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BI Restores Hopes and Home for Wildfire Victims

It was October 26 – the first full day of Firestorm 2003. A day that no San Diegan will soon forget. Lori Bellante was awakened by the ring of her telephone. She answered but there was no one on the other end. She did a STAR 69 to see who placed the call, but the caller's number was blocked. Now awake, and curious as to why someone would call so early, Lori made her way to the kitchen. As she glanced at the clock on her microwave, she noticed it was 3:00 a.m. Her eyes quickly changed focus to the kitchen window. She was stunned by what she saw. Her world was on fire. Flames nearly surrounded her rural Lakeside home.

With a quiver in her voice, Lori yelled for her husband Lonnie to wake up their two girls – Melanie (now 16 years old) and Lindi (now 14 years old). She instructed the girls to put on long pants and long sleeve shirts and to grab their school backpacks. Lori grabbed her cell phone and a box filled with family videos. In just minutes, all four family members, and their two beloved dogs, jumped into Lonnie's Ford F150 and fled for their lives.

It was dark outside and the heavy smoke and flames made it impossible to see. Luckily, Lonnie knew the road well. He drove down their long dirt driveway. He needed to

turn right to go to Wildcat Canyon Road, but suddenly a wall of flames hit the truck. There was no way out. With his adrenalin pumping, he backed up the truck and headed in the other direction toward a nearby pond. The pond was only the size of a football field but it was filled with water and hopefully could provide the family refuge from the firestorm.

As they made their way to the pond, the thick smoke choked the engine, causing it to die. Lonnie steered the vehicle and coasted as long as he could in the direction of the water. The truck stopped and the girls jumped out

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and headed toward the pond. However, before Lonnie and Lori could get out from the truck, Melanie and Lindi came running back saying it was too hot and they couldn't get anywhere near the water.

The girls jumped back into the truck and Lonnie tried starting the engine again. He tried again and again but the engine would not turn over. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, the truck started, only to die a few moments later. They were able to coast down to a flat dirt area. The truck tires were now on fire.

Again, Melanie and Lindi jumped out from the truck. As Lori got out from the truck, she couldn't see the girls. With her back to a ravine, she waved her hands high in the air to get the girls attention. It was so hot that the radiant heat just a few feet above her head burned Lori's arms. The girls followed their dad's voice and Lori followed.

With conditions growing more desperate by the second, the Bellante family had no choice but to take refuge on a small, bare dirt patch. The family laid face down and prayed to God as they awaited their fate. They prayed the fire would burn past them. The air was so thick with smoke; Lonnie began doubting they would survive the ordeal. Lori kept praying and never lost hope. The fire seemed to be moving away from them but it was whipping up the winds and hot embers pelted their bodies. Lonnie thinks the wind helped keep them alive because with each gust came a breath of fresh air. Air they desperately needed to stay alive.

At 7:30 a.m. a neighbor named John came driving by. He found the burnt truck and the remains of two dogs inside. Fearful he would find more bodies, he kept driving until he couldn't believe his eyes. There was the Bellante Family – alive!

John drove them to nearby Stelzer Park where paramedics and fire crews were staged. Lonnie, Lori and the girls were all transported to the UCSD Regional Burn Center. Melanie and Lindi suffered minor burns to the tips of their ears and nose and Lonnie was not hurt. Lori suffered third degree burns mostly affecting her arms and hands. She was released two weeks later.

The Bellante's later found out that a close friend had placed that early morning call trying to warn them about the fire. They were grateful to have received that call and grateful to be alive. However, they lost their home and everything inside. They also lost eight of their closest neighbors, who were not as lucky and all died in the fire.

Earlier this year, Habitat for Humanity built the Bellante's a modest new home. The Burn Institute, through a special grant from the Cardinal Health Foundation, was able to provide furniture, gift certificates and gas vouchers to help the family during Lori's recovery. On September 5, the Burn Institute sponsored Lori and her daughter Lindi to attend the World Burn Conference in Sacramento. A very special thank you to Jerome's Furniture who partnered with the Burn Institute in helping to furnish the Bellante's new home. ♡

Greetings!

