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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES NINE CITIZENS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR RESCUING MISSING, ABUSED CHILDREN

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department will recognize nine citizens and law enforcement officers from four states for heroic and exemplary efforts to protect children, during the annual National Missing Children’s Day commemoration in Washington, D.C., 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. The award recipients are from Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina and Washington state.

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25, 1983, the first National Missing Children’s Day to remember Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared from a New York City street corner on May 25, 1979. Missing Children’s Day honors his memory and the memories of children still missing.

WHO: National Missing Children’s Day award recipients
Heather Bish, whose sister Molly was abducted and murdered in 2000
Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West
Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs
Mary Lou Leary
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator
Robert L. Listenbee

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013
2:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: The Great Hall, U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C.

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NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver’s license) as well as valid media credentials. Interviews will be facilitated after the ceremony. Media should RSVP to Starr Stepp at starr.stepp@usdoj.gov.