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*Hayward, CA (June 17, 2011)* – On Friday, June 17, 2011, Michelle's family and friends met with community volunteers, KlaasKids Foundation representatives, and G.I. Joe Search Foundation members to conduct the first of three search parties this weekend.

We are amazed, touched and incredibly thankful for the support we've received today. Together, we've conducted 128 searches with 14 search teams and had well over 100 volunteers. We are preparing to expect much more Saturday afternoon, including the stepfather and mother of Amber DuBois.

Search parties will resume on Saturday at 8am to 5pm and on Sunday from 8am to 12pm noon. Volunteers will meet and convene at the Search Command Center each morning and throughout the day.

Our goal is to eliminate areas for law enforcement to search to help bring Michelle home sooner.

KlaasKids Foundation Search Director Brad Dennis are collaborating with professional and experienced search and rescue parties to adequately train and prepare volunteers. Details of the search will be provided to the volunteer search parties each morning at the command center.

Volunteers are required to be 18 years or older, must have a valid picture ID, and must wear appropriate clothing (long-sleeved shirt, pants, boots or closed-toed shoes). If volunteers do not meet these requirements, or choose to opt out of search parties but are still wanting to help, they may assist in the command center or distribute fliers.

The command center is located at 25350 Cypress Ave, Hayward, CA.