Dear Friends,

During National Fire Prevention Week, coming up this October, the national safety theme is "Watch What You Heat." I would like to urge you to take a few minutes to think about fire and burn safety in your home.

Do you know what the leading cause is of home fires and deaths is? If you guessed cooking you are correct. More home fires begin in the kitchen than anywhere else; and cooking equipment is involved in over 100,000 reported home fires annually.

October 8-14, 2006 is National Fire Prevention Week and there is no time like the present to begin practicing fire safety in your home – particularly in and around the kitchen. There are steps you can take to prevent a scald tragedy: Cook on rear burners and turn pot handles to the rear of the stove, never leave cooking food unattended, and never hold a child while handling a hot liquid!

During meal preparation you should keep children out of the kitchen and create a safe zone! Keep all hot items at a safe distance from a child and test all heated food before giving it to a child or placing it within their reach. When young children are present, avoid using tablecloths and place hot foods in the center of the table. Children under age three should not be given "real" pots and pans to play with.

Children may reach for those items thinking they are "toys" when they really contain hot liquid or food.

Microwave cooking also poses a danger for scalding injuries and fires. Read the manufacturer's instructions before use and plug the oven directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord – it can overload the circuit and cause a fire. Use only microwavable-safe containers to heat food – never use china with silver, gold or metal trim around the rim because it will overheat and may produce sparks. Never use aluminum foil to cover items in the microwave – the foil will cause an arc resulting in sparks which can set your microwave on fire. Open food slowly and allow it to cool before eating. Escaping steam from microwave popcorn can burn the eyes and skin. Last but not least, there is no safe way to microwave eggs without first removing the shell. An explosion can result, causing serious burns to the face and eyes.

Start a tradition during this year's National Fire Prevention Week and make fire safety a monthly dinner topic for your family to discuss. The Burn Institute's website has a fact sheet section with fire and burn prevention tips on almost every subject you can imagine. To download fire and burn safety tips, visit www.burninstitute/fbp/factsheets.

Be Safe!



James A. Floros
Executive Director/
Chief Executive Officer



The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties through fire and burn prevention education, burn care research and treatment, and burn survivor support services.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fire and Burn Prevention Facts & Tips

Fact Polyester is flame resistant and makes fire ignition very difficult.

Tips Children should always wear tight fitting, 100% polyester sleepwear.

Effectiveness of Residential Fire Sprinklers

BI Teamed Up with Santee Fire to Demonstrate

In July, the Burn Institute and the Santee Fire Department staged several fire scenarios in a home that was scheduled to be torn down, to show how fast a fire can spread without a sprinkler system. The controlled fire demonstrated how effectively fire is contained when a home fire sprinkler system is in place. Several television stations covered this news story and the video footage and photos taken will be used for fire prevention education.

It is estimated that each year nearly 5,000 children and seniors are injured or killed in residential fires in the United States. Of that 5,000, an estimated 2,500 children age 14 or younger were injured or killed, and of those casualties, almost half were under the age of five, 70-percent were under the age of 10. Studies have proven time after time, year after year, that automatic fire sprinklers could have saved some of those lives. In a house fire, it usually only takes one sprinkler to control a fire. Sprinklers provide the extra fire protection and time for families with young children, senior citizens and disabled persons to escape. In a fire situation, every minute counts. In addition to a home sprinkler system, smoke alarms and having a family fire escape plan in place also dramatically increase the chances to escape alive or uninjured.

The Burn Institute would like to thank Santee Fire Department and especially Chief Bob Pfohl, Division Chief David Miller, Captain Richard Smith, and Brent Sexton from Sexton Fire Protection.



