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*"A charitable non-profit organization working with searching families and law enforcement to reduce the incidence of missing and exploited children."*

*A Missing Child is  
 Everyone's  
 Responsibility*



June 15, 2017  
 Esquimalt  
 1229 Esquimalt Rd  
 Victoria BC V9A 3P1

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write today to let you know that planning and organizing for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual **Michael Dunahee Slo-pitch Tournament of Hope** dedicated to missing children and their families is well under way and to remind you that this year as in past years the tournament is set for the weekend after the long weekend in August (August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) at Topaz Park in Victoria.

You and your customers should know that this Tournament of Hope is the largest fundraising event for Child Find BC and the Michael Dunahee Search Centre and for the last 25 years the money raised through this tournament has allowed Child Find BC to assist thousands upon thousands of families in British Columbia. Thank you so much for your support in the past.

The support from the broad community in Victoria has ensured that for the last 25 years this annual Tournament of Hope has been an overwhelming success and has become a featured event for Slo-pitch enthusiasts in our community. We usually see some 24 union sponsored teams enter in the tournament. This registration is 28 teams. We are committed to ensuring that you as a supporter of this Child Find BC tournament receive public credit and recognition for your contribution and participation in this important fund raising event.

I write also seeking your assistance in securing donations both in terms of dollars and in terms of prizes. If you and your organization wants to help out you may wish to make a direct donation to assist in offsetting costs associated with hosting a tournament. You may also wish to donate some prizes for fund raising during the tournament.

June 13, 2017

However you wish to show your support, by assisting in offsetting costs or by donating prizes, rest assured that the Michael Dunahee Tournament of Hope will proudly recognize your firm for your assistance. And--Child Find BC as a registered non profit is able to issue tax receipts for the value of your donation.

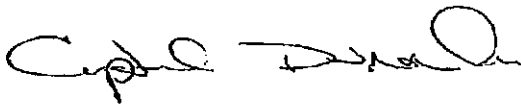
The money we raise at this tournament goes toward Child Find BC, the Michael Dunahee Search Centre. We use those funds to supply "ALL About ME" ID Kits with child finger printing and photos to families and host ID Clinics throughout BC, and we provide literature and tips for families to assist them keeping our children safe.

All of this is provided at no charge to BC parents as a direct result of the fundraising dollars raised at the annual "Tournament of Hope".

Through your support we are able to assist the families of these children as they go through the most difficult situation of their lives.

Thank you so much for your past support and continuing commitment to Child Find BC and the Tournament of Hope.

Yours truly,



Crystal Dunahee  
President  
Child Find BC



Steve Orcherton  
Executive Director  
Child Find BC

Ps. Donations can be made payable to Child Find BC and prizes can be mailed or delivered to  
Child Find BC #208-2722 Fifth St Victoria BC V8T 4B2 (Call first at 1-250-382-7311)



## CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### *Volunteer to Keep Children Safe*

If you care about the safety of children in our communities, and want to get involved with an organization that really makes a difference in people's lives, then Child Find BC is looking for you.



As a Child Find BC volunteer you'll receive training, a chance to travel locally, to meet new and interesting people, to build your own skills, and you'll be appreciated for the effort you contribute as a member of the Child Find BC team. Being a Child Find Volunteer enables you to actively take part in our education and prevention programs, such as the fingerprinting safety clinics, public speaking and street proofing sessions. Call or visit our web site for an application and more information.



Invest in the Safety of our Communities- Support our work with a donation and you will be helping to keep children safe. Child Find does not rely on government grants for our operations.

Instead, generous and thoughtful companies, employee groups, families, foundations and communities support our success through their financial donations – and contributions of products and services.

Consider making a donation in honor of someone you love and want to help

\$60 fingerprints & provides personal safety information kits for 30 children in one Finger Print session;

\$100 prints 2,500 flyers to help find one missing child.

