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Help Firefighters "Fill The Boot" and Fill Petco Park!

Save your spare change and join local firefighters as they support the Burn Institute during the **Seventh Annual "Give Burns The Boot" Firefighter Boot Drive** on Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

Uniformed firefighters from throughout the county will be collecting donations in their boots during the morning and afternoon commutes on May 3 and

outside of Petco Park on Friday, May 5. No donation is ever too small - last year, more than \$143,000 was raised. This fundraiser helps support many Burn Institute services and programs such as *Camp Beyond The Scars* for burn-injured children.

Each year, a fire department from each sector of the county is awarded the coveted bronzed fire boot

trophy. Defending their 2005 titles are: The San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (East County), Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (North County), Chula Vista Fire Department (South Bay), and San Diego Battalion 1 Unit C Division (San Diego Fire-Rescue Department).

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On Friday, May 5, 2006, be sure and reserve your seat at Petco Park for Firefighters' Night at The Padres Presented by Sycuan.

The Padres will host the Chicago Cubs at 7:05 p.m. with pre-game ceremonies beginning at 6:45 p.m. This special firefighter tribute will include nearly 100 firefighters lining the first and third base paths, a firefighter singing the national anthem, a young burn survivor throwing out the first pitch and a video tribute which honors our brave men and women of the fire service.

Select Padres game tickets can be purchased through the Burn Institute and area firefighters with a portion from each ticket sold benefiting the Burn Institute.



Each fan in attendance will receive a Padres Safari Floppy Cap. Hurry! A limited number of tickets are available so reserve your seats today! For more information, call the Burn Institute at (858) 541-2277, visit us online at www.burninstitute.org or e-mail Erika Sumner at esumner@burninstitute.org.

(On the Cover)
2006 Event Chair Captain Dale Stewart, Oceanside Fire Department, and honorary chair Karen Cruz, who is a burn survivor and attends the Burn Institute's Camp Beyond The Scars.

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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Greetings!

My last few messages to you have focused on our passion of ending preventable burn injuries in the community. But, it seems only appropriate that I give equal time to our other passion – the passion of helping burn survivors and their families.

To serve this latter mission, the UCSD Regional Burn Center and the Burn Institute come together daily to provide unparalleled assistance in a time of need. We were instrumental in helping found the Burn Center 33 years ago and have worked in collaboration through the years. But today, the synergy between the two organizations is at an all-time high. One example of our strong working relationship is how we come together to help burn survivors and their families. Utilizing the Institute's Emergency Needs and Special Assistance Funds, Burn Center and Burn Institute staff work together to identify needs and ensure that burn survivors and their families receive the extra assistance they require.

The Emergency Needs Fund is there for families immediately after their loved one is admitted to the burn unit. Sadly, when someone is severely burned it affects the entire family. It literally turns their world upside down. Items like emergency housing – so that family members have a place nearby to sleep – food, gas or transportation costs, and clothing vouchers allow the family to focus on what is really important, their loved one that has been severely injured.

And, after the patient is discharged and starts their long road to recovery, the Institute's Special Assistance Fund and other support programs kick in to provide much needed help to turn burn victims into burn

survivors. Things like rehabilitation equipment, pressure garments, and special psychosocial programs are just a few of the important necessities that our donors make possible.

Caring individuals – like you – who support the Burn Institute can rest assured that their generosity is making an immediate and direct impact on helping burn survivors and their families in their most critical time of need.

If you know a burn survivor in need, please tell them what the Institute has to offer – as always – at no cost to them. Special medical equipment, college scholarships, burn camp and more ... it's all there ... just for the asking.

Stay safe!

Best regards,

James A. Floros
**Executive Director/
Chief Executive Officer**



Please remember the Burn Institute in your annual United Way/CHAD & CFC Campaigns.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fire and Burn Prevention Facts & Tips

Fact 80% of burns to children are scalds.

Tips Always test bath water with your hand before bathing young children.

Juvenile Firesetting... A National Epidemic

According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, juvenile fire setters in the United States cause more than 40,000 fire incidents every year. This is a significant contribution to the total number of fires set in the United States. Out of the 40,000 fires started by juveniles, minors who are under the age of sixteen start 55%. It is estimated that 300 deaths, 2,000 injuries and 1.2 billion in property damage occurs yearly due to fires set by juveniles. (NVFC, 2004) Unfortunately, the juvenile firesetters themselves, or a younger sibling, are often the victims of firesetting. Often times they sustain severe burn injuries, and significant property damage occurs that directly affects the firesetter.

