

NCMA GRATITUDE

March was our 14th anniversary! Over the years, we have had the opportunity to work with many investigators from the local, state, and federal government on missing person cases and the development of state and federal programs. It is impossible to acknowledge every investigator from every agency though all have been exemplary role models and an honor to work with.

Also, we would like to also acknowledge the many investigators and medical examiner's throughout the country that have written their Congressional Representatives requesting immediate action to be taken on behalf of NCMA.

We would like to extend special thanks to the following agencies:

- ▶ **Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College**
- ▶ **Center for Human Identification, University North Texas Health & Science Center**
- ▶ **Agents in the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP), Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), Behavioral Analysis Unit, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation**
- ▶ **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and law enforcement volunteers from Project Alert**
- ▶ **Regional Organized Crime Information Center**
- ▶ **California Department of Justice Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit**
- ▶ **Internal Homicide Investigator's Association**
- ▶ **National Sheriff's Association**

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SPECIAL THANKS
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MISSING
Molly Dattilo
Age: 22
Missing: 07/06/2006
From: Indianapolis, IN
Circumstances: Molly dropped off an employment application and returned home. Her cell phone, identification, and bankcard were located inside the residence.



MISSING
Thomas Drew
Age: 91
Missing: 07/21/2007
From: Salisbury, CT
Circumstances: Tom was last seen at his home. He suffers from dementia, has difficulty communicating, and needs medication.



MISSING
Lizzie Collier-Sweet
Age: 49
Missing: 01/08/2007
From: Brownstone, MI
Circumstances: Firefighters responded to a fire at Lizzie's home. Her vehicle and personal items were located at her at the residence.

To Our Families of the Missing:

We do not believe in using the term "cold case" when referring to missing person cases because with every missing person there is a family who needs answers. Cases are resolved through the cooperation of law enforcement, media, non-governmental agencies, and the public. The key to solving many cases is the continual effort to disseminate information to the public to generate the leads necessary for law enforcement to solve the case. We are here to ensure these efforts continue.

Every missing person has a family, friends, a lifetime of memories, and a NAME deserving of dignity. A missing person is not a statistic or a case number. Each deserves Justice.

Your courage inspires all of us working in the fields of criminal justice and victim services.

**Be the CHANGE Ypu Want
to See in the WORLD.**

- Mahatma Ghandi -

A Message from Our CEO

In this fast-paced world most of us dash from here to there trying to accomplish our daily tasks, trying to finish one more errand as we think of spending time with our families and seeing the smiles of those we love when we arrive home each night. As we breeze through life, consumed with so much activity, sometimes the meaningful things can get lost in the shuffle.

At times, I have to remind myself to slow down and acknowledge the blessings in my life . . . my family and the many people who have inspired me.

Over the last fourteen years so many mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and even children desperately searching for a missing loved one, have inspired me and given me a perspective on life I certainly did not have

before I met them. Let me tell you a story of just one of those individuals.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, NCMA was requested by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. United States Department of Justice, to provide assistance to families searching for missing adults. Many reports involved the elderly, those with physical disabilities and diminished mental capacity. We received over 13,000 reports but one report stands out. In fact, it always will.

NCMA received a call from a young mother who was searching for her husband and young daughter, a toddler. She described the intruding sea as they waited on their rooftop for rescue. As a helicopter approached to bring them to safety, the sudden gush of wind caused by the blades of the aircraft tragically blew her daughter off the roof into the water. She watched helplessly as her husband jumped in after their child. Her husband and daughter were now missing.

At NCMA, I can reflect on the pain that shown on all our faces. Tears filled all of our eyes.

For months, NCMA kept in touch with her, praying we



*Kym L. Pasqualini,
Founder and Chief Executive Officer*

could help bring about a miracle in this young mother's life. NCMA called shelters, hospitals and communicated with investigators in the field doing everything in our power to find them, even calling morgues to compare descriptive information. Several months later, we found out the fate of her husband and child. Sadly, they were found deceased, victims of one the most catastrophic events of our lifetime.

To all of us at NCMA, "success" could only be defined by reuniting this young mother safely with her husband and child. Little did we know simply hearing a loving and supportive voice when she called had become her lifeline . . . her source of strength at a time of

QUICK FACTS

- **Kristen's Law** Reauthorization, HR 423 is currently awaiting vote by Congress. President Clinton originally passed Kristen's Law in November 2000, creating the National Center for Missing Adults as the first national clearinghouse of information for missing adults the public. HR 423 will appropriate \$4 million per year from 2008 through 2018. Please urge your representatives to pass H.R. 423.
- According to the FBI, National Crime Information Center (NCIC), there were 158,008 adult s reported missing during 2007. Currently, there are 50,581 active missing adult cases, some dating back over 20 years.
- NCIC reports 6,862 active unidentified person cases. The Bureau of Federal Statistics reports more than 14,000 sets of unidentified remains have not yet been entered in NCIC., however experts estimate the actual number may be as high as 30,000, most believed to be victims of homicide.
- NCMA is a featured regularly in national media outlets to include, CNN, FOX News National, Montel Williams Show, John Walsh Show, Lifetime Television, Greta Van Sustren, Court TV, Discovery Channel, USA Today, Washington Post, NY Post, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Arizona Republic, New Times, People Magazine, Ladies Home Journal, and hundreds more.

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How We Help Families & Law Enforcement

The National Center for Missing Adults has been the principal service provider to missing adults and their family members, also providing assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement throughout the country.

