

# MYCHIP

## Masonic Youth Child Identification Program

**T**HE African proverb “it takes a village to raise a child” was fully apparent at the Lynnfield Fire Department Station Two on Saturday, October 24, 2009, when the Masonic Grand Lodge of Massachusetts joined with local businesses and organizations to register over 115 children in the MYCHIP–Masonic Youth Child Identification Program. The program provides tools to help law enforcement authorities find and identify a lost or missing child. The Masons of Massachusetts, partnering with the Massachusetts Crime Prevention Officers Association and the Massachusetts Dental Association donated MYCHIP resources to make this service available to the public. None of the information is copied and all the identifying materials are given to the child’s family.

In addition to the MYCHIP standing partnerships, the Lynnfield event was particularly successful due to the overwhelming support and generosity of many of our local business owners and organizations. Giving fully of their time, resources, and care were some of the following neighbors, guaranteeing the day’s success. MYCHIP’s warmest gratitude goes out to:

- **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Priestly** of Priestly Photography
- **Doctor Walid Denhi** of Lynnfield Dental Associates

- **Doctor David Jamison** of Lynnfield
- **Mr. Kelly Chiccarelli**, Manager of Papa Gino’s – 385 Broadway, Saugus, MA
- **Dunkin’ Donuts** – 7 Post Office Square, Lynnfield, MA
- **Chief Francis Lennon**, **Captain Mike Feinberg**, **Capt. Harold Hall** and the Lynnfield Fire Department
- **Chief Joseph Dunn** and the Lynnfield Police Department
- **Mr. Donald Barthelemy** of Metharb Ice Cream
- **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gartland**, CHIP Mass. N.E. Coordinator

The MYCHIP provides to families a free child identification package that will greatly aid emergency personnel in locating a lost or missing child. The MYCHIP identification package includes:

- A brief video interview of the child
- Fingerprints
- Dental impression of the child’s teeth
- DNA sample

In 1999, the last time statistics were taken, there were over 96,000 children reported missing. The MYCHIP has registered over a quarter million children so far. To learn more about MYCHIP, please visit [www.mychip.org](http://www.mychip.org).



**NOBLE Leon Golden**, **Chief Francis Lennon** of the Lynnfield FD, and **Frank Cousins** of the Sherriffs Dept.



**Jim “Jimbo” Baxter**; **Captain Mike Feinberg**, Lynnfield FD; **Joan and Paul Gartland**, CHIP Mass. N.E. Coordinator; **Steve “Fayzo” Fay**; and **Noble Richard A. Doherty**, Aleppo First Ceremonial Master.

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ON THE RIGHT is **Noble Jack Demerjion** interviewing one of the children for the MYCHIP event held at the Lynnfield Fire Department.

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