

TIRELESS HUNTER OF CURES & KIDS


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"He is always thinking of other people, trying to better their world," said cancer-center colleague Rhoda Brophy, who nominated Tan for a Liberty "Community" Medal.

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It was as a high-school student in upstate Rochester that he first became...
interested in helping find missing kids and preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation.

His hockey coach's wife had gone to school with John Walsh - who became host of "America's Most Wanted" after his son, Adam, was abducted and murdered in Florida in 1981.

"It's an issue that resonates with anyone, regardless of whether or not you have your own children," said Tan, who is single.

"Our biggest push is to build up the office in Manhattan so that we can reach families in NYC so they can educate their children on how to be safe," he said.

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DEREK TAN Chemist and advocate.

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