



Project Jason

Assistance for Families of the Missing

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A Voice for the Missing

2007 Highlights and Summary



Project Jason Mission Statement:

Our mission as a non profit organization is to create and increase public awareness of missing people through a variety of outreach and educational activities. Project Jason seeks to bring hope and assistance to families of the missing by providing resources and support.

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*Rachel Cooke, missing
from Georgetown, TX
since 1/10/2002*

February 21, 2007

Kelly Jolkowski speaks on a panel of missing persons' family members at the Fox Valley Technical College annual conference "Uniting in the Search for Missing Children and Adults, *Providing a Voice for Those who Have Vanished*".



*Ivory Green, missing
from Utica, NY since
3/5/2004*

3/8/2007 International Women's Day

Kelly Jolkowski was a guest on First People's Radio (Native American) to discuss missing persons cause and Campaign for the Missing, Project Jason's grass roots effort to pass a procedural law in each state.



*John Morris, missing
from Dickerson, MD
since 7/30/2007*

3/17/2007

Voices for the Missing Audio Series was launched, giving families of the missing a way to share their stories. The audio series features a variety of subjects, including vital information regarding the circumstances surrounding a person's disappearance and significant legislative efforts throughout the country which may impact the families.

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March 22-25, 2007

Kelly Jolkowski attends the annual Cue Center conference in Wilmington, NC, and presents information about the Campaign for the Missing to the participants.



*Brandy Hanna, missing
from Charleston, SC
since 5/20/2005*

April 20, 2007

Project Jason participates in the Salute to Safety Expo, a safety expo sponsored by the Omaha Police Department. Project Jason representatives hand out free safety information and Personal ID Kits.



*Roxanne Paltauf,
missing from North
Austin, TX since
7/6/2007*

May 2007

Project Jason opens their online forum, housing case information and news on over 1,000 missing persons cases.



*Bryon Freeman, missing
from Elkhart, TX since
6/23/2006*

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*Monica Carrasco,
missing from Balmorhea,
TX since 10/1/2003*

May 16, 2007

Jim and Kelly Jolkowski represent their missing son Jason and Project Jason at NCMEC's Ride for Missing Children, held annually in Utica, NY. Kelly spoke at the opening and closing ceremonies.



*Anna Waters, missing
from San Mateo, CA
since 1/16/1973*

May 25, 2007

Project Jason, the Douglas County Sheriff's Dept, and The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association observed National Missing Children's Day by actively promoting child safety at the Crossroads Mall in Omaha. Volunteers photographed and fingerprinted children and their parents, gave away free DNA kits, and discussed safety with parents and provided free safety materials.



*Jesse Ross, missing from
Chicago, IL, since
1/21/2006*

June 13, 2007

Omaha Missing Persons Day June 13th, 2007, marked the six year anniversary of the disappearance of Jason Jolkowski. To bring awareness for area missing person cases and garner community support for the families of the missing, Project Jason officials asked Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey to declare June 13th as Omaha Missing Persons' Day. Project Jason sponsored an event to commemorate this day. It was held at Holy Name Church. Several area families of the missing were in attendance.

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“Awaiting DNA”, the story of the Jolkowski family’s wait for DNA analysis to match against an unidentified body, is made public.

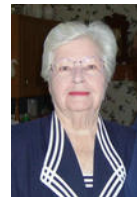


*Trevor Morse, missing
from Las Vegas, NV
since 5/6/2007*

June 25-26, 2007

2007 National Sex Offender
Registration and Management
Conference

Kelly Jolkowski was the day two
keynote speaker at this conference.
She spoke about the Campaign for
the Missing, focusing on the DNA
mandates and the importance of
“connecting the dots” between the
missing and unidentified.



*Shirley Hunt, missing
from Good Springs, TX
since 6/18/2007*

June 28th, 2007

America- Back on Track internet
radio program with Tony Seton.

Kelly Jolkowski was a guest to
discuss the missing persons cause
and the Campaign for the Missing.



