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NCPTF works alongside law enforcement and child protection partners to locate children, coordinate stabilization efforts, and help communities build stronger, more effective safety nets for vulnerable children.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT 2025

86 AGENCIES SUPPORTED
Across the country

231 MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED
Endangered children found safely

361 CASE ASSISTANCE REQUESTS
Cases advanced with local law enforcement

229 PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATIONS
Professionals working side-by-side

EVERY MISSING CHILD IS ENDANGERED UNTIL THEY ARE FOUND

RUNAWAY DOES NOT MEAN SAFE

Most trafficked children in the United States were first reported as **runaways**

Yet too often, runaways are complex problems for communities to manage and as a result, vulnerable kids fall through gaps in the system—facing tremendous risks of trafficking, exploitation, & violence right here at home.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CASE ASSISTANCE

86 UNIQUE AGENCIES SERVED 2025

361 CASE ASSISTS

On demand support for active cases—deploying expertise, intelligence, and technology when it matters most.



FIND + LISTEN + HELP OUR MODEL

NCPTF brings together law enforcement, social services, advocates, NGOs, & private-sector partners in a single operational model — driving results for real children while strengthening community response networks.

DEPLOYING NEARLY **\$4M** IN TOTAL RESOURCES ANNUALLY



MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS

197

ENDANGERED MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED AS A RESULT OF MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS TO DATE

1-week fully operational, multi-jurisdictional command centers bringing together 70+ professionals for real-time case work.

47 MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED

BUFFALO, NY
SEPTEMBER 2024

71 MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED

CAPITAL REGION, NY
MARCH 2025

29 MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED

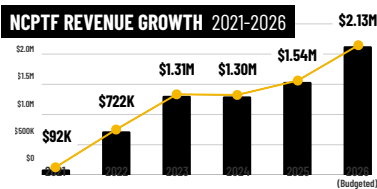
NORTHEAST FLORIDA
JUNE 2025

50 MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED

WESTCHESTER, NY
FEBRUARY 2026

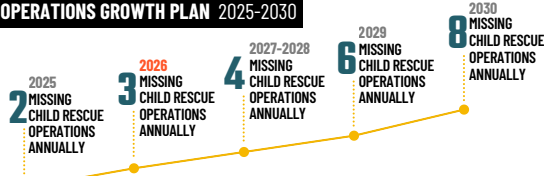
FROM \$92K TO \$2.13M

In five years, NCPTF grew from a \$92K organization to a budgeted \$2.13M operation.



To reach **eight new communities annually by 2030** we must raise **\$16M** over the next four years. >>>

OPERATIONS GROWTH PLAN 2025-2030



Our growth plan is designed to expand Missing Child Rescue Operations to new communities across the U.S. each year.

By 2030, this scale would allow thousands of missing, exploited, and trafficked children to be **found, listened to, and helped.**

>>> WE CAN FIND THEM

Your partnership helps restore safety, hope, and opportunity for hundreds of missing children each year. Together, we can **find** and **protect** vulnerable children.

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A YEAR OF BETTER OUTCOMES FOR MISSING, EXPLOITED, AND TRAFFICKED CHILDREN

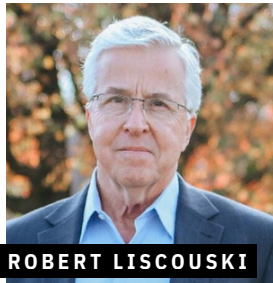
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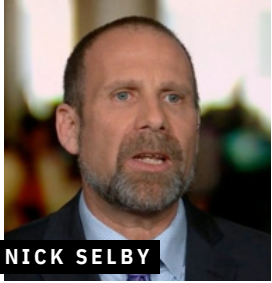
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Working alongside this team is a group of investigative volunteers who quietly make extraordinary impact in communities across the nation every day. These professionals devote their evenings and weekends — reviewing and analyzing data, running OSINT, identifying patterns, and developing actionable leads that help move child-focused cases forward urgently.

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INVESTIGATIVE VOLUNTEERS

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OUR MISSION

We are helping create better outcomes for missing, exploited, & trafficked children.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

231

MISSING CHILDREN LOCATED

86

AGENCIES SUPPORTED

361

CASES WORKED

229

PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATIONS

\$1.7 MIL

IN TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES

Partners, Protectors, & Friends–

Since co-founding the National Child Protection Task Force, I’ve worked alongside law enforcement in communities across the country analyzing endangered missing child cases at scale.

Different communities. Different faces. Different stories.

But the pattern is the same.

Most trafficked children were first reported as runaways.

I have seen cases where a child was labeled a “runaway,” and even described as “troubled”.

As we peeled back the layers during the investigation, we discovered something very different – not a troubled child, but a *child in trouble*.

A child being abused. A child desperately in need of help. Running away was the only way they knew to ask for it.

This is not regional. It is not urban or rural. It is not political.

It is an every-community problem.

And because the problem touches every community, our response must reach every community.

My goal is simple:

- ▶ I want us to run out of cases to work.
- ▶ I want children located and helped the same day they go missing.
- ▶ I want communities responding so quickly and collaboratively that harm becomes less likely.
- ▶ I want prevention to replace reaction.

At the bottom of my heart, I believe we can solve this.

These are **OUR** children to protect.

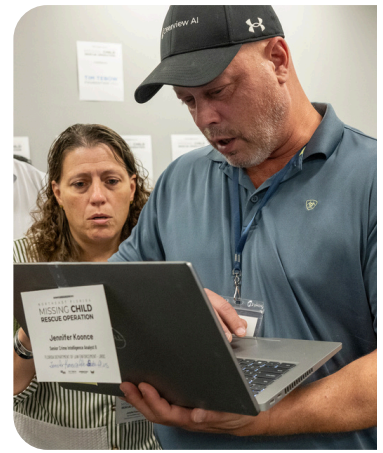
And together, we are building the model to do it – in every community.

Kevin Branzetti



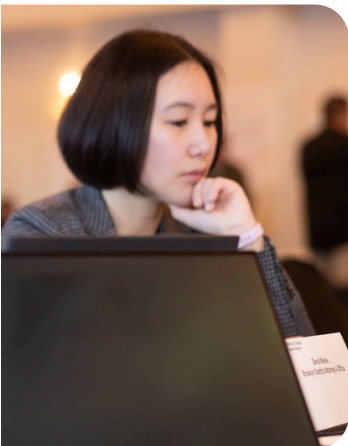
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MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS





A Missing Child Rescue Operation is not a conference.
Not a training.
Not a networking event.
It is a fully operational, multi-jurisdictional command center —
built from the ground up in a new community *every single time*.