Fire behavior includes fire interest, fire starting, fire setting, and arson. Fire interest typically begins between ages three and five when the child asks about fire and they express interest through play. This is the first sign for parents to educate their children about fire safety. Firesetting occurs when children begin experimenting with matches and



lighters. It has been shown that young boys between the ages of three and nine experiment at least once with ignition sources. Because of this, it is important for parents to make sure fire experimentation is in a controlled and supervised setting. Another behavior is Firesetting, which is intentional and is often motivated by social, psychological, or medical problems. The most serious of fire behavior is arson, because it is the conscious effort to destroy or harm. Arson is an intentionally set fire that results in damage due to the fire set. 🔥

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Spring Forward and Start a Lifesaving Habit

On April 2, 2006, Daylight Savings Time begins and the Burn Institute would like to remind everyone that when they change their clocks ahead one hour, they should change the battery in their smoke alarms.

If you are a senior citizen, over the age of 55, own your own home, and do not have a working smoke alarm, you qualify for a FREE smoke alarm installation through the Burn Institute's Senior Smoke Alarm Program.

To sign up to receive your FREE smoke alarm, call **(858) 541-2277**. 🔥

2006 National Juvenile Firesetting Conference to be held in San Diego.

On June 1 & 2, the Burn Institute will host the 2006 National Juvenile Firesetting Conference in San Diego. This two-day conference will include numerous presentations by various experts in the field giving individuals a great range of information about Juvenile Firesetting. Presentations will also include information on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, regulations and how the Act affects Fire Agencies and Police Departments as well as other companies affected. The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation is a conference sponsor.

This conference will be held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center. To receive a conference registration package, contact Tally Benton at (858) 541-2277 x14 or tbenton@burninsitute.org 🔥

“Under Investigation”

A breaking news story reporting a structure fire may be the top news story for hours. The sight of smoke and flames engulfing a building as firefighters work hard to protect life and contain damage is certainly a dramatic story. During the incident a reporter may ask for the cause of the fire and at this point the standard response is given: “The fire is under investigation.” The cause is usually determined about 36 hours later, well after the reporters are gone and the excitement is over.

It is a common misconception that everything is consumed during a fire and that nothing can be identified. In reality almost nothing burns completely and how a material is burned can provide clues that help solve the mystery of the fire cause. An investigation begins after the fire has been completely extinguished. Care must be taken during the examination of the fire scene because all fires are assumed arson until they can be proven otherwise. This is to protect evidence that may ultimately demonstrate how the fire started and who may be involved. For this reason, every phase of the fire investigation is photographed thoroughly. Examination of the fire scene starts from the least damaged (burned) area to the most damaged area. In the simplest terms, because heat rises, the lowest point of most damage is usually where the fire started (area of origin).

Almost nothing burns completely, and how a material is burned can provide clues that help solve the mystery of the fire cause.

However, because different materials burn at different rates this may not always be the case. A flammable liquid or accelerant may have been used to cause the material to burn faster and mislead the investigator. After the fire scene has been examined, witnesses are interviewed. Anyone that may have information regarding the fire is questioned. In some cases the individuals involved in the fire may not be completely honest with the investigator. It may be embarrassment due to their accidental involvement in the fire or it could be another attempt to mislead the investigator. In the end, the cause of most fires can be determined.

Investigators have one of the most important jobs on the fire scene. Accurate fire investigations have changed the way buildings are constructed. As an example, the design of residential fire sprinkler systems have been developed after fire investigations determined that most residential fire deaths can be prevented. Residential sprinkler systems (considered

life-safety systems) are designed to protect the occupants of a home from death or serious burn injuries. One sprinkler head is usually enough to extinguish a fire or contain it until firefighters arrive on-scene. Fire investigations have also contributed in the development of fire safety consumer products including modern smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Many of the Burn Institute's successful educational programs have been developed in response to lessons learned from effective fire investigations. It is a hot, dirty and tedious effort. Yet, most investigators will tell you that it is one of the most rewarding assignments of their career.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Kerl, Fire Prevention Specialist
Santee Fire Department



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Your \$20 contribution helps distribute 200 Wildfire Guides to help homeowners safeguard their homes and families from wildfires.

