

BURNS RECOVERED SUPPORT GROUP

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Burns Recovered Support Group is to assist burn survivors in their recovery, support medical facilities in the care of burns in Missouri and educate the public in burn awareness and prevention.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Burns Recovered Support Group, once again, was able to provide many services to burn survivors and the community at large in 2007.

- ❖ Peer support was provided more than 300 times to burn survivors and their families, both in-patient and out-patient.
- ❖ Monthly support group meeting continue at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and University Hospital in Columbia.
- ❖ Missouri Children's Burn Camp provided benefits to the 73 burn-injured children who came together for a week of "Friends, Fun & Memories". Children are transported to the Lake of the Ozarks for their week-long adventure. This special experience could not happen without the volunteer counselors and the many other individuals who help make this opportunity a reality.
- ❖ The BRSBG Fire Safety Houses were used to teach fire prevention-education at more than 40 events to the children and adults in the greater St. Louis and Kansas City communities.
- ❖ BRSBG donated \$5,000 to the Burn Center of St. John's Hospital in St. Louis, MO.
- ❖ The Holiday Family Support program made the holiday season brighter for 14 people in the 6 burn survivor families adopted by BRSBG. Gifts of clothing, food and other needed essentials were given to these families in financial need.
- ❖ The Youth Fire Prevention Team provided fire safety awareness/education to more than 50 children who demonstrated inappropriate interest in fire. This juvenile fire setter intervention program gives direction and help to children and their parents. BRSBG is honored in the fact that the Missouri State Fire Marshal is using our program as a model for a state-wide initiative.
- ❖ Over 250 people attended the annual Holiday Party, Bowling Party and Family Picnic that provide the opportunity of friendship and camaraderie for burn survivors and their family. Fun and laughter are important in the healing and recovery for those whose lives have been touched by a burn injury. Our special events are an important continuation of the peer support provided to burn survivors.
- ❖ The Scholarship Fund provided a burn survivor financial assistance to attend college.
- ❖ A burn survivor was provided image enhancement information and support.

Additional financial information and information regarding the members of the BRSBG Board of Directors are available on the BRSBG web site – www.brsg.org.