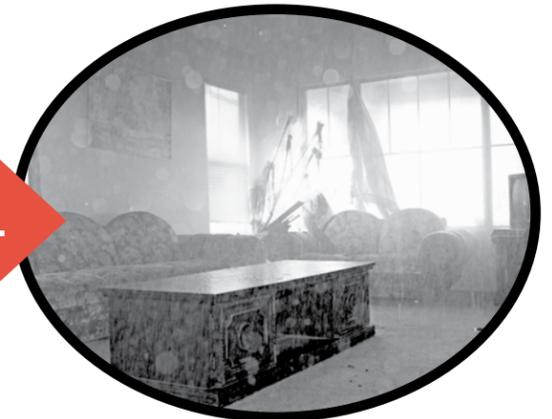
A child's room catches fire and there are no residential fire sprinklers in place.



There are no sprinklers in the room and, in just 30-seconds, the fire has spread rapidly. Thick black smoke is already covering nearly half the room.



A small fire begins in the living room equipped with residential fire sprinklers.



The room is equipped with sprinklers and after 30-seconds the fire is still contained to the corner of the room. This would allow the homeowners ample time to escape safely.

Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems – A Value For Your Home and Family

Do you feel safe in your home? Most people do. However, home fires continue to be the number one cause of fire deaths in the United States. An estimated 3,675 people died in fires in the United States in 2005. This amounts to a death every 142 minutes! There were 17,925 fire injuries with a fire injury occurring every 29 minutes. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 78% of all structure fires occurred in residential properties and 82% of fire deaths occurred in home fires.

There is good news, however. The home fatality rate can be reduced by as much as 50% if homeowners have working smoke alarms, and prepare and practice home escape plans and fire drills. By taking these important precautions, families have a much better chance of escape from a burning home before they are injured or killed. Together with a residential fire sprinkler system, the risk of dying in a home fire is reduced by 82%. Residential fire sprinkler systems not only save lives, they can actually reduce the property loss by as much as two-thirds while controlling the fire in the early stages.

The San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District (the District) has had a residential fire sprinkler ordinance in place since 1989. During this time hundreds of homes have been built in the area with the installation of fire sprinkler systems. Since the Ordinance went into effect there has not been a single fire death in a sprinklered home in the District.

There are several common misconceptions about fire sprinklers. The most common is a sprinkler head will go off accidentally and cause extensive water damage to the home. However, industry statistics show the chance of a sprinkler head malfunctioning is 1 in 16



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million. Another misconception is that during a fire, all sprinkler heads in the entire home will go off. Actually, most home fires are controlled, with a single sprinkler head using only ten to fifteen gallons of water per minute. Sprinklers are efficient at controlling and extinguishing fires with minimal damage as opposed to a fire hose, which delivers 250 gallons of water per minute, when used by the fire department to extinguish a fire. Another misconception is that sprinklers are expensive. Sprinklers cost an average of \$2500-3500 per home. This is less than upgrades to the floor covering, and where floor-covering needs to be replaced in about 10 years, the sprinkler system is for the life of the home.

Residential sprinkler systems are a great value and investment for your home and give you a secure sense of well-being that your home and family can withstand a fire and survive.

Respectively submitted,

Chief Augie Ghio
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

Author: Marsha Larsen, Fire Marshal
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

Recalls and Fire Hazards

Education is your best defense against fire and burn injuries. To learn about recent Federal and industry initiated recalls which may pose a possible fire or burn hazard, visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/recallsdesc.htm



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President's Circle members are individual donors who support the Burn Institute with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. This annual gift can be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or appreciated stock. You can become a member for only \$83 a month. For more information on becoming a President's Circle member and the benefits of membership, please contact Diane Sutherland, at (858) 541-2277 x19 or dsutherland@burninstitute.org.

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Rancho Santa Fe Insurance and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Award Grant to Burn Institute for Public Safety Education Program

Through a grant program sponsored by Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., Craig Edwards' Rancho Santa Fe Insurance has donated \$5,000 to the Burn Institute.

"This gift will support the Juvenile Firesetter Program, which educates children about the dangerous consequences of playing with fire and helps prevent children from repeating their firesetting behavior," said James Floros, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer for the Burn Institute. "Fires started by juveniles has been identified as the fastest-growing fire threat in the U.S.," added Floros.