The National Child Protection Task Force deploys to stand alongside local, state, and federal law enforcement and the professionals who protect children in local communities every day: prosecutors, social services, child advocacy centers, foster care leaders, mental health providers, school systems, advocates, nonprofit organizations, and community leadership.

Seventy or more professionals — *many of whom have never worked side-by-side* — walk into one room and for three relentless days, this becomes the epicenter of a community's most urgent child-focused cases.

A **Missing Child Rescue Operation** brings together an entire community's **child protection infrastructure** — all at once.

LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS
PROSECUTORS	VICTIM ADVOCATES
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS	EDUCATORS & SCHOOL COUNSELORS
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS	FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
FOSTER CARE & CHILD WELFARE REPRESENTATIVES	COMMUNITY LEADERS
PROBATION OFFICERS	HUMAN TRAFFICKING AGENCIES
SOCIAL WORKERS	MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

NCPTF ACTIVATES OUR PRIVATE-SECTOR NETWORK, A COMMUNITY OF TECH PARTNERS WHO GENEROUSLY PROVIDE DEDICATED SUPPORT FOR MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO



Technology is deployed. Case files are re-examined. Digital leads are reworked. Requests are returned with valuable intelligence. Warrants are pursued. Victim advocates prepare for intake. Social workers coordinate plans with responding officers.

→ BY THE NUMBERS

A MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION

68 Cases submitted

by **6** Law Enforcement Agencies

+ **70** Unique Agencies & Partners *(FORCE MULTIPLIERS)*

{ **73** EMERGENCY DISCLOSURE REQUESTS SUBMITTED | **11** TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES ENGAGED WITH REQUESTS | **2** SUBPOENAS ISSUED | **\$1MIL+** IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LEVERAGED }

3 Days
1 Room → **50** Endangered Missing Children Located

The moment a child is located, coordinated stabilization efforts begin.

Victim advocates build trust. Social workers assess safety and housing. Medical and mental health providers are engaged. Support resources are identified. Life-saving connections are facilitated on behalf of deserving children. Prosecutors and investigators evaluate and respond to risk in real time.

Law enforcement, social services, nonprofits, and private sector partners sit at the same table, focused on actioning all available resources for each child during — *and after* — rescue.

*Our priority is making sure every child is met with a trauma-informed, person-centered response, because **how we show up matters just as much as what we do.***

Melissa Kaiser

DIRECTOR OF CHILD ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIPS, NCPTF



WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? →

At a recent Missing Child Operation we located a young mother who had gone missing while pregnant and was found living in a homeless shelter.

She learned that she was eligible for state assistance programs designed to help her establish safe housing, food, and childcare.

Additionally, she and baby received multiple bags of clothing, shoes, hygiene, and comfort items to help her regain a sense of dignity and renewed confidence as she makes make a transition to a safer, more stable future with her child.





Each time a child is located, there is an opportunity to help facilitate transformational change.

For one child, that looks like safe housing — without separating them from a sibling, a trusted adult, or even a beloved pet.

For another, it starts with coordinated medical care to address issues created from years of living on the streets.

For another, it means assistance enrolling in school, getting a GED, or connecting to career training programs.

For a child in foster care or a group home, it may mean reassessing placement decisions.

And for *all* children, it means something deeper:

Slowing down long enough to listen. Understanding what led them to run — or who led them away. Asking them what they want their future to look like, and what help they need to achieve their dreams...

Building a custom rescue plan for each child helps to address their specific needs, **not just the immediate crisis.**

Because rescue is a *moment*. **Stability is a process.**

THE DIFFERENCE

Where typical law enforcement operations focus on crime and apprehending those who commit it, a **Missing Child Rescue Operation** focuses on one **endangered missing child** at a time: asking what factors led to their disappearance, and how can we help create stability and safety upon locating them?

And in only four operations, this model has helped locate 197 endangered missing children.

ENDANGERED MISSING KIDS

LOCATED

Buffalo, NY
SEPTEMBER 2024

47

Capital Region, NY
MARCH 2025

71

Northeast Florida
JUNE 2025

29

Westchester, NY
FEBRUARY 2026

50

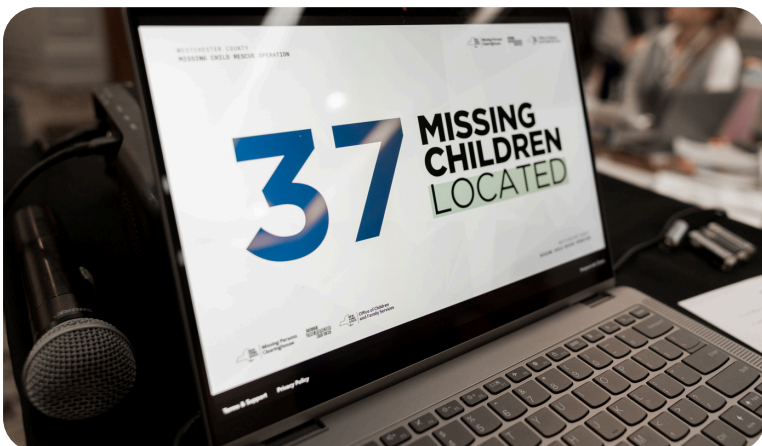
By the time these leaders leave the command center at the end of the week, something extraordinary has happened. Barriers have lowered. Trust has been built. **A new critical response network exists.**

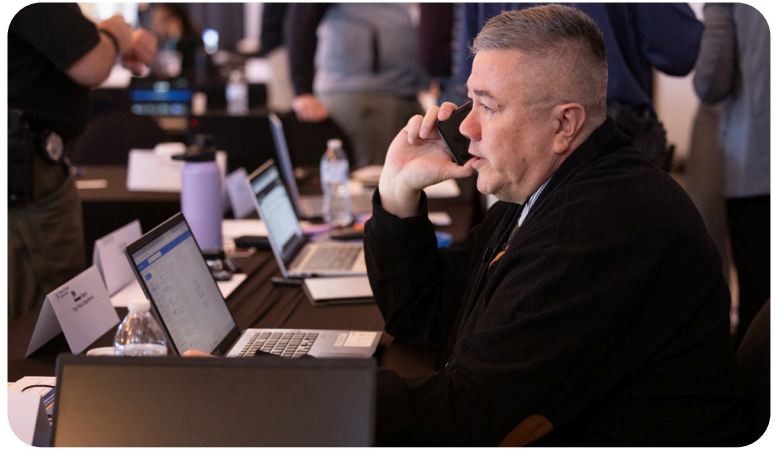
*Our **Find+Listen+Help** model is working. In communities where it's applied consistently, **we are seeing fewer repeat runaways.***

When we slow down long enough to truly listen to why a child ran, we learn what needs to change – and we can build safeguards that reduce the likelihood they will run again. When real support is built into the plan from day one, we interrupt the path which too often, leads from runaway episodes to exploitation or trafficking.