\$20



Firefighter Brand Products Donate \$10,000 to the BI

The adage of “*doing well by doing good*” isn’t lost on the group of firefighters and entrepreneurs working to launch **Firefighter Brand™**, the hot new company dedicated to making great tasting, functional foods and beverages while supporting fire fighter causes nationwide. Since 2004, the company has established distribution in fourteen states and has donated more than \$150,000 in cash and products to a variety of causes including fire safety and prevention, burn centers, hurricane relief and fire fighter training and education.

In January, the brand partnered with San Diego-based Mesa Distributing and San Diego City Fire Fighters Local 145 to introduce its new line of performance and energy drinks, and to help raise money for important local causes. The brand pledged \$10,000 in advance of sales and profits to the Burn Institute. Ongoing donations of 25-cents per case on all products sold locally will be donated through Local 145 for disbursement to San Diego-area fire fighter causes. Ultimately, the brand’s mission is to donate 25% of its net profits to fire fighter causes nationwide. The \$10,000 donation to the Burn Institute will go toward a presenting sponsorship for **FIRE EXPO 2006** on **July 22, 2006**.

Since January, **EMS HYDRO™** performance drinks and **EMS STRONG™** energy drinks have been on supermarket and convenience store shelves. The brand anticipates its other products, which include chili, chips, barbecue sauce, salsa, trail mix, beef jerky and coffee, will be available later in 2006. To learn more about Firefighter Brand Products visit their website at www.firefighterbrand.com. 🔥

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- 85% Program Services
- 12% Fundraising
- 3% Management & General Costs

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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 as a one-time gift in the form of cash, check, credit card or appreciated stock. Or, you can become a member for only \$83 a month. For more information on the President’s Circle and the benefits of a membership, please call the Burn Institute at (858) 541-2277.

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Winter Camp 2006 . . . An “INCREDIBLE” Experience for Burn Survivors Young and Old

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of San Diego Foundation

During the school year, kids look forward to having some time off from school to relax and catch up with old friends. And, for three days over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, that’s exactly what 50 young burn survivors and nearly 25 adult burn survivors got to do. The Burn Institute held its combined *Camp Beyond the Scars* and *Adult Burn Survivors Retreat* in January. The theme was the “Incredibles” because no matter how down and out you are, you can always be a super hero and rise above.

Throughout the weekend, young burn survivors had the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new friends. These children have been able to overcome tragedy and help other burn survivors improve their self-esteem. The adult burn survivors and counselors-in-training also get a chance to participate in support sessions, which provides a supportive forum where young burn survivors can talk openly with adult burn survivors and special facilitators about issues that they may be facing due to their injury. This allows them to connect and offer support for with one another. The adult burn survivors hold their own support sessions

and group activities, joining the younger campers for meals and special group activities.

This year’s camp was held at Camp Oakbridge in Ramona. Volunteers from throughout the county donated their time to be a part of this extraordinary program. Many of those volunteer year after year, off duty firefighters, and adult burn survivors. This year’s winter camp festivities included golf, football, ultimate Frisbee, a ropes course, softball, movie night/slumber party, and an interactive group activity led by the well-known Drum Café.

Camp Beyond the Scars is the Burn Institute’s most notable burn survivor support program and is offered twice a year - a three day winter camp and a week long summer camp (August 6-13,2006). Children from throughout the Burn Institute’s service area are able to enjoy this wonderful experience at no charge.

The Burn Institute would like to thank those counselors, volunteers, and sponsors that made camp possible and always unforgettable. If you would like to

(Top Left) Young burn survivor Chelsea and camp counselor/adult burn survivor Jason, young burn survivor Ashley and Jacob.

(Top Right) Julie, the Burn Institute’s new support services coordinator attends *Camp Beyond The Scars* for the first time. Julie is pictured with young burn survivor Courtney.