WHY PLAN NOW?

Why do so many of us put off estate planning? Many people think that "estate" planning means they must have millions of dollars before they need to start thinking about it. The truth is, estate simply means "all of a person's possessions, especially those left after death." Surprisingly, many people die intestate, which means not having made a legal will. Not planning, of course, means letting someone else plan for you. And, in estate planning, that means the government's plan. And the government's plan will probably be very different from what you would have wanted.

HOW SHOULD YOU BEGIN?

- ♣ Make a preliminary plan on what you would like your bequest to accomplish.
- ♣ Take an inventory of your possessions.
- ♣ Get an attorney.
- ♣ Consider including the Burn Institute in your plans.
- ♣ Let the Burn Institute know about your gift so we can say Thank You!

HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

There are several ways for you to make a planned gift that provide for loved ones – and your community. These are the most common:

- ♣ Living Trusts and Wills
- ♣ Retirement Plans
- ♣ Life Insurance
- ♣ Securities
- ♣ Real Estate
- ♣ Charitable Trusts

Take control over your life and legacy and provide for who and what you love. It's your opportunity to protect your assets and to ensure that your legacy reflects your life's work, your values and your commitments. You can plan your estate and make wise decisions now so that your loved ones can be provided for and with careful planning, you can assist the Burn Institute to help carry out its mission, while still protecting members of your family. For more information about Estate Planning please contact: Diane Sutherland at 858.541.2277 ext. 19 or dsutherland@burninstitute.org

Burn Institute's Heritage Society

We are pleased to announce the *Burn Institute's Heritage Society* for those who have included the Burn Institute in their estate plans. Members of the *Heritage Society* will be invited to an annual luncheon as our special thank you. For more information about the *Burn Institute's Heritage Society*, or to let us know if you already qualify for membership, please contact Diane Sutherland at dsutherland@burninstitute.org or 858-541-2277 ext. 19.



(Above)
Anna Mariel, a young burn survivor from Imperial Valley (left) enjoys spending time with her camp counselor Allison Roach (right).



(Above)
Young burn survivor, Jack, smiles as he takes his first horseback ride.



(Above)
El Centro resident, Kevin, enjoys a break from the summer heat with a refreshing snowcone. This is his first time at Camp Beyond the Scars since his burn injury in February.

Camp Beyond the Scars Offers Special Experience for Children Living with Burn Injuries

On August 7, nearly 50 burn-injured children, with duffle bags in tow, arrived at Camp Cuyamaca for a weeklong adventure. As with any summer camp, it was a typical first day of getting to know everyone and the surroundings. But many of these children would not feel at home at any other camp. Some children arrived wearing pressure garments, some walk slower than others, some have special needs, many have fragile self-esteems, but they all have something in common... they have all endured some type of painful burn injury, visible or not. This is the tie that binds them, and what makes Camp Beyond the Scars a unique and special experience for each child.

By the end of the first day, you would have thought everyone had been lifelong friends. Happy times and a breakneck pace of activities keeps everyone going – especially the counselors. Activities included: golf, horseback riding, archery, and swimming to name a few. Those who wanted a break from the outdoors relaxed and spent the afternoon making crafts. Later in the week, all the campers visited La Jolla Shores for some beach and surfing fun. Later that same afternoon, everyone enjoyed a dinner and tour of San Diego's Historic Firehouse Museum. After that it was back to camp for showers and some well-deserved sleep – whew!

Most of the counselors, who return year after year, are off-duty firefighters or adult burn survivors. Older burn survivors pass down what they have learned. Campers participate in weeklong support sessions as well – a forum where young burn survivors can talk openly about issues that they may be facing as a result of their injuries.

