

BurnAid Golf Classic Funds Benefit Children & Families

The BurnAid Golf Classic has been established to fund programs and services to benefit burn injured children and their family members. It is hosted by NFSA, Minnesota Chapter, Regions Hospital Foundation and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division.

Gifts through this tournament enable the Burn Center to offer unique and far-reaching programs to benefit children and their families. In seventeen years the BurnAid Golf Classic has gifted \$730,000 to the Burn Center.

Proceeds have helped fund various Burn Center programs:

- **Site Right Ultrasound machine**
This ultrasound machine makes it much less painful for burn victims to be outfitted with IV's . It is especially valuable in treating small children.
- **Burn Survivor Support Representative**
Chris Gilyard, 2001 BurnAid speaker, works with patients offering Lifelong support in living with burn injuries.
- **Interactive Face Mask Display**
This display of molding techniques for the plastic facial orthosis also called the transparent face mask which is used to minimize burn scarring. This display is used by medical staff, fire departments and schools to help with burn injury education.
- **Cooltheburn.com website**
People worldwide can ask questions and seek help with burn injuries on this site.
- **School Re-entry Program funding**
Burn Center occupational therapist staff visit the classrooms of children returning to school after a burn injury. The occupational therapist tells the children about burn treatment and passes around samples of what they may see their friend wearing to treat the burn.
- **Burn Hydrotherapy rooms and Burn Shower Cart**
Rather than an immersion tank the shower cart, which is more effective in cleaning bacteria off the wound, was purchased along with contributions for major hydrotherapy room renovations. The Burn shower cart has controllable flows of spray allowing for very gently or more powerful spray.
- **Family waiting Rooms**
Allow patient and family visitors a comfortable place to visit - not just a hospital bed and two chairs. The family and patients can watch movies or play games in the pediatric areas.
- **Window blinds**
Integral blinds are enclosed between two panes of window glass which eliminates the dust and bacteria that normal blinds might accumulate and these help minimize infection.
- **Children's Burn Camp**
Camp Cheley in Colorado is a summer camp experience that helps children who are burn survivors with emotional and physical impairments or just an opportunity to be with other survivors. It can cost up to \$2000.00 per child to fly them to CO and to register for this week long camp. Regions staff are also supported to attend in order to provide the highly specialized needs for these kids.
- **Family Burn Camp**
This is the Minnesota Family Burn Camp in Ely MN. This is a unique opportunity for the entire family of burn survivor to interact and work through the changes that can affect the entire family of the survivor at this week long camp.