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ National Helpline and Crisis Center
- ▶ Search Assistance
- ▶ Crisis Assistance and Long Term Support
- ▶ Resources and Referrals
- ▶ National Information Distribution
- ▶ Hope2Support - Online Support Group for Victim's Family Members
- ▶ Volunteer Coordination
- ▶ National Media Assistance
- ▶ Law Enforcement Training - Chiefs of Police, Sheriff's and Policy Makers
- ▶ Law Enforcement Training – Investigators and First Responders
- ▶ Missing Adult Case Assistance
- ▶ Unsolved Homicide Case Assistance
- ▶ Unidentified Person Case Assistance
- ▶ Prevention and Personal Safety Information
- ▶ Public Speaking and Public Awareness Programs
- ▶ Cooperation and information sharing with other Victim Service Providers and Criminal Justice Agencies

“NCMA VISION”

The National Center for Missing Adults is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and the nation's central source of comprehensive support to families of missing adults, law enforcement, and the public by providing information, training, resources, and compassionate caring.

Through advocacy, the National Center for Missing Adults seeks justice for victims and provides hope to their loved ones regardless of Economic, Cultural, or Social Conditions.

The voice of those who are missing... and those who love them

WE NEED VOLUNTEER STATE REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking a family member of a missing person from each state to become an NCMA spokesperson and work with local and national media, legislators, and the public to help bring awareness to missing adults and further the mission of NCMA.

If you are interested, please email us at Advocacy@missingadults.org.



MISSING
Jennifer Dussaud
Age: 22
Missing: 05/01/2001
From: Humptulips, WA
Circumstances: Unknown. Jennifer was last seen in town but did not return home that evening.



MISSING
Pamela Biggers
Age: 52
Missing: 01/27/2008
From: Panama City, FL
Circumstances: Pamela had traveled to Florida on a business trip. She was last seen by a co-worker at the LaQuinta Inn. Her belongings and vehicle were located at the Inn.



MISSING
Jason Jolkowski
Age: 19
Missing: 06/13/2001
From: Omaha, NE
Circumstances: Jason was last seen at his residence and was to meet a co-worker 8 blocks away for a ride to work but never arrived.



MISSING
Steve Fossett
Age: 63
Missing: 09/03/2007
From: Washoe Co., NV
Circumstances: Steve indicated he was taking a short flight to scout an area where he could attempt to break the land-speed record but never returned.



MISSING
John Spira
Age: 45
Missing: 02/23/2007
From: Chicago, IL
Circumstances: John had scheduled dinner with a friend but never arrived. His vehicle was located parked at his office.

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Louisiana - Aerial Search and Rescue searching for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

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despair, her reassurance that she could survive the most tragic of endings.

Sometimes we are unaware that the greatest gift we can give one another is simply opening our own hearts during a time when they need us most. It is a gift that cannot be found on a sales rack, or wrapped up and tied with a pretty bow but worth more than anything imagined.

Each missing person has a family that is experiencing unimaginable despair caused by the ambiguity of not knowing if they will ever see their loved one again.

Try to Imagine for a moment if your 20 year-old son (an adult, but still your child) never arrived home from a night out with friends, or your spouse never picked up your children from daycare and never arrived home from work. Could they have been a victim of a violent crime? What if your parent who suffers from the early stages of dementia or Alzheimer's disease, wanders away in the sweltering heat or

frigid cold? **Would you know what to do?**

Possibly you have seen the reports on CNN, USA Today, Chicago Tribune or the numerous other reports throughout the country that have chronicled the challenges NCMA has experienced after Hurricane Katrina.

NCMA responded to a direct request by our federal government to provide help. With the demand for service far exceeding initial projections, NCMA received 13,502 reports of missing adults. The expenses incurred during this effort depleted our financial resources. I personally notified government officials of the astonishing number of unanticipated reports received at NCMA, and the need for additional funding.

“Acknowledged by the federal government for providing invaluable services, our own requests for help went unanswered.” Many find it unimaginable.

Even more unimaginable, are the responses I did finally receive from officials.

I was told there was not any funding available due to non-domestic spending; told it would have been a better business decision to just shut the NCMA Katrina Call

Center down (despite thousands still needing our assistance).

On behalf of NCMA, my response was this: Cutting off assistance to those in need was not an option. I believe it was the right thing to do.

We did the right thing for thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims resolving 99.8% of the 13,502 cases and currently we remain the lifeline for thousands of families of missing adults throughout the country.

As CEO of NCMA, it is my belief that difficult experiences can be steppingstones and an opportunity to rebuild and improve.

Despite our current financial shortfall, NCMA remains focused on continuing to provide the exceptional service the agency has provided for over 14 years.

Though our current circumstances require urgent assistance, with help from an Angel Donor and Community Leaders we can succeed!

If you would like to contact Kym Pasqualini please call 602-749-2000 or by email at k.pasqualini@missingadults.org.

WORKING TOGETHER INCREDIBLE THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED!

MORE QUICK FACTS

- On any given day, an estimated 400,000 family members of missing adults are living with the effects of trauma and ambiguous loss.
- The Alzheimer's Association 2007 Report indicates there are 9,753,995 individuals who are caregivers to a loved one with Dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- More than 60% of those with dementia will wander, placing the individual in danger – and even life threatening situations. If not found within 24 hours, up to half will suffer injury or death.
- According to Bureau of Justice Statistics 18-24 year olds have the highest homicide victimization rates.
- In 2005, Arizona Governor, Terry Goddard presented Kym L. Pasqualini, Chief Executive Officer of the Nation's Missing Children Organization founded in 1994 & National Center for Missing Adults formally created in 2002, the “Distinguished Service Award” in recognition of outstanding service to victims of crime.
- For additional information about NCMA, to view profiles of missing persons, access additional resources, or make a financial contribution, please visit our website at www.missingadults.org or you may call 602-749-2000.
- Support Kristen's Law, HR 423 by going to <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/save-the-national-center-for-missing-adults.html>