These are OUR children to protect.

Kevin Branzetti
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, NCPTF





TO PRODUCE **EIGHT OPERATIONS ANNUALLY BY 2030** WE MUST RAISE **\$16M OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS**



At our current capacity, we're helping locate *hundreds* of endangered missing children each year.

By 2030, ***thousands*** of missing, exploited, and trafficked children will be found, listened to, and *helped* in communities across the U.S.

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS?
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**EVERY TIME A CHILD RUNS AWAY
IT IS A CRY FOR HELP**

CEO & CO-FOUNDER KEVIN BRANZETTI



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Our support of the National Child Protection Task Force represents **Verizon Frontline's** continued commitment to ensuring that those working to keep our communities safe have access to the mission-critical communications capabilities they need.

We are proud to provide the connectivity that enables NCPTF's innovative use of advanced technology to bring missing children home.

Our partnership helps ensure that when a rescue operation begins, the only thing the team has to focus on is the mission.

CORY DAVIS

VICE PRESIDENT
VERIZON FRONTLINE



CEO KEVIN BRANZETTI DELIVERS COFFEE DURING A MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION, NY | FEBRUARY 2025



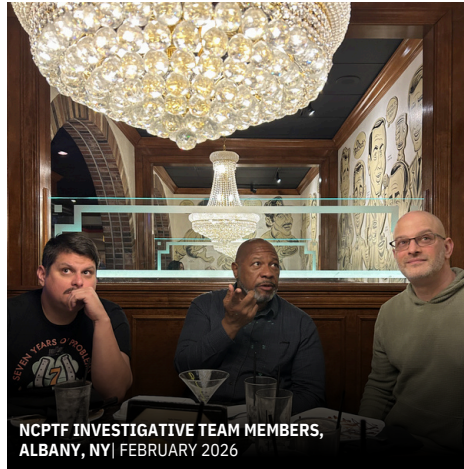
NCPTF TEAM OUTING, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA JUNE 2025



MEMBERS OF THE NCPTF EXECUTIVE TEAM, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA | FEBRUARY 2025



NCPTF TEAM WITH THE JENSEN PROJECT'S MALIKHA MAYES & BRIANNAH SCHAFF, NY | FEBRUARY 2026



NCPTF INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MEMBERS, ALBANY, NY | FEBRUARY 2026



NCPTF TEAM DINNER, MOUNT KISCO, NY FEBRUARY 2026



CEO KEVIN BRANZETTI & COO HEATHER DARK AT STANDING ROCK RESERVATION, ND | AUGUST 2025



NCPTF TEAM AT THE NATIONAL CYBERCRIME CONFERENCE, BOSTON, MA | APRIL 2025



CEO KEVIN BRANZETTI AND CIO GRIFFIN GLYNN, ALBANY, NY | MARCH 2025



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NCPTF TEAM MEMBERS AT THE CAPITAL REGION MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | MARCH 2025



NCPTF TEAM MEMBERS CELEBRATE CIO GRIFFIN GLYNN'S BIRTHDAY | MARCH 2025



DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS KAIT RICKARD WITH A K9S FOR WARRIORS SERVICE DOG | JUNE 2025



CEO KEVIN BRANZETTI INTRODUCES TIM TEBOW AT A MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | JUNE 2025



NCPTF TEAM MEMBERS AT THE WESTCHESTER MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | FEBRUARY 2026



CAPITAL REGION MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION HONOREES | MARCH 2025



NCPTF TEAM WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MISSING & MURDERED UNIT | JUNE 2025



MISSING CHILD SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT AND LONG-TIME PARTNER CINDY NEFF PRESENTS AT THE CAPITAL REGION MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | MARCH 2025



DIRECTOR OF CHILD ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIPS MELISSA KAISER PRESENTS TO AGENCIES IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY | DECEMBER 2025



CEO KEVIN BRANZETTI & DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS AL ROLLINS PRESENTS AT THE NATIONAL CYBERCRIME CONFERENCE | APRIL 2025



DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS AL ROLLINS PRESENTS AT AN INTERCEPT TASK FORCE MEETING, JACKSONVILLE, FL | SEPTEMBER 2025



NCPTF TEAM MEMBERS AT THE NATIONAL CYBERCRIME CONFERENCE | APRIL 2025



MEMBERS OF THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVING COMMENDATIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | SEPTEMBER 2025



NCPTF & TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION TEAM MEMBERS WITH A K9S FOR WARRIORS SERVICE DOG | JUNE 2025

YOU CAN'T FORCE SYSTEMIC CHANGE; YOU HAVE TO EARN IT

In 2025, I was instructed by my chain of command to work with a group called NCPTF. I researched the group and met with them, with my initial thoughts being: *how is this outside group going to help us do what we do on a daily basis?*

I went into the Missing Child Rescue Operation *skeptically optimistic*, deciding that even if only one recovery occurred, it would be a success.

After the three day operation, we recovered over 25 juveniles from four different jurisdictions, many of which had Human Trafficking connections.

The success of the operation occurs because NCPTF brings every resource available from the government and non-government agencies to assist.

What can be done in 30 minutes during an operation would normally take investigators weeks and months to do.

I may have walked into this skeptically optimistic, but I walked away from this experience enlightened on what I could do as a supervisor in an investigator involving missing persons and searches.