“For some of these kids, showing their scars at camp is one of the few places on earth where they're not made to feel like outcasts,” said Volunteer Camp Director and burn survivor Arnell Garcia, a Fire Captain for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

Each camp always has a theme and this summer it was Fantasy Island. (A place where kids can just be kids and not have to worry about their injuries.) On the last night of camp, everyone enjoyed the traditional camp dance. It was like any other final night at camp, exchanging of phone numbers, hugs, and packing up their bags filled with precious summer memories. Memories they will keep near and dear to their hearts until they again see their friends at Winter Camp Beyond the Scars to be held in January.

A very special thank you to Camp Director Captain Arnell Garcia and Assistant Camp Director Firefighter Linda Di'Orsi and to all the volunteers who made Camp 2006 awesome! ♡

Camp Beyond the Scars is the Burn Institute's most notable support program and is offered twice a year – a 3-day winter camp and a weeklong summer camp. Any burn-injured child from throughout San Diego, Imperial, Riverside or San Bernardino counties may attend at no charge. For more information about how you can support this special camp, call the Burn Institute at 858.541.2277.

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Your gift of \$300 will sponsor a burn-injured child to attend winter Camp Beyond the Scars for a week.

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EVENTS



(Top Left)
Fire Expo featured many exciting live firefighting demonstrations such as a car extrication performed by firefighters from the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District.

(Below Right)
A special thank you to Modern Postcard for serving as the title sponsor for FIRE EXPO 2006.

(Below Middle)
FIRE EXPO 2006 Event Chair Oceanside Fire Captain Dale Stewart (left) takes a moment to pose with a future firefighter and James Floros, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer for the Burn Institute (right).

(Below Left)
With temperatures well over one hundred degrees, the highlight of the afternoon was the firefighter hose squirt.



Sun, Sweat and Smiles Result in Another Fire Expo Success!

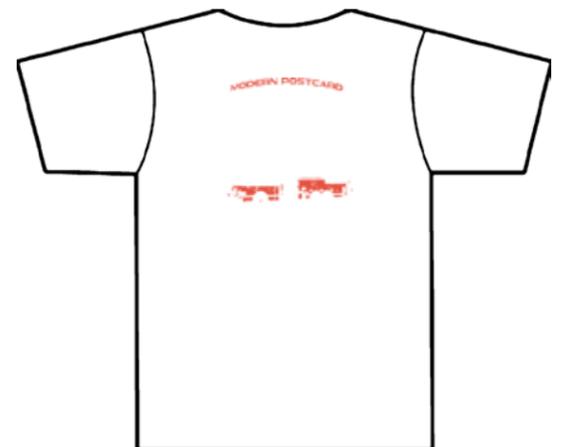
Firefighters from throughout San Diego County braved the record breaking heat at the 16th annual Modern Postcard FIRE EXPO presented by Sycuan.

Thousands of guests attended, despite the sweltering heat, on July 22, to watch 100 fire trucks and fire engines arrive – code 3 – with sirens and lights blazing to kick-off this year's event at Qualcomm Stadium. Southern California's largest firefighting event was filled with fun for everyone. Attendees were able to watch live demonstrations, tour emergency vehicles, rescue helicopters, and interact with men and women of the fire service.

The Expo treated kids to fire truck rides and a little fire fighter obstacle course. The popular kiddie-karnival

area included face-painting, fun and games, and educational trailers filled with interactive games to promote fire safety. Attendees were able to find some shade and enjoy live music from Hill Country, Flock of 80s, and Stage 4. The highlight of the afternoon was when firefighters sprayed the crowd with water – a welcome addition to the afternoon.

The Burn Institute would like to extend a very special thank you to Modern Postcard for serving as the Title Sponsor and to Sycuan who served as the Presenting Sponsor. A big thank you also goes out to members of the San Diego – Imperial County Fire Fighters Advisory Council and especially those who volunteered for grill duty, where the temperatures reached 125 degrees! 🔥



Commemorative FIRE EXPO 2006 t-shirts are still available! Shirts come in two colors – white and navy. To purchase your shirt, call the Burn Institute at (858) 541-2277. All shirts are \$15 each.

