

Vanished Children's Alliance Brings Kids Home

Headquartered in San Jose, California, the Vanished Children's Alliance (VCA) is a nonprofit organization that provides services nationally and internationally. VCA is dedicated to protecting all children from becoming missing or abducted. VCA's cases include family and non-family abductions, runaways, and otherwise missing and lost children. VCA works to prevent, locate, and recover child victims, and reunify them with their families in collaboration with law enforcement, communities, and other credible agencies. Since 1980, the Vanished Children's Alliance has assisted in the location, recovery, reintegration, and reunification of over 32,000 missing and abducted children. Below is a true account of a VCA case. Please note the child's name in the story has been changed to protect the confidentiality of the case.

In the middle of October, twelve year-old Suzy Smith, with shoulder length dark curly hair, brown eyes and a tall athletic build, ran away from her home in the heart of the mid-west. The police department was notified and began collecting information to assist in locating her. The next morning, Suzy's family called VCA for help in finding the missing girl. On the morning of the 18th, based on the information provided to VCA by her family, VCA Caseworker Bisbano used mass fax dissemination to circulate missing child posters throughout Suzy's home town. Later that evening, VCA was contacted by law enforcement and told of Suzy's recovery. VCA's technical and emotional support as well as the swift dissemination of the missing children's posters were credited for Suzy's recovery. Follow-up with the Smith family shows Suzy is safe and sound at home.

Just one of many examples of VCA's Casework Department hard at work

"Making Homecomings Possible"