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Michigan Masons announce Child Identification Program milestone

Alma, Michigan- The Masonic Grand Lodge of Michigan has announced that for the third straight year the Michigan Child Identification Program has identified over 10,000 people with their program. It also marks the program surpassing 45,000 people identified since it's beginning in 2005.

Each child that goes through the process receives a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive this service. Only the signed permission slips are retained by the program and no other data collected is kept. The program is free to all who participate and is funded by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.

The Michigan Child ID Program provides families with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. The program is also considered one of the most comprehensive of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Among the program's partners are the Michigan State Police, The Michigan Sheriffs Association and The Michigan Community Child Watch Program.

For more information you may call 800-632-8764 ext. 113 or consult the program web site at www.michip.org.