MIKE MONTS

RETIRED SERGEANT

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Retired Sergeant Monts is a 26-year law enforcement veteran and former head of missing persons investigations for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; nationally recognized missing persons subject matter expert



TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

FOUNDATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

WALKING ALONGSIDE NCPTF TO SERVE VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION

At the **Northeast Florida Missing Child Rescue Operation**, the Tim Tebow Foundation’s commitment to protecting vulnerable children was visible throughout the command center.

The Tim Tebow Foundation doesn't just lend their name and financial support, they strategically come alongside their partners. This was lived out as TTF embedded alongside the NCPTF team for the full duration of the operation. From setup to tear-down, their leaders and team served as volunteers — helping manage logistics, supporting agency partners, and strengthening the operational impact in real time.

Their commitment was [extraordinary](#).

TTF team members matched the NCPTF team’s long hours. Several people extended beyond their assigned shifts. Others returned on additional days to take on specific responsibilities that required continuity and focus. They approached every task with discipline and humility, empowering leadership to remain fully focused on advancing cases and supporting law enforcement partners.

THE RESULT:

 **26 endangered missing children were located** across 6 counties **in only three days.**

***We truly could not have done this without TTF.** They anticipated needs before they were voiced. Because of them, I was able to pour my time and attention into our team and the agencies in the room.*

Many were scheduled for just one day, yet they chose to return day after day.

That kind of heart for service changes an operation.

Justin Cook
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NCPTF





Tim Tebow spent time engaging directly with investigators and agency partners, reflecting his personal hands-on investment in not only the mission, but the professionals carrying it forward as well.

He offered words of encouragement to participants navigating complex, emotionally demanding cases, acknowledging both the weight of the work and the significance of their role in protecting children.

He asked thoughtful questions — seeking to better understand the specific challenges facing children in Northeast Florida, the systemic gaps agencies were encountering, and the safety issues children were experiencing in his community.

For an organization’s leadership to jump in and actively serve so enthusiastically speaks volumes about their dedication to vulnerable people.

Since the launch of the Missing Child Rescue Operation model, the Tim Tebow Foundation has made each deployment possible through foundational financial support. Their sustained investment has provided the stability and support necessary to refine, strengthen, and expand this proven approach to locating endangered missing children. The impact realized to date is directly tied to their early conviction in the model and their continued commitment to its growth.



THE LABELS SHE'S BEEN GIVEN

"RUNAWAY"

"BAD KID"

"DIFFICULT"

"LOST CAUSE"

"TROUBLED TEEN"

"A REAL PAIN IN THE BUTT"



WE OWE IT TO RUNAWAY YOUTH TO LOOK BEYOND THE LABEL

THE WHOLE STORY

NOWHERE
FEELS LIKE
HOME

SURVIVOR

FEELS
UNWANTED
&
UNSEEN



TOLD TO
LEAVE
HOME AT
FIFTEEN

RELYING ON
STRANGERS

DOESN'T
KNOW ANYONE IS
LOOKING FOR HER

TIRED OF
RUNNING

RUNAWAY YOUTH ARE ENDANGERED MISSING CHILDREN

THEY CAME BACK

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FRONT LINES

OF A MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION



There's something we've started to notice at our Missing Child Rescue Operations. **The same faces keep walking back into the room.**

Investigators, analysts, and child protection professionals who aren't required to be there — but choose to be. They adjust family schedules. They cross state lines. They step away from their own caseloads.

At our first **Missing Child Rescue Operation** in September 2024, a group who later became known as “Team Two” walked in as strangers — two federal agents from different agencies, a case manager from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, local and state detectives, and NCPTF's Director of Law Enforcement Partnerships.

That week, Team 2 made life-changing impact for seven young people in New York. And when the operation wrapped, they didn't just go back to their own worlds and file away the memories. They kept talking. Kept encouraging each other. Kept sharing wins. A bond had been built, the kind you can't manufacture—it only happens when you're in the trenches together, doing the hard work for kids who need someone to show up.

So when word went out that NCPTF was headed back to New York—this time to work alongside law enforcement in the Capital Region—Team Two didn't hesitate.

They volunteered to come back, driving miles to reunite just outside of Albany for the week.

FINDING MISSING CHILDREN

DOES NOT HAPPEN IN A VACUUM

Given the strength of the experience in Buffalo, NY, I was honored to travel to Albany, NY to participate in another Missing Child Rescue Operation.

*Rejoining Team 2 and other committed professionals was important to me because **this work is bigger than any one individual**. It is about collective action, reliability, and showing up for children, and for each other, when it matters most.*

FEDERAL PARTNER
2x Missing Child Rescue Operation Participant

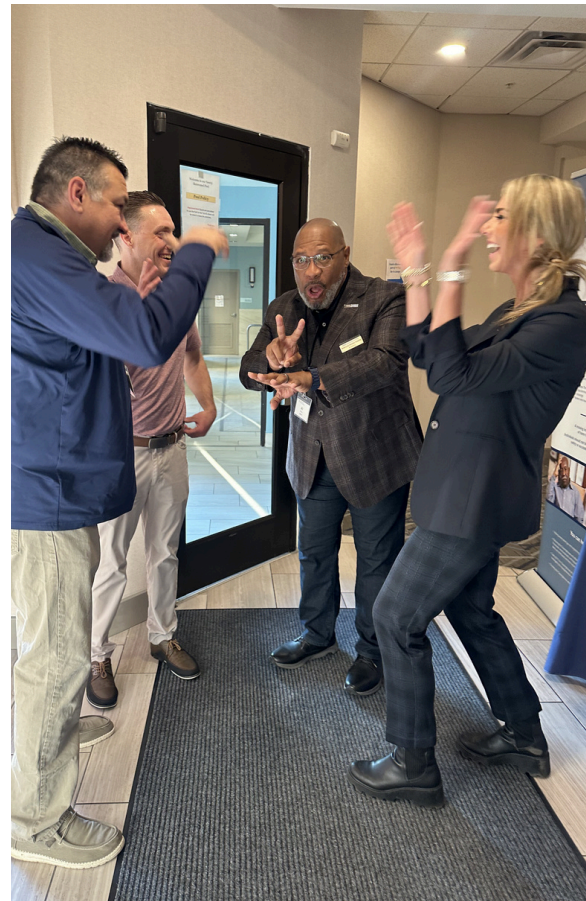
After taking part in the first Missing Child Rescue Operation in Buffalo, I saw firsthand what can happen when people from different agencies come together with one goal, finding missing children and getting them safely off the streets and back to support services.