Thank You's

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**Sunrise to Sunset
Swinging for Survivors**
October 6, 2006
Golf Marathon at Santa Luz Club

**2nd Annual Brigantine Family
of Restaurants Fire on The
Fairways Golf Tournament**
October 30, 2006
Riverwalk Golf Club

National Juvenile Firesetter Conference
November 1-3, 2006
Town & Country Resort

2nd Annual Poker Tournament
November 15, 2006
Viejas Casino

**Winter Camp Beyond the Scars/Retreat
for Adult Burn Survivors**
January 12-15, 2007
Mile High Pines in Angelus Oaks, CA

For further event information, call the Burn Institute at (858) 541-2277 or visit us online at www.burninstitute.org.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteers Needed for Fire Prevention Month

Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, 2006, is always a busy week for Burn Institute staff and often lasts the entire month of October. There are lots of opportunities during this busy month for people to volunteer their time. From giving puppet show presentations at local area schools to providing fire and burn prevention information materials during fire department open houses, the Burn Institute is in full-gear before, during and after Fire Prevention Week. If you would like to assist with a variety of fun Fire Prevention Month activities, contact Kathleen at (858) 541-2277 x11 or kframpton@burninstitute.org

Promote the Gift of Giving by Volunteering as a Family

National Family Volunteer Day – November 20

Raising a giving child starts with a giving family. During gift-giving seasons, volunteering as a family to help groups or individuals in need can help kids learn the joy of giving and sharing. Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are ideal occasions to emphasize the spirit of philanthropy with your children. Birthdays are also a memorable way to celebrate turning a year older through volunteerism. Charitable giving and volunteering as a family extend the gift of giving of personal time as well as a loving contribution of helping hands and hearts. As the holiday season of “I wants” and “gimmes” creeps up on us, here are some ideas for discovering the joys of volunteering together this upcoming holiday season and throughout the year.

GARAGE SALE

Ask your children to go through their things and pick out 10 things in good condition. In addition to what your kids will find, you'll be surprised at all the stuff you can sell as well. Not only will this help you to reduce clutter around your house and emphasize the spirit of giving in your children, but the garage sale money you earn will benefit those in need.

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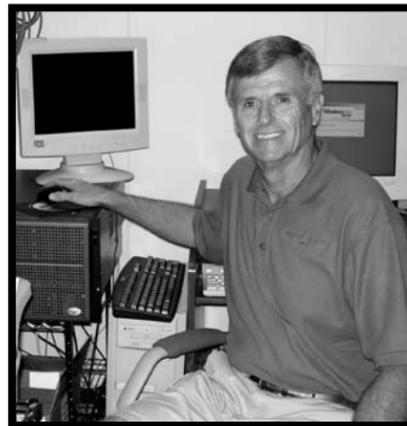
Organize a neighborhood garage sale and have all proceeds benefit a charity. The Burn Institute can provide you with educational give-a-ways, such as fire and burn prevention coloring books and Stop, Drop and Roll stickers, for you to hand out to your customers as an added bonus!

RECRUIT

You may have family and friends that want to volunteer but don't know how or where to get started. Volunteer as a group and have twice as much fun! ♡

BI Board Member Receives CHAD Volunteer Honor

Beginning his second go around as a Burn Institute Board Member, Fire Chief Erwin Willis, now retired from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, is no stranger to philanthropic work. In addition to serving as a dedicated board member, he has also served on the organizations committee for numerous San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association Annual Golf Tournaments, which benefit the Burn Institute. After retiring in October 2005, Chief Willis started a computer and network maintenance and repair business. He donates about 40 hours per month maintaining the Burn Institute's computer system. On June 21, at a reception held at the Admiral Baker Golf Club, Chief Willis received the greatly deserved, 2006 CHAD Volunteer of the Year! Congratulations! ♡



Fire Chief Erwin Willis.

The Burn Institute wishes to extend a warm (no pun intended) thank you to all of our fire expo volunteers who braved the sweltering heat and humidity on July 22. It was the hottest day of the year and we appreciate everyone's efforts!



