

BURNS RECOVERED



Look what you made possible

Because of you, in **2015** more burn survivors found hope, help, and healing; and burn prevention and education expanded into more communities

STRENGTH

250 burn

survivors and their loved ones experienced friendship, fellowship, and support with family events including holiday parties, bowling, picnics, the Magic House, and the ballpark



INTERVENTION

30 hours of Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention stopped overly curious kids from dangerous mis-use of fire



PREVENTION

800 students in 14 schools learned life-saving tips to prevent burn and fire injury and to become safety ambassadors in their homes and communities



SURVIVE

2 pediatric burn survivors received medical equipment to reduce the suffering associated with burn recovery



THRIVE

68 pediatric burn survivors enjoyed an unforgettable summer camp, transforming from burn victims into burn survivors, along with **40** adult volunteers including fire fighters, medical professionals, teachers, social workers and **15** adult burn survivors



HOPE

2,500 hours of Peer

Support provided, offering hope, help and healing to burn survivors and their loved ones

EDUCATION

4 scholarships awarded to young adult burn survivors for higher education



CELEBRATION

36 burn survivors celebrated a brighter holiday with gifts of clothing, blankets, toys, special presents and food



COMMUNITY IN ACTION

\$60,000 in-kind donations supported campers with camp gear as well as

12,000 hours of volunteer service donated to improve the lives of burn survivors



Your support makes these opportunities available at no cost to burn survivors and their loved ones

For more information, including options to contribute, please contact us:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Burns Recovered* 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, in keeping with our mission, continued to provide many services to burn survivors and the community at large in 2015.

- ❖ Peer support was provided more than 2,500 instances, including burn survivors and their families, both in-patient and out-patient.
- ❖ Monthly support group meetings continue at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and University Hospital in Columbia.
- ❖ Created a new full-time position: Peer Support and Education Director. This Masters Level Professional, with his unique combination of professional training and clinical experience, as well as his own burn survival experience, provides compassionate encouragement and professional intervention for burn survivors as well as offering community education for the prevention of burn injuries.
- ❖ Midwest* Children's Burn Camp provided a life-changing camping opportunity to 68 burn-injured children who came together for a week of "Friends, Fun & Memories". 19% of the children attended MCBC for the first time. Children were transported to the Lake of the Ozarks from throughout Missouri and the Midwest for a 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. There were 3 CIT's (Counselor-In-Training); CIT's are previous campers and will be eligible to be counselors. MCBC could not have happened without the staff of 40 adult volunteers who donate their time, energy, and talent; volunteers included Fire Fighters, Paramedics, EMT's, Nurses, Teachers, Therapists, a Pilot, and many others.
- ❖ Two (2) burn survivors were provided pressure garments.
- ❖ The Holiday Family Support program made the holiday season brighter for 24 people in the 12 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 15 children who demonstrated inappropriate interest in fire; parents/care-givers also attended along with their child. The juvenile fire setter intervention program gives direction and help to children and their parents to prevent fire injuries and destruction.

- ❖ Burn Prevention Education was given to 14 schools with over 800 students throughout the year.
- ❖ More than 250 people attended the annual Holiday Party, Bowling Party and Family Picnics, providing friendship and camaraderie for burn survivors and their loved ones. 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
- ❖ BRSBG helped 4 young adults attend college with the benefit of our Scholarship Fund
- ❖ Beauty Is..., a coffee-table style photo book with pictures and stories of 32 burn survivors was provided to 60 burn survivors, loved ones, and/or hospital or medical centers, to assist survivors and co-survivors better understand recovery.
- ❖ Over 12,000 volunteer hours were donated to Burns Recovered; with a small staff of three, the majority of the service provided by BRSBG is volunteer driven.
- ❖ In addition to relying on generous community donations for all of our financial support, an additional \$60,000 worth of in-kind gifts were donated, including camp supplies such as backpacks, cameras, sunscreen, and even private airplane flights for campers outside of Missouri.
- ❖ Additional financial information about Burns Recovered and Midwest Children's Burn Camp is available on the BRSBG web site – www.brsg.org.

***Burns Recovered officially changed names:**

Burns Recovered Support Group is now known as:

Burns Recovered

Missouri Children's Burn Camp is now known as:

Midwest Children's Burn Camp