The teamwork and the professional & personal connections we built made a real difference and gave me a renewed sense of purpose.

Michael Houlihan
 National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
2x Missing Child Rescue Operation Participant

It was my honor to follow Team Two to the second Missing Child Rescue Operation in Albany, not only to share my insight on what I learned and experienced from Buffalo, but also, to work with my friends again.

Chad Cullen
 DETECTIVE
 Buffalo Police Department
2x Missing Child Rescue Operation Participant



→ CONTINUED

Members of NCPTF’s **Child Protection Advisory Committee** routinely take personal leave to support operations outside their home towns, and sometimes even states — in addition to the volunteer work they do to assist law enforcement nationwide on behalf of NCPTF on a daily basis.



Working on these operations is some of the hardest work I do, but also some of the most meaningful.

*Being a part of these operations gives me insights & understanding I can’t get anywhere else. **Each operation has shown me new ways to work with agencies & advocates**, helping me to improve my skills and be more effective for future operations.*

Miguel Chico
 DETECTIVE SERGEANT, GLENS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
 NCPTF Child Protection Advisory Committee Member
3x Missing Child Rescue Operation Participant



New York State Police Investigator Sarah Laranjo has now attended three operations — most recently in Westchester, NY, where she made the decision to attend just days before giving birth.

*I believe it is our duty to protect the vulnerable. I do this job for those who cannot always speak or act for themselves, and to stand up for those placed in difficult or dangerous situations. **These operations represent that mission in its purest form.***

*This year’s operation took place when I was nine months pregnant and two hours from home. That experience only strengthened my “why” behind bringing our children to safety. **I know I would want the same unwavering commitment if it were my child.***

IT’S MORE THAN A RESPONSIBILITY;

IT’S OUR DUTY

Sarah Laranjo
 New York State Police
3x Missing Child Rescue Operation Participant

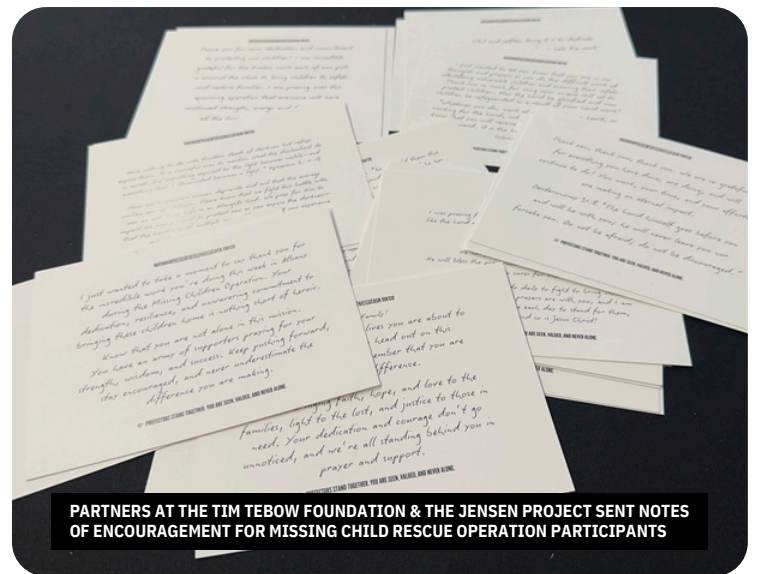
WE ASKED YOU DELIVERED

SHOWING APPRECIATION TO PROTECTORS

Of the 100+ participants in a Missing Child Rescue Operation, one thing is always true: these are committed adults showing up for vulnerable kids when it matters most.

Law enforcement officers, social workers, analysts, and support partners come together with one shared purpose — to help children find safety.

We wanted them to know how deeply their work is valued. **What we didn't expect was the response...**



PARTNERS AT THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION & THE JENSEN PROJECT SENT NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION PARTICIPANTS

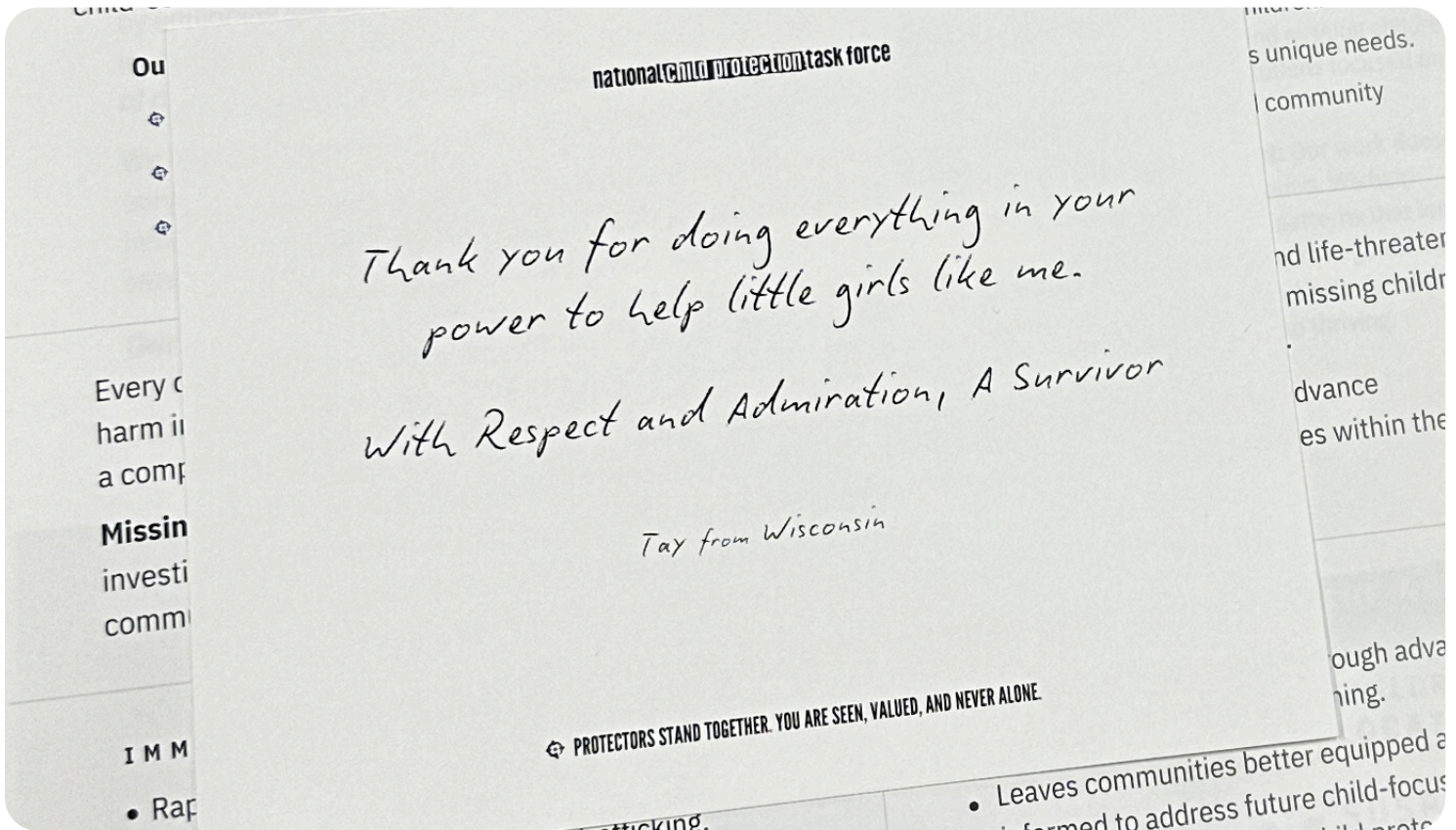
Hundreds of letters poured in from all over the world. From Florida to New York to North Dakota, your messages of encouragement, hope, and appreciation reached the people on the front lines — and reminded them they are seen, supported, and not alone.

