

Masons' ID program honors murdered Monroe youngster

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A free child identification program in memory of a murdered Monroe girl is being offered by the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 11 on Sunday, Dec. 20.

This is the second time the Masons have hosted an identification program remembering 5-year-old Nevaeh Buchanan, who was abducted and found dead in June. The request to hold the program in honor of Nevaeh came from her cousin, Risa Thompson.

"She had heard about our child identification program



Nevaeh Buchanan

and went through the Grand Lodge Web site. We held one in August and she asked if we could do it again around Christmas," said Mason Bernie Brewer. "Anything for the kids."

The child identification program will run from noon to 4 p.m. at the Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Each child who goes through the process will receive 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.

"I hope we have a good turnout. Through Justice for

Nevaeh, Risa has been doing a lot of outreach and getting people signed up," said Brewer.

The Michigan Masonic Child ID Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System.

The program also is considered one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is endorsed by the Michigan Sheriff's Association as well.

For more information about the event or to schedule your own event, contact Brewer at (734) 231-4791, by e-mail at bernardbrewer@comcast.net, or visit the Michigan Child ID Web site at www.michip.org.

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