(Bottom Right) Adult burn survivor, Bruce, attends his first Retreat for Adult Burn Survivors.

learn more about how you can become a camp volunteer or donate to camp, call the Burn Institute today. Your time and effort will make a difference. 🔥

Camp Thank Yous

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Team Effort Brings Holiday Cheer to Burn Survivors

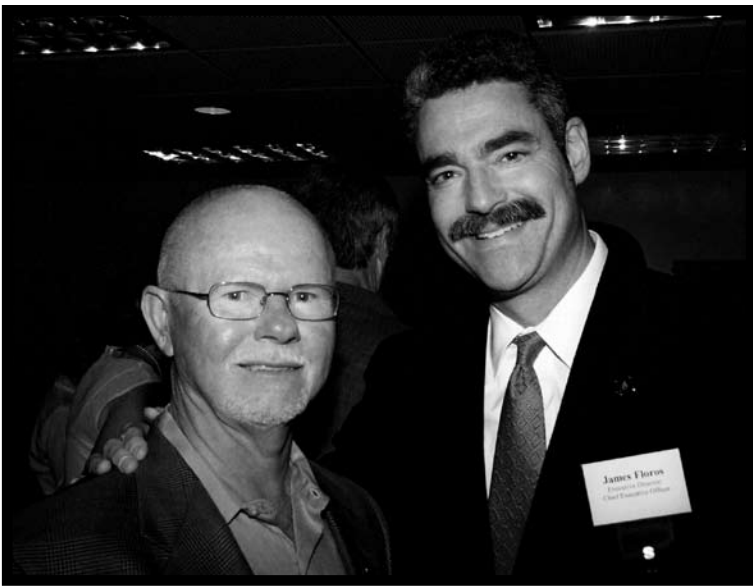
Once again, the Burn Institute and the UCSD Regional Burn Center teamed up to brighten the holidays for burn survivors and their families. Early in December, a group of more than 350 guests enjoyed a dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton San Diego, Mission Valley.

The evening was filled with many fun activities including face painting, a caricature artist and a visit from Santa Claus. Santa arrived on board a fire truck with lights flashing and brought every child in attendance a gift. The evening was magical thanks to our special volunteers who donated their time and holiday cheer. A warm thank you to Bruce “Santa” Kerl, face painting sisters Heather Bravence and Stacey Seldon.

(Left) A group of children gather to show off their Rudolph whiskers and red nose that was painted on their happy little faces.

Your gift of \$500 will sponsor a burn-injured child to attend the week-long summer *Camp Beyond the Scars*.

\$500



Auction, Wine Tasting & Casino Night Raises \$45,000 for Burn Survivors

On February 11th, over 300 friends of the Burn Institute packed the San Diego Hall of Champions for a fun-filled evening featuring San Diego's finest restaurants, California wines, casino fun, and unique auction items.

The association of February with love dates back to ancient times. In keeping with tradition, guests at the 14th Annual Share Your Heart Auction, Wine Tasting and Casino Night definitely showed their love and support by raising more than \$45,000 for the Burn Institute.

Padres Bench Coach and burn survivor Tony Muser and his wife Nancy served as honorary chairs. Members of the honorary committee included Robert Breitbard, Jerry and Carolyn Davee, Steve and Kathleen Flynn, Randy and Marie Jones, Kimberly Hunt and Billy Ray Smith, John and Barbara Mattos, Mike and Barbara Morton, and Craig and Karen Edwards.

Kimberly Hunt and Billy Ray Smith also served as emcees for the event, along with auctioneer Russ Stolnack. The live auction featured exciting items such as Charger Girl for Day, Firefighter for a Day, and the Tony Muser Experience, which included lunch, batting practice, an autographed jersey and dug-out seats to a Padres home game.

Share Your Heart is an annual event of the Burn Institute Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is a group of volunteers who conduct the Share Your Auction & Wine Tasting Casino Night. They meet the third Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in being involved with the Auxiliary and to help coordinate this amazing event, we want to hear from you! Please contact Erika Sumner at the Burn Institute for more information. ♡

Top Left
(Left to right)
Burn Institute Board President Jim Hansen and Burn Institute Executive Director/CEO James Floros.

Top Right
(Left to right)
Honorary Share Your Heart Committee members John Mattos and wife Barbara, Honorary Chair Padres Coach Tony Muser.

Bottom Right
(Left to right)
Evening emcees KUSI TV News Anchor Kimberly Hunt and On-Air Personality Billy Ray Smith from XXSports Radio.

A warm thank you to Presenting Sponsor Barona Band of Mission Indians. Kimberly Hunt, Billy Ray Smith, Russ Stolnack, Marie Palmer-Jeffery, Jason Cathers, Event Chair Denise Burke, William Sumner, Heather Cook, Deb Okleshen, Shelli Dempster, Mark Lantz, Klaus Schryen, Glenn Adams, Stage 4, Julie Rozell, Marty Schoonderwoerd, the San Diego Hall of Champions. The Auxiliary would also like to thank all those who worked so hard before and after the event behind the scenes. You are the best!