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Jim Cole
Protector Note

TO A PROTECTOR

NOTES FOR PROTECTORS



A NOTE SUBMITTED BY A SURVIVOR

Notes were submitted from partners, supporters, survivors, and even family members of formerly missing children.

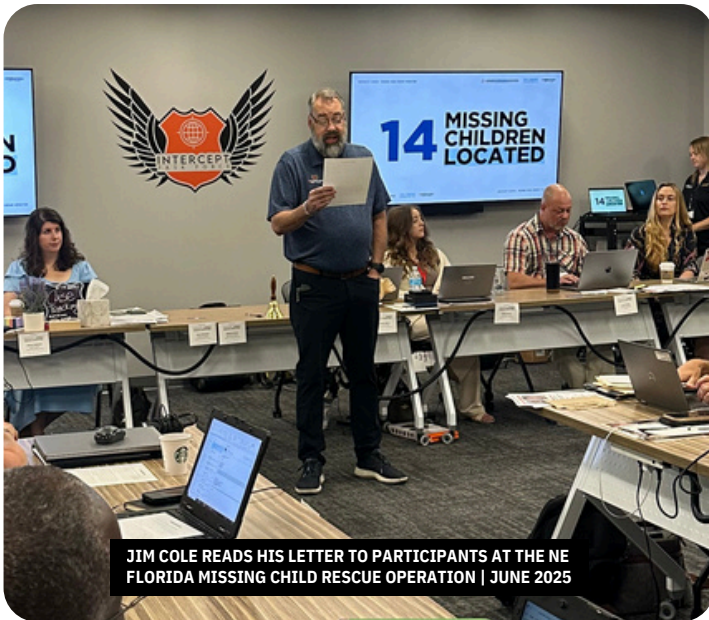
Every Missing Child Rescue Operation participant receives a printed note daily at their work station in the command center. This small gesture serves as an important acknowledgement of the lasting impact they have on the lives of people in their communities.

As the mother of a former missing child, words are not sufficient to express how grateful I am for the energy, passion and skills you are dedicating to bringing missing kids to safety.

I know how exhausting, overwhelming and often demoralizing this work can be...but please know that you are seen and so very, very appreciated for your dedication. There's not a day that goes by, now more than two decades after my own daughter went missing in the deep Arkansas woods for three days, that I don't remember and give thanks for the people who put their everything into trying to find her.

Her safe return is a debt I can never repay, but I can do my part to give thanks and shine a light on the heroes who are helping to bring other children out of the darkness. Your work matters. I am grateful to you.

KELLY FROM ARKANSAS

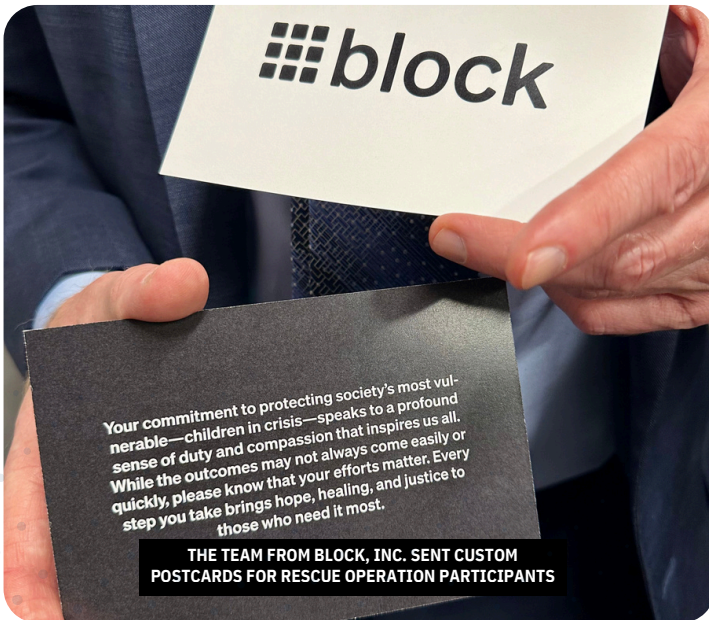


JIM COLE READS HIS LETTER TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE NE FLORIDA MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATION | JUNE 2025

As a father of two small children, I cannot thank you enough for the work you guys are doing. There is no other higher purpose than protecting children. Thank you, thank you, thank you for what you do!

This world is a better place because of you.

DAN FROM SO CAL



THE TEAM FROM BLOCK, INC. SENT CUSTOM POSTCARDS FOR RESCUE OPERATION PARTICIPANTS

I may not know you, but I want you to know that what you do matters. Thank you for giving endangered missing kids a chance.

