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Missing child successfully found and rescued

A kidnapped Mississippi child is back at home with his mother after being held in Chicago, Ill. for more than a year and a half.

The team from the American Association For Lost Children, based in Latrobe, publicly shares the charity's commitment to physically find and rescue missing children at no cost to the parent. This Christian nonprofit organization was founded in 1987 and has rescued more 135 missing children from cities within the United States and countries like Germany, Lebanon, Korea and Mexico.

One of the missing children recently located is 5-year-old Thaddeus Antoine Evans of Mississippi. Thaddeus was abducted and held for 21 months but was ultimately rescued in Chicago by the AAFLC team on April 21. Through months of investigations and a couple of days of shadowing in multiple locations, the organization's rescue team was able to track the abductors to an abandoned and condemned housing area in Chicago.

The mother of the missing child, Nicole Bradshaw, and a few family relatives immediately drove to Chicago to meet with the AAFLC team, which was headed by its founder Mark Miller and volunteers, Rita Hile from Greensburg and Amy Latimer from Georgia. With the assistance of the Chicago police department Thaddeus was finally reunited with his mother.



Thaddeus and Nicole



Left to right: (Top) Julian, Kemeka, Mark, Rita, Amy
(Bottom) Thaddeus, Nicole

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Volunteers of all ages are most welcome.