



Burned Children Recovery Foundation | Year Ended September 30, 2009

Since 1990 over 103,000 information packs have been sent out by the Burned Children Recovery Foundation — a standard of giving that is truly remarkable. Although located in the Northwest, the Foundation helps children from all across America recover and live full and active lives.

At Camp Phoenix, the Foundation sponsors children from all over for a summer camp of learning and fun. But every year there are children that are turned away due to lack of funds. The foundation has built the hope and dreams of a happy life in so many children but in order to reach the lives of so many more in need, we need your help.

Our dream is to reach the survivors of the 280,000 children that are burned every year in the United States. Our goal is to (1) offer our outreach program to every person injured in a fire, (2) work with every hospital that treats them, and (3) give hope to every family of a burn victim.

You can be part of this dream. You can help us change the world we live in to be more understanding and supportive to burn victims. So we ask you to please open your heart to the children and their families that desperately need our services by donating now.

With your generous donations we can make this dream a reality.



Be a part of the dream.

Support burn survivors and their families.



BCRF is a proud member of the Federation of Burn Foundations, the American Burn Association and the International Association of Camps.

Burned Children Recovery Foundation

The Burned Children Recovery Foundation is a non-profit organization of dedicated staff and caring volunteers who are committed to effectively supporting burned children and their families during the rehabilitation process. To date we have distributed over 103,000 recovery packets to burned children and their families after fire and burns have changed their lives forever!

Support from Experienced Survivors | We offer unique support from experienced burn survivors who understand the trauma the children are going through. The credibility of 'having walked in their shoes' helps the burn survivor trust, feel comfortable asking questions, and seek support and understanding in dealing with personal difficulties. This support helps the children through the transition from victim to a survivor.

Social Re-Entry | Anticipation of the return to school and home can be an overwhelming and frightening experience for a child who has survived a burn injury. Reactions from friends, classmates and teachers all play an integral part in the child's adjustment. They need information and have questions about the person they once knew who now looks different. The answers can ease the acceptance of the child back into the classroom.

Our aim is to give parents positive tools to help their child re-enter society and give them — both

parents and the child — the knowledge of how to deal with negative responses.

Counseling & Information |

We help children and their families learn the skills they need to cope with the many obstacles that stand in the way of recovery. Psychosocial issues such as (1) pain and fear of the child's changed physical appearance and physical limitations, (2) depression, (3) frustration, (4) anxiety, (5) panic attacks and (6) low self-esteem are just some of the issues adversely impacting internal family relations. We help family members understand and adjust.

By providing counseling and information to burn survivors and their families, we help them make informed/better decisions based on the personal experience of 'others'. The support is intended to speed up the healing process and return the burn survivor to a full, productive life.

Other Services | Counseling / Back to School Program / Transportation to Hospitals / Lodging / Burn Survivor Support Line / Sport or Hobby Costs / Vocational Training / Burn Support Group ...and more.



About the Founder

At the young age of 11, Michael T. Mathis was severely burned in an accidental fire. This didn't stop him from going on to live a full and active life, including coaching his daughters and other youngsters in baseball and basketball.

Michael has devoted his life to

working with children and today is the Founder and President of the Burned Children Recovery Foundation. The outreach work Michael has done since 1990 has helped over 103,000 burned children to go on and live happier lives.

When Michael is not working with children or the families of burned children, you can still find him on a court shooting basketball hoops or running the river after the all elusive prize salmon.

Phoenix House

The Phoenix House serves as a "home away from home" where children receive counseling and assistance before attending camp or receiving medical treatments away from home.

Phoenix House is a nine bed recovery center for burned children who have not returned into society. It is a place where burned children can come and stay in a safe, homelike environment while they learn how to accept what has happened to them. They learn how to deal with the day to day problems of a society that responds to them in many different ways, both emotionally and physically.

The trained, caring staff at Phoenix House helps burn survivors separate their scars from the person and spirit inside them. It helps the child understand that he or she does not have to walk this road alone!



Camp Phoenix

Camp Phoenix provides an opportunity for children recovering from burn injuries to meet other children who share similar feelings and experiences.

The week-long camp gives these children temporary freedom from the everyday frustrations of being burned, a chance to share their stories and to bond with each other. It's a week full of friendship, sharing, and activities that provide physical and mental challenges to



invoke a feeling of accomplishment no matter how small.

Campers also come with a story to tell about how they were injured. These stories oftentimes come openly and easily in an environment that accepts them much more readily than the world from which they came. The campers soon find that burn camp is a place

where they are accepted for who they are and not for what they look like. They find that camp is a structured environment where expectations are clearly established and opportunities for personal growth are provided.

Most of all, camp is a place to have fun, learn new things, find acceptance and build self-esteem.

Camp Aims and Goals

- to have a fun-filled outdoor adventure
- to create a sense of community by providing a place where campers can learn about themselves and others with similar experiences
- to introduce campers to dynamic role models by including adult burn survivors as Camp Phoenix volunteers
- to promote each child's unique abilities and strengths as steps in enhancing self acceptance
- to promote opportunities to learn about working in groups as well as in one-on-one interactions among their peers



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