Have Fun and Make New Friends! Join the Auxiliary Today!

Established in 1994, the Burn Institute Auxiliary is a group of dedicated volunteers who play an integral role in the ongoing success of the Burn Institute.

One thing that the Auxiliary is responsible for is planning the annual Share Your Heart Auction Wine Tasting and Casino Night, held each February.

This event raises thousands of dollars to support the important work of the Burn Institute. The Auxiliary is currently looking for new people to join the Share Your Heart Committee. You can share your talents in a number of ways including gathering auction items, recruiting top restaurants and wineries and packaging auction items and decorating the venue.

Auxiliary meetings are held once a month. For more information on how you can be a part of something great, contact Kathleen at (858) 541-2277 x11 or kframpton@burninstitute.org ♡



Yes! I want to learn more about the Burn Institute

- Please send me information on planned giving
- Please send me information on available programs and services
- I am interested in becoming a Burn Institute volunteer
- I am interested in joining the Burn Institute Auxiliary
- I would like to support the important work of the Burn Institute

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Programs and Services

Fire and Burn Prevention Education

- Burni the Dragon's Preschool Curriculum Guide
- Fire and Burn Prevention, Fire, Burns & You Curriculum Guide
- **Let's Stay Safe From Fires & Burns Puppet Show**
- It's Your Choice: Stop Fires and Burns
- Burns are Serious Business
- Child Care Burn Prevention
- Juvenile Firesetter Program
- Senior Fire Safety & Smoke Alarm Program
- First Responder Smoke Alarm Program
- Wildfire Program
- Fire Safety Training Program (Nominal Fee)

Burn Research

- Funding Vital Burn Research and Treatment

Burn Survivor Support

- Camp Beyond The Scars for Burn-Injured Children
- Retreat For Adult Burn Survivors
- School Re-Entry Program
- Emergency Needs Fund
- Special Assistance Fund
- Scholarship Program
- Adult Support Group
- Holiday Party
- Special Outings

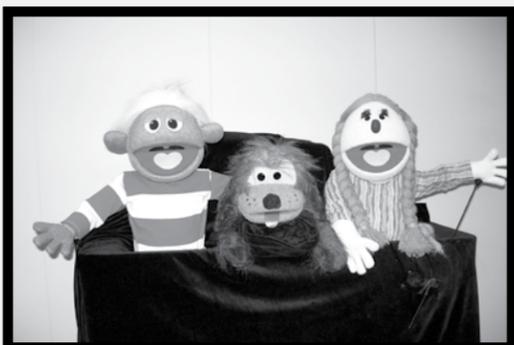
Community Service

- Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet
- Fire and Burn Prevention Literature
- Public Service Announcements
- Speakers Bureau

i Program Highlight

Let's Stay Safe From Fires and Burns Puppets Show

This 30-minute puppet show teaches K-3 in San Diego County (Pre-5th Graders in Imperial County) about Stop, Drop and Roll, Cool and Call, Match and Lighter Safety, Fire and Burn Safety in the Kitchen and the dangers of playing with fire. The presentation is available in English or Spanish and is FREE of charge! All participants receive a FREE Fire and Burn Prevention coloring book. Call the Burn Institute and book your in-class appointment today! San Diego (858) 541-2277, Imperial Valley (760) 355-3175 🔥



Beacon Bits

🔥 Kudos to The Vista Fire Protection District for participating in the Burn Institute's First Responder Program. Their efforts in installing smoke alarms in Vista have made a positive impact in the community in which they serve.

🔥 The Burn Institute staff wishes to bid a fond farewell to Tally Innes and wishes her the best of luck in her teaching endeavors.

🔥 It is with great pleasure the Burn Institute welcomes new Community Outreach Specialist Dana Carnduff.

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Poker Tournament To benefit the Burn Institute

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Viejas Dream Catcher Showroom

Cost: \$100 per player

For more information call **(858) 541-2277**.



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- 84% Program Services
- 13% Fundraising
- 3% Management & General Costs

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