

ERNIE ALLEN
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Ernie Allen is President & Chief Executive Officer of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. He was co-founder of the private, nonprofit Center, which has helped recover 50,000 children, while increasing its recovery rate from 62% in 1990 to 93% today.

Allen has brought technology and innovation to the Center, including computerized age progressions of long-term missing children; an award-winning Internet website that handles 3 million “hits” per day; a CyberTipline called “the 911 for the Internet;” and a new International Centre to expand services worldwide.

Under his leadership, the Center has grown from a \$3 million organization in 1989 to a \$38 million organization today with offices in six states and the United Kingdom. The Center is one of only ten national charities graded “A+” by the American Institute of Philanthropy.

Ernie Allen is an active spokesman for the cause, having made numerous appearances on Oprah, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Larry King Live, and many others. He was named “1998 Communicator of the Year” by the National Association of Government Communicators.

Ernie Allen came to the Center following public service in his native Kentucky, where he was Chief Administrative Officer of Jefferson County, Director of Public Health & Safety for the City of Louisville, and Director of the Louisville-Jefferson County Crime Commission.

He is an attorney and member of the Kentucky Bar; and a teacher, having held faculty positions at the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and Indiana University.

He has been honored by his alma mater, the University of Louisville, as Distinguished Alumnus of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, and Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Arts & Sciences.