

Community resources for children that are victims of burn injuries

Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation features Burn Survivor Assistance on its website at: www.aarbf.org/burnsurvivors.htm. The AARBF also provides Burn Survivor Assistance with Back-to-School programs, Bridge-to-Life scholarships, special events (see activities calendar), Young Adult Summit (ages 17-21), Adult Survivor Family Camp, support groups, peer support, workshops and conferences. There are northern, central and southern California offices. Burn Survivor Assistance, among other events and issues, provides a free week long camp experience for child burn victims between the ages of 5-16 years old. Champ Camp is located at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, California. Transportation is free for residents of California. Consideration will be given to children that live in bordering states or in Mexico. For more information about Champ Camp you may contact 1-800-755-BURN (2876) or visit their website at www.aarbf.org/campers.pdf.

American Burn Association is a multi-disciplinary professional organization dedicated to the care and treatment of burn victims and their families. This organization is dedicated to advocacy, education, patient care, and research. Its members are dedicated to high quality care and to the scientific advancement of treatment for burn victims. ABA is influential in legislative issues and political activities as they pertain to burn victims and their rights. You may visit their website at: www.ameriburn.org/index.php. Contact information includes their address: ABA Central Office . Chicago, 625 N. Michigan Ave., Ste 2550, Chicago, Illinois 60611; Telephone: 312.642.9260; Fax: 312.642.9130 and email: info@ameriburn.org. This website is designed for health care professionals and will not provide medical advice to the general public.

Burn Care Foundation is a non-profit public benefit organization devoted to facilitating complete burn treatment by way of funding trauma bills, the cost of skin grafts, skin substitutes, dermabrasion, steroid injections, pressure garments, silicone masks, contractures and release procedures. You may visit their website at: www.burncarefoundation.com. The address is: 2588-F El Camino Real Suite 325 Carlsbad, California. Email address: info@burncarefoundation.com.

Burn Center Referral Criteria is a document that outlines guidelines for admission to burn centers. You may view this document at: www.ameriburn.org/BurnCenterReferralCriteria.pdf.

Burnsurvivor.org is an organization dedicated to non-medical people. It reaches out to burn victims and gives them the tools to be successful in life after the long recovery from injury. One of its missions is to highly train burn survivors and prepare them for mentoring and supportive roles for burn teams. There are also programs designed to assist burn survivors with assimilating back into society after lengthy burn therapy. Among many categories, there is a map to search for

burn camps in your state. You may view their website at: www.burnsurvivor.org. They have a new address: One Golden Pond, Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Burn survivor on-line is a service of the **World Burn Foundation**. This site connects burn survivors with each other on a global level. There is a chat room and calendar of events, among many other categories. For example, the 2nd World Jamboree for Children with Burns 2008 will be held in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada on August 4-10th. This is a diverse site that offers advice about health care issues, personal issues; legal issues, etc. See the website for details at: www.burnsurvivorsonline.com

Burn Prevention Foundation provides a school re-entry program for burn victims and schoolmates of burn victims. This resource is available for parents, classmates and teachers to utilize. You may visit this website at: www.burnprevention.org/index.html. You may email them at: burnprev@fast.net or info@burnprevention.org. The Burn Prevention Foundation is located in Pennsylvania but offers some resources regardless of location. Their address is: 236 N. 17th Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

Burn Resource Centre is a website designed to provide comprehensive information related to professional and community burn education and resources. You may view their website at: www.burnresource.com/index.html.

Camp Susquehanna is a free camp for burn survivors between the ages of 7-16 years of age. The camp is located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The website (www.campsus.com) offers camp registration and information regarding camp activities. It is a place for campers to have fun without the burden of worrying about special needs and the unwanted attention by society to their injuries. Health care providers are on staff. Camp activities include pool parties, pizza parties, scuba diving, canoeing, laser tag, fishing, miniature golf, day trips, Frisbee golf, baseball game, and hiking. Campers also enjoy air-conditioned rooms and indoor swimming. You may contact Dr. Marcia Levinson at (215) 878-0966.

Children's Burn Foundation was founded for the provision of funding for the care and treatment of child burn victims as they progress from the acute injury phase to rehabilitation at the Grossman Burn Center. The Children's Full Recover Fund covers the care at Grossman Burn Center. The Children's Burn Foundation also has community outreach programs and support groups. You may visit their website at: www.childburn.org/mission.php3

Federation of Burn Foundations is devoted to communication and collaboration between member burn organizations to enhance or promote efficiency in meeting the needs of the community through improved distribution of

services, burn research and healthcare collaboration. You may visit their website at: www.fbsonline.org/about_us.php.

International Society for Burn Injuries is committed to promoting knowledge in the field of burns and increasing public awareness programs for prevention of burn injuries. It is politically and scientifically active. Grants are awarded to research investigators and burn centers. Educational offerings are offered world wide. You may visit their website at: www.worldburn.org/introduction.asp

Phoenix Society for burn survivors is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to anyone affected by a burn injury. The organization was founded by a burn survivor named Alan Breslau. This society has taken its name from the legendary bird that lived 500 years and was consumed by flames, only to rise again, reborn from ashes, more brilliant than before. The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors Inc., 1835 R W Berends Dr. SW, Grand Rapid, MI 49519-4955. The website, among many other features, allows you to search resources available to burn victims, state by state. You may visit their website at: www.phoenix-society.org

Shriners Hospitals for Children specialize among other things, in the care and treatment of children that are victims of burn injuries. All children up to the age of 18 are eligible. Acceptance is based solely on medical needs. There are no charges for health care services. If a child is a burn victim, the sooner the child gets to Shriners for treatment, the better. There are four burn programs. The referring physician should contact the chief of staff at one of the Shriners Hospitals located in Boston, Cincinnati, Galveston or Sacramento. The telephone numbers for emergency admission to burn programs within Shriners Hospitals are: Boston 800-255-1916; Cincinnati 800-875-8580; Galveston 409-770-6733; Sacramento 916-453-2111. If you need assistance with transportation, the hospital care coordinator will assist you with the details. If you have questions about applying to Shriners Hospitals you may contact the patient referral line at 1-800-237-5055. To learn more about Shriners Hospitals, visit their website at: www.shriners.com/Hospitals/Hospitals_for_Children.

United States Burn Support Organization, PO Box 26001, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Office Phone (215) 473-2955, Burn Pager (215) 577-0631, E-mail: usburnsupport@usburn.org, website: www.usburn.org. The United States Burn Support Organization was founded to help burn victims rebuild their lives by offering resource information and support services. Information regarding membership and local support resources are available on the website or you may contact the office by email or phone.

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