
The Burn Injury Numbers

- 1,200,000 people are burned annually in the United States.
- Over 500,000 burn injuries receive medical treatment each year; 83,300 are under the age of 14.
- 40,000 require hospitalization, with 25,000 admitted to burn centers.
- 20,000 survivors have burns affecting at least 25% of their total body surface.
- Only 8% of hospitals in the U.S. have a burn center. This means many survivors do not have access to nearby burn center or support services.
- Burns are one of the most expensive catastrophic injuries to treat.
- 31% of patients are uninsured, underinsured or private/self-pay; 25% were insured by government programs.

* Provided by American Burn Association & Safe Kids USA.

The Phoenix Society Where we come in

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering anyone affected by a burn injury through peer support, education and advocacy. For more than 30 years, the Society has partnered with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, burn centers and the fire industry to prevent burn injuries, support recovery and improve the quality of care. We are committed to developing recovery resources, providing environments to renew the spirit and supporting a positive return to life. We offer the tools to start again.

There is power in numbers

Our staff possesses over 50 years combined experience in burn care and by teaming up with organizations such as burn centers, local and regional nonprofits and the fire industry, we are able to offer an ever-growing range of programs and resources that impact thousands of lives. All our programs are built with a collaborative spirit ensuring the dollars invested produce maximum impact.

Our budget for 2008 is \$900,000. Revenue currently comes primarily from memberships, corporations, foundations and private donations. Our collaborative efforts keep expenses low as indicated in our 2006 audit showing that our administrative and fundraising costs were at 15% of our total budget, which is well below most national non-profits. This enables us to continually meet all 20 standards for charity accountability and maintain our status as a Better Business Bureau accredited charity.

The Need Where you come in

Of the patients admitted to burn centers, there is nearly a 95% survival rate. As the number of people surviving serious burn injuries increases, the demand for essential recovery resources also increases.

We have been able to reach thousands of people, but thousands more could benefit from our services and programs. Many burn-injured children return to school without adequate support or the tools necessary to be socially successful. We receive reports of survivors not returning to work due to social isolation or inadequate rehabilitation. Many survivors have yet to receive the basic support of meeting another survivor and realizing they are not alone. We regularly receive comments from survivors such as: "I am a burn survivor of 50 years. I have 3rd and 4th degree burns over 85% of my body and have lived with this with no support until learning of the Phoenix Society two weeks ago. I have never spoken to another burn survivor before or anyone who has dealt with the issues we do." We can change this reality together.

We look forward to exploring ways of working together to assist those affected by a burn injury to recover, renew and return to life. Contact us today to discuss your philanthropic goals and how we might work together to expand and ensure access to the resources necessary for a successful recovery to *everyone* impacted by a burn injury.



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