TOM FROM NEW YORK

Thank you for the wonderful work that you do. Protecting the innocent and vulnerable is the most important work of all.

We are all in a debt of gratitude to you. Thank you so very much.

DANIELLE FROM NORTH CAROLINA



Write a note of encouragement for the protectors searching for endangered missing children in communities across America.

NCPTF will hand deliver it to a participant at our next Missing Child Rescue Operation

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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION TASK FORCE

CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BEHIND THE SCENES

THE CHILD PROTECTION EXPERTS
FUELING NCPTF'S MISSION

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At the heart of the National Child Protection Task Force's mission is a simple belief: **any time a child goes missing, they are in danger – and every minute matters.**

Our work has reached hundreds of agencies across the country, and our mission has inspired a massive network of subject matter experts to eagerly contribute their own superpowers to this important work. At the center of that network is our Child Protection Advisory Committee (CPAC).

This small, highly trusted group of subject matter experts serves as one of the most important force multipliers in the work we do, bringing unparalleled guidance, experience, and compassion to the agencies and communities we support.

The CPAC is made up of two distinct but equally important groups: **law enforcement professionals** and **social services experts.**

Each brings deep, specialized knowledge to our daily casework and **Missing Child Rescue Operations.** Together they create a uniquely powerful support system that strengthens both our on-demand case support and our planned operational impact.

The law enforcement members of our CPAC are some of the most experienced professionals in our network – heroes and advocates who have spent their careers protecting children. When we deploy for an MCRO, these experts don't just advise from afar. They join our operational teams on-site, embedding directly with investigators to help guide fast-moving casework.

Their presence ensures agencies have immediate access to seasoned, high-level expertise - everything from navigating legal processes to developing innovative strategies that can break open difficult cases. They are trusted, steady hands in situations where precision and experience matter most.



The individuals on this committee are deeply committed to excellence. Each member of CPAC uses their expert skills and passion, transforming CPAC into a force multiplier for local agencies, helping the local agency's investigator understand where to find critical data in their cases, how to obtain this time sensitive data, and how to apply the data to the local agency's case to locate a missing child.

It is a real privilege to work with so many experts whose skill is only matched by their passion for helping protect our most vulnerable persons.

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CHAIRMAN

NCPTF CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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On the social services side, CPAC members provide an equally critical layer of support. These professionals bring deep insight into child welfare, trauma-informed care, placement options, and family services.

Their work ensures that when a child is located, the services they need aren't an afterthought - they are ready, coordinated, and integrated from the very start.

During Missing Child Rescue Operations, a child advocacy expert from CPAC helps coordinate the integration of local resources for everything that happens after a child is found: safe placement, immediate support, and the resources families may need to move forward.

Their presence ensures that our operations never focus solely on locating a child, but also on setting them up for long-term safety, stability, and healing – the critical piece of our find + listen + help model.



Behind every missing child investigation is a young person navigating fear, disconnection, and trauma, and the services branch of CPAC ensures they are never treated like a case file.

We bring the human lens, helping multi-disciplinary teams slow down, understand trauma, and create space for connection, regulation, and trust.

Our role is to support teams in the chaos of a crisis so youth feel safe enough to share what they've lived through. And when we work together to support the child's emotional safety and stability first, we strengthen the investigation itself.

MELISSA KAISER

NCPTF DIRECTOR OF CHILD ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIPS

NCPTF CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

📍 FLORIDA



FEBRUARY 2026: NCPTF TEAM, BOARD, AND CPAC MEMBERS | WESTCHESTER, NY

The NCPTF Child Protection Advisory Committee represents the best of the best: people who care deeply and who bring unmatched experience. Their combined expertise is one of the key reasons the NCPTF is making a true, measurable impact – helping creating better outcomes for missing children.



These experts devote their evenings and weekends to assisting on child-focused cases all over the U.S. – reviewing data, analyzing intelligence, identifying patterns, offering strategic insight, and helping develop viable leads that move investigations forward and help agencies act with greater clarity.

They will never meet the children they help find.

The families whose children are returned safely will never know their names.

But their selfless work changes hundreds of lives each year.

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CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Together, this advisory body serves as one of the most important force multipliers in our work – strengthening both our year-round case support and the concentrated impact of each operation

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RESCUE ISN'T A FINISH LINE

If you spend any time with the Task Force, you'll hear a shared discomfort with a word we use often — because it doesn't feel authentic for us in the way it's traditionally used.

When we help find a missing child, we aren't *rescuing* anyone.

Our role is to help create a moment of opportunity—one where a child can be heard, supported, and connected with what they need to begin building a more stable future.

Beneath that moment is a powerful kind of coordination: the right people assembled at every stage, from fast-moving case acceleration to advocacy and strategic next steps. Much of that effort is invisible to the child—and that is the point. The child feels the difference, while the community becomes better equipped to respond to its most vulnerable children long after we are gone.

That moment can be transformational for everyone involved.

But it belongs to the child.

Often, it is where their hardest, most important healing work begins.

In that space, our work is to help create the conditions for the right people in that child's community to understand what they have survived, what they need to feel safe, and how to support them as they begin to determine the next right step. Then the child is surrounded with supports within their own community: education, safe housing, advocacy, safety planning, trauma-informed care, and practical resources that make a more stable path forward possible.

Our responsibility is clear—and it is not to rescue anyone. It is to do the two things NCPTF is uniquely equipped to do: help find missing children fast and help communities create the conditions where vulnerable kids can be met with real opportunities for stability, hope, & repair.

At our core, the Task Force is united by one conviction: every endangered missing child deserves to be found. That moment may be what the world most readily recognizes as rescue. Our role is to help make it mean more than that.

So when people hear us say Missing Child Rescue Operations, we hope the word “rescue” rings true. Not as a group of heroes claiming a victory, but as a moment when resources, support, and opportunity converge in ways that allow a child to access a safer, more stable future.

Rescue, when done right, is a doorway to a different future.

Because the truth is this: finding a child is often the easiest part. What happens next is the work that matters most.



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MOMENTUM MULTIPLIED

A YEAR DEFINED BY GENEROSITY



**ANSWER
THE CALL**

Between April and November 2025, NCPTF supporters responded to a **\$75,000 matching challenge** made possible by long-time partner **The Jensen Project**. **Every gift was met with another dollar – instantly expanding what could be done for endangered missing young people.** Many of this year’s investments were made during that campaign. The NCPTF community of supporters chose to give generously and with urgency, knowing their commitment would immediately stretch further.