*100% of your donation goes directly to support Child Find BC's programming, education and casework.*

**Phone 1-250-382-7311 or**

**1-888-689-3463 (toll free)**

*(Information, Donations, Volunteering,  
Administration, Community Contacts, etc.)*

Fax 250-382-0227

Missing Children Info and Tip Line

**1-800-387-7962**

*(24 hours, 7 days a week, all calls confidential)*

### **Child Find BC**

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*Working Together  
To Keep Children Safe*





## WORKING TOGETHER TO GET CHILDREN HOME AND KEEP THEM SAFE

Child Find tracks a 98%+ successful recovery rate for cases in which we are involved. We have helped to recover over 500 missing, runaway and abducted children and teens, some as long as 11 years after being reported missing. One out of every six recovered children is found because someone saw their poster and it generated a tip. Media, law enforcement and our North American and international partners regard Child Find as the leader in this field. We are indebted to our partners for helping us cast our net further when it comes to searching for missing children.



- The Reciprocity Office, Office of the Hague Convention
- National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, USA
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- RCMP's National Missing Children Services
- Provincial Child Find Offices
- Regional Police Services
- Member: Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Association Inc. (North America)
- Canada Border Services Agency



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## HOW DOES A CHILD GO MISSING?

A missing or abducted child is every parent's worst nightmare. Every year over 50,000 cases of missing children in Canada are reported to police – more than 10,000 of these children are from British Columbia. Many are teen runaways who end up living on the street, cold, hungry and scared. Others are victims of parental abduction – a type of abduction that is on the rise. While abductions from strangers account for less than 1% of all cases, these are the most frightening of all.

## TEACHING COMMUNITIES TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

We work to keep children safe. Our programs are sensible, relevant and delivered at the local level, to teach families and communities about children's safety issues and tips.

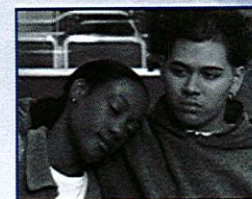
Our programs are provided free of charge in your community, thanks to the support and contributions of our volunteers, partners and donors.

### The Child Find British Columbia "All About Me I.D. Kit" Fingerprint Program

- Over 10,000 children are fingerprinted each year. No 'registering', no 'fees'.
- "All About Me I.D. Kit" Fingerprint Programs are held throughout British Columbia each year.
- Conducted by friendly, trained and police-screened Child Find BC volunteers.
- Each "All About Me I.D. Kit" contains child's critical information, fingerprints, and digital photographs.
- Kept by the legal parent/guardian, to be updated regularly, and used as a tool to be given to the authorities in case a child should go missing.
- Child Find BC provides 'tip sheets' for parents about child safety.

## The British Columbia Green Ribbon Campaign

Each year, during the month of May, Child Find BC participates in the Green Ribbon Campaign. The concept of the Green Ribbon originated at a secondary school in Ontario following the tragic abduction and murder of a student. The staff and students at the school subsequently offered the concept of the Green Ribbon to be used by Child Find. The Green Ribbon is a symbol of hope for the safe return of missing children, and expression of our thoughts for the families and friends of missing children.



## Parents Stealing Children – Preventing Parental Abduction

A parent who abducts a child from his or her home and legal family frequently does so out of revenge, to punish or to leverage power over the custodial parent. Hundreds of children are abducted by parents illegally every year in British Columbia. Child Find BC helps families and legal counsel who suspect a potential abduction by a former partner. Information can be quickly faxed out or sent by e-mail and is also available on our web site, or call for copies.

## Education and Community Outreach

Child Find BC volunteers and staff members bring our message of safety awareness to hundreds of community events annually. They conduct street proofing workshops and public speaking sessions (to parents groups, service organizations, professionals, employee groups, etc.) to reinforce the messages of safety and prevention. Trained volunteers deliver a Street Proofing program to children, youth and parents in communities across British Columbia.

