

# C.H.I.P.

keeps track of kids

Child Identification Program  
thrives at local events

It's been a busy summer for Craig Wolverton and his group of over 30 local volunteers with the Child Identification Program (C.H.I.P.). They've made appearances at local events like the Teddy Bear Picnic, the C.L.E, the Kakabeka Street Fair and regional events in Emo and Rainy River.

The program is funded by the Ontario Masonic Organization and offers parents a CD of information about their child including digital finger prints, photo and video. This information is retained by the parent and can be quickly passed on to police should their child ever go missing. The program costs about \$3.50 per child to provide but is offered without charge.

"We don't retain any of the information collected," says Wolverton. "Once the information is collected, it is given to the parent and wiped off the C.H.I.P. computer system."

The program is gaining popularity throughout Canada with over 4,000 children registered so far.

