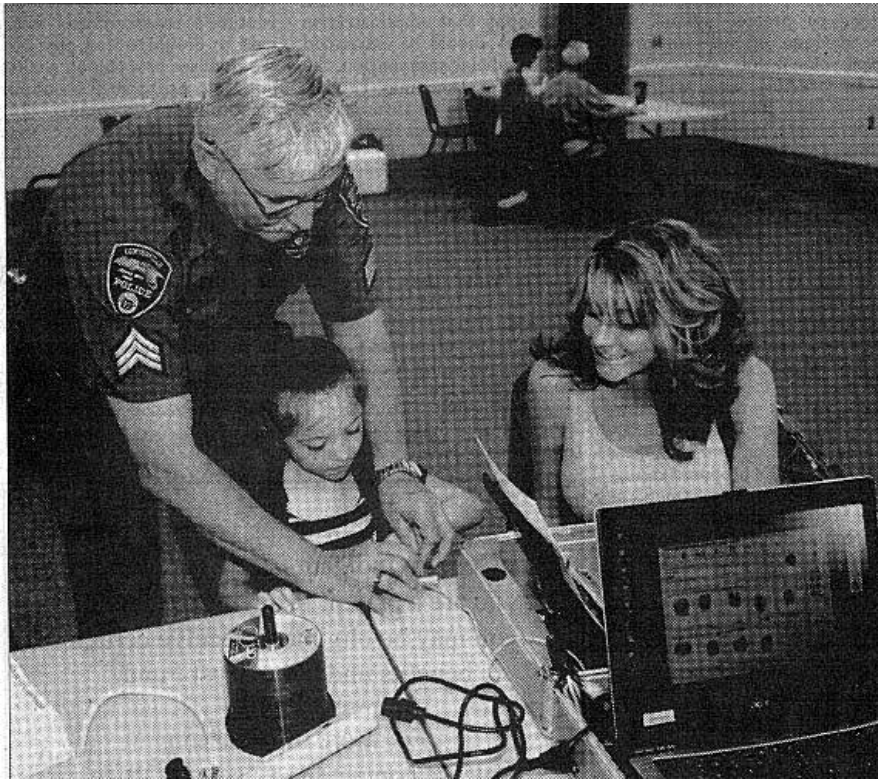


Georgia Child Identification Program



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On Saturday, October 8, 2011, Warner Robins' Free Mason Tyrian Lodge #111, with the assistance of Centerville Police Sgt. Kent Reed, hosted a GACHIP session at Centerville City Hall. GACHIP is the acronym for Georgia Child Identification Program. This free service provides parents with a complete identification package for each of their children. If a child were to go missing, the parent provides the identification package to law enforcement. The package provides a wealth of information for law enforcement and may result in the child being found quicker. In the worst case event that the child's remains had to be identified, the GACHIP package would give law enforcement officials the necessary means to provide positive identification. At the conclusion of the GACHIP process, the parent is provided an envelope containing the following information:

- n Four pictures of the child.
- n A video (and voice recording) of the child as the child answers a key set of questions (such as: What is your name? What is your best friend's name?)
- n A set of the child's fingerprints (all fingers, both hands)
- n The child's physical characteristics (date of birth, gender, eye color, hair color, and distinguishing marks) and measurements (height and weight)
- n Two DNA swabs from the child's mouth and tongue

For more information on the

GACHIP program, visit the Masons' GACHIP web site, located at <http://www.gachip.org>.

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