Thank you to All the Restaurants and Wineries that Participated

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2006 CALENDAR

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Day at the Docks

April 23

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
San Diego Sportfishing Landings,
Point Loma

MAY

Bomberos Golf Tournament

May 1

Cottonwood Golf Course

"Give Burns The Boot" Firefighter Boot Drive

May 3

Throughout San Diego County

Firefighter Night at The Padres

May 5

Petco Park

33rd Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

May 25

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

JUN

National Juvenile Firesetter Conference

June 1 & 2

Sheraton San Diego, Mission Valley

JUL

Modern Postcard Fire Expo 2006 Presented by Firefighter Brands and Sycuan

July 22

Qualcomm Stadium - Parking Area "J"
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
1 p.m. Burn Run Parade of
Fire Apparatus
FREE Admission

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Camp Beyond The Scars

August 6-13

Camp Cuyamaca, Descanso

16th Annual San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association

Golf Tournament

TBD

NOV

3rd Annual Burn Institute-Inland Empire Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

November 3

Pechanga Resort & Casino, Temecula

SEP

San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association Golf Tournament

September 12

The Crosby

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or visit us online at www.burninstitute.org.

EVENTS/VOLUNTEERS

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JON SANFORD

Volunteer Spotlight

Jon Sanford has been a dedicated Burn Institute volunteer since 2003. He first learned about the Burn Institute's important work from his neighbor, Chief Mitch Sanders from the Federal Fire Department.

For the past three years, Jon has volunteered for just about everything you can think of. He has helped with selling raffle tickets at Day at the Docks, and he volunteers with set up at the annual Fire Expo. He also helps out with golf tournaments, community health fairs and the annual Share Your Heart Auction, Wine Tasting & Casino Night. However, his favorite volunteer activity is installing smoke alarms through the Institute's Senior Smoke Alarm Program. Together, Jon and his friend Ken Shortt have installed more than 100 smoke alarms and have helped to make our community a safer place.

What many people may not know about Jon is that he is also a burn survivor. He was burned in the line of duty as a Forest Service Firefighter in 1959. In addition to volunteering for the Burn Institute, his hobbies include camping and making wood model boats and planes.

The Burn Institute salutes Jon Sanford for serving as a dedicated Burn Institute volunteer. ♡

SAVE THE DATE!

33rd Annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 25, 2006 @ 6 p.m.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina – East Tower, Grand Ballroom

Individual tickets: \$100

Sponsorships are available.

Contact: **Rosella Aplin (858) 541-2277 x17**

raplin@burninstitute.org

SPIRIT OF COURAGE 2006 
THE 33RD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Imperial Valley

Cold Stone Creamery Makes a Sweet Donation

On Saturday, February 11, Cold Stone Creamery opened its doors in El Centro. The day-long celebration included appearances by many celebrities including the guys from Orange County Choppers.

(Left to right) Rudy Seanez from the Boston Red Sox, Congressman Bob Filner, Akinori Otsuka from the Texas Rangers and Art Garcia, Community Outreach Specialist for the Burn Institute – Imperial Valley

Cold Stone Creamery donated \$2,724 from their opening day proceeds to the Burn Institute – Imperial Valley. A very special thank you to all the Burn Institute volunteers, local area firefighters and to the owner of Cold Stone – El Centro, Rudy Seanez, for his support of the Burn Institute – Imperial Valley. ♡



Spring into Action And Join The Burn Institute Auxiliary!

The Burn Institute's Spring Auxiliary Membership Drive is now underway. The Burn Institute Auxiliary, established in 1994, is a group of volunteers who play an integral role in the ongoing success of the Burn Institute. The only qualifications you need are: a positive attitude, lots of energy, team spirit and a smile.



As a member of the Burn Institute Auxiliary you will make new friends and get to be a part of planning the exciting Annual Share Your Heart, Auction, Wine Tasting and Casino Night.

Monthly meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the Burn Institute and it only costs \$25 to join for one year. During the month of April, two people can join the Auxiliary for the price of one. So what are you waiting for? Grab a friend and grab the phone and contact **Erika Sumner** at (858) 541-2277 x20 or esumner@burninstitute.org. ♡

FFACBI Elects New Officers

The San Diego – Imperial County Fire Fighters Advisory Council to the Burn Institute (FFACBI) recently elected its new slate of officers: President – Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Chumbley, Carlsbad Fire Department; Vice President – Captain Mike Nuanes, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department; Secretary – Captain Daryn Drum, Lemon Grove Fire Department; Treasurer – Captain Tim Dibsie, Santee Fire Department.



