

When: September 18, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Rice University (use Entrance 13A or 13B off of Greenbriar Street to enter the Greenbriar lot on the west side of Rice Stadium)

For those serving: Brazoria, Galveston, and Matagorda counties

When: September 19, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Galveston County Justice Center
600 59th Street
Galveston, Texas 77551

For those serving: Chambers, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller counties

When: September 20, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Shenandoah Police Department
29955 I-45 North
Shenandoah, TX 77381

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The *Mobile Education and Search Lab* will be used for:

- Amber Alert and other missing person investigation and search training for law enforcement officers in the thirteen-county Houston-Galveston Region
- Internet Safety Training for children and their caretakers
- Creation and distribution of digital Child ID kits and Missing Child Response Plans
- Deployment and training exercises for the Southeast Texas Child Abduction Response Team, a multi-disciplinary, cross-jurisdictional, pre-planned, coordinated response to cases of endangered missing children and child abductions based upon a highly successful system operating in Florida
- Deployments of the Southeast Texas Search and Rescue Alliance for field training and search operations

Texas Center for the Missing is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to offering help, and hope, to the missing and their families. As the administrator of the Houston Regional Amber Alert, Texas Center for the Missing trains law enforcement on the Amber Alert system and provides 24-hour support and consulting to law enforcement agencies in the 13-county region in and around Houston. Safety education programs are also offered to the community to prevent internet lures and child abductions. Visit www.thetexascenter.org to learn more.

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