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Leaving a legacy for British Columbia's burn survivors and its citizens —

2005 Opening of the BCPFF Burn & Wound Healing Research Laboratory at VGH

The Burn Fund is a registered non-profit charity established in 1978 by the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association. It provides life saving, life supporting, and life enriching services to the people in British Columbia.

More than 3,300 professional fire fighters from forty-eight locals around the province are building the Burn Fund's vision. They dedicate their time and skills to support burn survivors and increase the public's knowledge about fire and burn safety issues through the work the Burn Fund does with its Burn Awareness, Research and Prevention Programs.

Like many non-profit organizations in today's economy, we are consistently challenged by the rising demand for resources and services. The key to preventing burn victims and empowering survivors is knowledge. While the Burn Fund can look back at its successes, there is much more work to do.

The generosity of individuals, companies, and foundations is crucial to the continued development and delivery of the essential programs, services, equipment and support so desperately needed by burn survivors, families, caregivers, and hospitals.

Since the first cheque was presented over twenty-nine years ago to the Burn Unit Director Dr. Charles Snelling by Captain Alex Blake from Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782, the Burn Fund has raised well over two-million dollars for

the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at VGH . . . we are very proud that the Burn Unit bears our name, in recognition of our ongoing support.

The involvement with the Burn Unit — and

now our sponsorship of the new BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory are just two of the ways that the Burn Fund can leave a lasting legacy for the citizens of British Columbia.

Close to 750 burn survivors live in B.C. They are from all walks of life and range in age from infants to seniors.

The journey from burn patient to burn survivor is a long and painful one. It is sustained by hope, conviction and unparalleled courage. Confronting the challenges imposed by a lifetime of pain or disfigurement is just the beginning for most burn survivors. They must also struggle to heal the acute emotional and psychological trauma that can be equally painful and daunting.

The Burn Fund Needs Your Support

We have a lot more to do — we're proud to be working on these new programs and initiatives of the Burn Fund:

The Burn Fund Building — will house accommodation for:

- burn survivors and their families,
 - an educational component like the Fire Zone in New York,
 - a resource centre for burn survivors, fire fighters, health care professionals, the media and others,
 - and the offices of the Burn Fund and BCPFF Association.
- ◆ We embarked on the capital campaign this time last year. We're in the development stage — laying the groundwork — by securing financial support, land, and key players like architects, a project manager and contractors.
- ◆ The Burn Fund Building will open in conjunction with the British Columbia 2009 World Police & Fire Games. The games are the second largest in the world after the Olympics, attracting more than 14,000 athletes from almost 70 countries.
- ◆ Secured by Burnaby Fire Fighters Local 323, the Games will be held throughout the Lower Mainland between July 31 and August 9, 2009.
- ◆ We are honoured that the Fire Fighters involved with the Games have chosen the Burn Fund as their Charity of Choice.

The Phoenix Society's 19th World Burn Congress —

- ◆ Vancouver is the host city for the World Burn Congress in October 2007.
- ◆ It brings together burn survivors, their families, caregivers, burn care professionals and fire service personnel.
- ◆ It provides an international forum to encourage and facilitate an exchange of knowledge and support within the burn community.
- ◆ The Burn Fund, BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn & Plastic Surgery Unit at VGH and the Burn Unit at BC Children's Hospital are co-hosting the event with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors.

Adult Burn Survivor Program —

- ◆ The British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund is creating a world first Adult Burn Survivor support program.
- ◆ *The Future is Mine* will provide information, resources, inspiration, education, current research, and shared experiences from survivors and their families.
- ◆ Support will be available for adult burn survivors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Burn Fund Building, the Adult Burn Survivor Program and the World Burn Congress are all ways that BC's Professional Fire Fighters can leave a lasting legacy for the citizens and burn survivors of our province.

For more information about the programs and services of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, please visit

www.burnfund.org



Burn Fund Directors Terry Abrams (L) from North Vancouver District Fire Fighters Local 1183 and Ryan Cail from Kamloops Fire Fighters Local 913 with burn survivor Maxine Llewellyn

Burn Fund Board of Directors

The Board is elected for a two-year term. It represents by fire fighters from forty-eight locals around the province of British Columbia.

All positions are unpaid.

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EMPOWERING SURVIVORS!!!”**