►TWO SUCCESS STORIES FOR THE NCMEC

The National Center for **Missing** & Exploited Children (NCMEC) works with **law enforcement** in the US and throughout the world to bring missing–children home and help sexually exploited children. Here are two of those success stories.

Maria was 12 years old when **reported** missing to NCMEC in September 1998. In November 1999, NCMEC's **hotline** received a **lead** from an anonymous person who had seen Maria's NCMEC poster in a **store** in Mullins, South Carolina. This lead was **forwarded** to law enforcement, and officers were able to recover Maria at the address **provided** in the lead.

Ashley was 13 years old when she **ran away** in July 1999. In October 1999, an anonymous person saw Ashley's NCMEC poster and provided law enforcement with her location. Law enforcement was then able to recover Ashley in Los Angeles, California.

► VOCABULAIRE

- **missing: disparus**
- **law enforcement: forces de police**
- **to report: signaler**
- **hotline: centre téléphonique**
- **lead: piste**
- **store: magasin**
- **to forward: transmettre**
- **to provide: fournir**
- **to run away: s'enfuir**

► QUESTIONS

A. What is the NCMEC?
1. a job center

2. a leisure center

3. a center which takes care of children

B. How was Maria found?
1. she phoned the center
2. Two policemen found her
3. someone phoned the center

C. How old was Ashley?
1. ten
2. twelve
3. thirteen

► REPONSES

A3 | B3 | C3

Note: "center" en anglais américain, "centre" en anglais britannique.

Les questions:

A. Qu'est–ce que le NCMEC? Une agence pour l'emploi? Un centre de loisirs? Un centre qui prend soin des enfants?

B. Comment a–t–on trouvé Maria? Elle a appelé le centre? Deux policiers l'ont trouvée? Quelqu'un a téléphoné au centre?

C. Quel âge avait Ashley? 10, 12, 13 ans?