*Marissa Lopez, missing
from Prairie Village, KS,
since 9/2/2007*

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*Molly Datillo, missing
from Madison, IN since
7/6/2004*

July 1, 2007

Molly Datillo's Law went into effect in the state of Indiana. This law was passed by Project Jason's Campaign for the Missing volunteers.



*Billy Smolinski, missing
from Waterbury, CT
since 8/23/2004*

July 2007

The Campaign for the Missing passes in the state of Connecticut through the efforts of volunteer Jan Smolinski, mother of missing Billy Smolinski.



*April Wiss, missing from
Wichita, KS since
1/1/2000*

July 2007

Project Jason opens its Family Member Forums. These private family member-only forums, provide families of the missing a way to meet and network with other family members, sharing their stories and offering each other support and additional tools for dealing with having a missing person in their lives.

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Project Jason opens Healing Harbor. Healing Harbor is the only free online counseling service for families of the missing. One of the nation's most respected and knowledgeable counselors in the area of the emotional needs of families of the missing, Duane Bowers, provides answers and assistance via this private online forum.



*Brian Sullivan, missing
from Rochester, NY
since 7/7/2007*

July 20, 2007

Project Jason began to provide law enforcement training by professional instructors, available in the form of audio files. The first series provides critical information to law enforcement, coroners and medical examiners, and the families of the missing about DNA sample collection and processing. The presenters of this module are Dr. Arthur Eisenberg and George Adams, from the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification.



*Janet Tillman, missing
from Belleville, IL since
10/26/2007*

September 23, 2007

The 4th annual Miles for the Missing Family Bike Ride/Walk took place at the Wabash Trace in Council Bluffs, IA. Area family members of the missing were honored and free ID Kits and safety information were distributed at this annual fundraiser.



*Erin Pospisil, missing
from Cedar Rapids, IA,
since 6/3/2001*

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*Adolfo Del Rio, missing
from Los Angeles, CA
since 11/15/2007*

September 29, 2007

"Missing Persons with Alzheimer's or Dementia: What you Should Know", a guide for families, caregivers, and law enforcement, was written and released by Project Jason and can be found on their website on the Resources page.



*Lucely Aramburo,
missing from Miami, FL
since 6/2/2007*

October 6, 2007

Project Jason begins its fourth year.



*Vinyette Teague, missing
from Chicago, IL, since
6/25/1983*

October 7, 2007

Project Jason participates in the 7th annual Family Safety Day, a safety expo sponsored by the Omaha chapter of the National Safety Council. Project Jason representatives hand out free safety information and Personal ID Kits.

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November 2007

Project Jason, in conjunction with their trucking industry partner, Target Media Partners, had 22 missing person cases featured in the 2007-2008 annual Interstate Directory. This free, full size color publication is found at over 2,500 truck stops nationwide, and has a circulation of 100,000.



*Michael Austin Davis,
missing from
Jacksonville, FL since
6/25/2007*

Year End Case Summary:

Project Jason serviced 85 new families of the missing in 2007, 41 families of recovered missing persons, and continued to service 236 active cases.



*Leah Peebles, missing
from Albuquerque, NM
since 5/22/2006*

Project Jason Motto:

All missing persons are loved by someone, and their families deserve to find the answers they seek in regards to the disappearance.



*George "Skip" Zelaya,
missing from
Homosassa, FL since
1/13/2005*

Why Missing People?

The cause of finding the missing sometimes seems to fall between the cracks of society's sidewalk. Having a family member or close friend inexplicably disappear does not happen to everyone, yet it happens more often than you would think.

There are no boundaries of age or circumstance to prevent any family from suffering this fate. We never dreamed that we would become such a family, but here we are.

In the US, there are over 105,000 active missing persons cases altogether. All of their families deserve help in facing the tragedy of a loved one's disappearance.

With your assistance, Project Jason can play an active role in providing them with comfort, assistance and resources while educating the public and increasing awareness of missing persons cases.



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Note: The families of the missing persons featured in this document were provided assistance by Project Jason in 2007. Unfortunately, there are many more.