Less than 30 days after that campaign concluded, another long-time supporter stepped forward. Having walked alongside NCPTF since its earliest days, **this family committed \$250,000**, designating **\$50,000** of their gift for a second matching challenge.

Once again, the NCPTF community of supporters answered.

As CFO Justin Cook shared:

*As CFO, I have the privilege of seeing both the need and the numbers. Matching campaigns are powerful because they do more than raise funds. **They multiply impact.** Every dollar given becomes two, accelerating our ability to respond to cases, support law enforcement, and strengthen our operations.*

Because donors chose to act – boldly and consistently – NCPTF closed 2025 stronger than ever before, with the resources needed to expand this work with the consistency and quality endangered missing children deserve.

Two campaigns. One year. Enormous impact for hundreds of real children.

This community of supporters helps NCPTF stay ready to respond urgently while scaling responsibly, and serving more communities across the U.S. than ever before.

*Thank you for walking alongside us in this important mission.
-The NCPTF Team*

WHEN COMMUNITY BECOMES PART OF THE RESPONSE

 **914Cares** STANDS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN WESTCHESTER

When the National Child Protection Task Force deployed a Missing Child Rescue Operation to Westchester, New York, it was met by a community ready to respond. 914 Cares — a nonprofit serving families across the county — stepped forward not only with resources, but with people. Their team embedded inside the command center, volunteering long hours as cases moved in real time.

And they arrived prepared. New and gently used clothing. Hygiene supplies. Shoes. Winter wear. Backpacks. Lunchboxes. Comfort items. Diapers. An entire room of essentials carefully sorted and organized by size — ready the moment a child was located.

As investigators worked cases throughout the week, 914 Cares worked just as steadily behind the scenes — setting up a “shop” for responding officers to select supplies for located children, managing secure access to the command center, and supporting the NCPTF team.

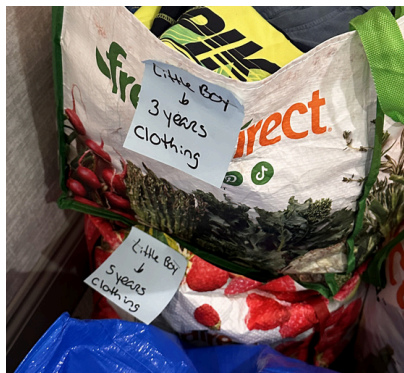
Their presence meant that when a child was found, their dignity and comfort was an immediate concern, in addition to their safety. **That level of individualized compassion is what every child deserves.**

And the impact extended beyond the week itself.

Items not distributed during the operation were connected to a local Westchester organization continuing to serve children entering care. In the process, local agencies discovered resources they had not previously accessed, and new relationships were formed that will strengthen support for vulnerable children long after the command center closed.

For an organization to embed at this level — working the same long days, carrying the same urgency, and sharing the same commitment to vulnerable children — speaks volumes.

914 Cares strengthened the Westchester Missing Child Rescue Operation in meaningful ways, and young lives were met with tangible care because of their service.



UPDATE SUPPORT FOR RESCUED CHILDREN

TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE MORE CHILDREN ARE FOUND, SUPPORTED, AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE



Fund Update

IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR RESCUED CHILDREN | ESTABLISHED 2025

Established last year, the Rescue Fund was created to address a critical need we repeatedly encountered during Missing Child Rescue Operations: **immediate stabilization for children whose most basic essentials had been stripped away.**

Providing Immediate Stabilization Supplies for Children Upon Location: Clothing and shoes, hygiene and personal care items, backpacks, winter gear, lunchboxes, comfort items, rides, & snacks.

These tangible resources make a profound difference for children, especially in rescue operations held in communities where cases involve children who arrive at facilities with significant material needs.

When a child is located, the need is immediate and tangible. Clean clothing. Hygiene items. Personal belongings. The ability to choose something that is *theirs*. While many communities have strong partners — and some, like **914 Cares** in Westchester County, exemplify what coordinated support can look like — not every jurisdiction has resources positioned to respond. **The Rescue Fund exists to meet that need.**

In its first year:

- **\$6,700** was raised through independent donor contributions.
- **Block, Inc.** contributed **\$2,500** in sponsorship support.
- After learning of the fund, **Target** reached out and has since supported every subsequent operation as an ongoing sponsor, even volunteering to shop and deliver supplies to the command center.

These contributions significantly expanded our ability to ensure that children recovered through our operations leave not only safe, but stabilized — equipped with essentials that communicate care, dignity, and a fresh start.

Thanks to early sponsorship engagement, we enter the coming year well-positioned to support upcoming deployments. While we continue to welcome direct contributions to the fund, our strategic focus is expanding relationships with national private-sector partners who can contribute product and services at scale — fortifying this response across communities large and small.

Every child deserves more than rescue. They deserve to enter their next chapter with **dignity.**

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THIS FUND OR FACILITATING INTRODUCTIONS TO POTENTIAL PARTNERS? **GET IN TOUCH**



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This mission is sustained by partners who contribute funding, technology, leadership, and expertise to protect vulnerable children. The organizations recognized here represent a shared commitment to moving faster, responding smarter, and building stronger systems that better support endangered children.

THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDING SPONSORS WHO HELPED MAKE MISSING CHILD RESCUE OPERATIONS A REALITY
 To date, Missing Child Rescue Operations have located 197 endangered missing children in communities across the U.S.



THANK YOU TO THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ALONGSIDE NCPTF

Together, we are helping create better outcomes for missing, exploited, & trafficked children.



THANK YOU TO THE PARTNERS WHO PROVIDE NCPTF ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Their generosity has impacted hundreds of young lives in 2025, and thousands since NCPTF's inception in 2019.

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This mission is powered not just by our partners, but by a movement of people who show up, give generously, & believe in protecting every child.

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**Thank you to our volunteers, partners, donors, and supporters!
We are able to make an impact because of your generosity.**

In addition to your monetary contributions, we have received licenses for investigative tools, training opportunities, chances to collaborate with other organizations, and meaningful connections with communities that foster better outcomes for missing, exploited, and trafficked children.

It is because of your support that NCPTF can continue to stand ready to help when children disappear. Thank you. You are making a difference!

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