The FFACBI is a group of volunteers from fire department personnel throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. The FFACBI supports the Burn Institute through annual fundraisers, such as the countywide Give Burns the Boot Boot Drive, Firefighter's Night at the Padres, Burn Run/Fire Expo, Fire on the Fairways and the Firefighter Poker Tournament. This year's Modern Postcard FIRE EXPO 2006 presented by Firefighter Brands and Sycuan will be held on Saturday, July 22 at Qualcomm Stadium. The FFACBI needs your help to sell special event t-shirts, bring in sponsors and enthusiastic volunteers! ♡

i UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Burn Institute's work in the community simply would not be possible without the help from hundreds of volunteers who donate their time and energy every year. Volunteer opportunities are as diverse as the volunteers themselves. Currently, we are looking for people to help with the following:

Day at the Docks

April 23, 2006

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

San Diego Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma
Volunteers needed to sell raffle tickets. A portion from all raffle tickets sold benefits the Burn Institute.

Senior Smoke Alarm Installations

Date and times are flexible

Volunteers are needed to install smoke alarm in the home of seniors. This can also be done as

a group project through your employer. Organize a group of employees and spend a few hours making a difference in your community.

Modern Postcard FIRE EXPO 2006 Presented by Firefighter Brands and Sycuan Saturday, July 22, 2006

The FFACBI is looking for volunteers to help local firefighters with set-up, staffing community booths, assistance with the Kiddie Carnival, clean-up and more. This is a super fun day and you will get to meet some great people in your community.

If you are interested in any of these great volunteer opportunities, contact Director of Volunteer Services **Kathleen Frampton** at (858) 541-2277 x11 or at kframpton@burninstitute.org

Join the Burn Institute Auxiliary for an annual membership fee of just \$25.

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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

Program Highlight Juvenile Firesetter Program

The Burn Institute's Juvenile Firesetter Program works directly with your family to provide valuable fire and burn education including the consequences of playing with fire. If you suspect or find evidence that your child is setting fires you should be concerned and you should call the Burn Institute. The Juvenile Firesetter Program is FREE of charge and is available in both English and Spanish. For more information contact **Aida Flores** at (858) 541-2277 x13 or aflores@burninstitute.org

Donate Your Vehicle

By donating your auto, boat or RV you can directly support the important work of the Burn Institute. In addition, you will also receive the maximum legal tax deduction and potentially earn a cash payment. FREE towing and pick-up anywhere in the United States.

Call toll free, and remember to designate the Burn Institute as the beneficiary.

(866) 244-8464

Beacon Bits

♣ The Burn Institute Board of Directors would like to welcome new board members: Susan McClellan, Charlie Brown from Viejas Enterprises and Bruce Potenza, M.D. from the UCSD Regional Burn Center.

♣ The Burn Institute would like to welcome new Assistant Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer Diane Sutherland and Receptionist Andrea Barela and congratulate the following staff members on their recent promotions: Aida Flores to Director of Program Services and Christina Lesniak to Development Coordinator.

♣ The Burn Institute extends its sincere condolences to the Connor family for the recent passing of CC Connor. CC was a dedicated Burn Institute volunteer for many years and her presence will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Burn Survivor Enjoys A Super Special Day!

On a cold, snowy, January weekend, 11-year-old Jack Sample got to experience something he will remember for the rest of his life - he and his dad Tim, attended the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit, Michigan. When Jack was 9-years-old, he sustained third degree burns to 50% of his body when his shirt came in contact with



an open flame from a candle. His shirt ignited and Jack's life was forever changed. While still wearing pressure garments, Jack attended his first Camp Beyond The Scars, conducted by the Burn Institute twice each year. Jack made new friends and inspired all who met him. The Burn Institute, and the Sample family, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Bacino Family for donating the tickets and airfare and for making a young boy's dream come true. ♣

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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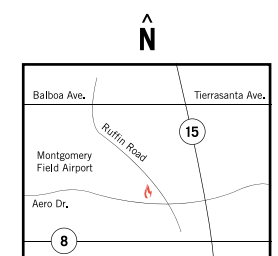
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