



BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

CHARITABLE GIVING & ESTATE PLANNING For Private Donors

Levels of Giving

PLATINUM

Sponsor Contribution of
\$50,000 or more

GOLD

Sponsor Contribution of
\$25,000 to \$50,000

SILVER

Sponsor Contribution of
\$15,000 to \$25,000

BRONZE

Sponsor Contribution of
\$5,000 to \$15,000

FRIEND

Sponsor Contribution of
\$2,500 to \$5000

SUPPORTER

Sponsor Contribution of
Under \$2,500

A registered charity, the Burn Fund is the charitable arm of the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association. More than 3,700 professional fire fighters from fifty communities in British Columbia and the Yukon 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. For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.burnfund.org.

Why give to the Burn Fund?

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.

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.

There are many ways to give

Some of the ways to give to the Burn Fund are outlined in this brochure. They are a guideline to show the options available. To ensure that your choice of option is the best for you, the Burn Fund encourages you to seek independent financial or legal advice. This brochure is not meant to replace professional advice, and is for information purposes only.

How to give

You may make your donation online or call the Burn Fund office at 604-436-5617, or fax or mail.

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund is a registered charity. Tax receipts will be issued for a gift of \$20 or more.



LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE BURN FUND

Charitable Cash Donations

In addition to donating a sum of money directly to the Burn Fund, you might consider directing your gift to honour someone, remember a special occasion like a birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or to remember a loved one.

Here are examples of how your donation can create a lasting legacy:

In Memory Of Donations
Honorary Donations
Celebration Donations
Wedding / Birthday Donations
Designated / Naming Donations

The Burn Fund sends an announcement of your gift to recognize the person or persons being honoured. The amount is kept confidential, and you will receive an acknowledgement of your donation along with a tax receipt.

Monthly Giving

By donating on a monthly basis, you may have the amount debited from your bank chequing account, or you may pay by credit card. This form of giving enables you to budget your payments over the course of a year, instead of making a lump sum donation. A tax receipt is issued at the end of the year.

Charitable Non-Cash Giving - Gifts in Kind

Non-cash giving options include equipment, stock options, securities, or real estate. A tax receipt would be issued for the fair market value of the gift at time of receipt. An independent professional appraiser must determine the value of the item.

Endowments

Endowments are funds which are invested and the annual income is designated to a specific program of the Burn Fund. This gift is a legacy and provides the donor with the knowledge that the funds will continue in perpetuity. Endowments of \$25,000 or more can be established through the Burn Fund.

Donate Property

The Burn Fund would become the owner of property and would benefit from the development, rental or sale of the property.

Securities

Stock, Mutual Funds, and Bonds can be gifted directly to the Burn Fund, rather than selling the securities and making a cash gift from the sale proceeds. Under this method, the government provides additional tax incentives by reducing the capital gain inclusion rate to 25 per cent of any gains from 50 per cent, which is the current inclusion rate.

Stock Options

Companies that are in the initial public offering or secondary offering stage may make a gift of stock options to the Burn Fund. A tax receipt is issued for the value of the option at the time of the donation (market value of stock less the exercise price). The options may then grow in value and when exercised can be sold by the charity.

Planned Giving

Wills & Bequests direct that a certain sum of money, a specific asset or a portion of your estate be given to the Burn Fund following your death. By working with your legal advisor, and discussing your plans with your family, and executor, you can be sure that your wishes will be carried out.

Life Insurance

The Burn fund may be named as the primary beneficiary of your life insurance policy proceeds, creating a valuable tax benefit to your estate. A tax receipt will be issued for the value of the insurance policy. Check the limitations on the deduction available for charitable donations— for example; maximum deduction equal to total income for the year— and you may also carry back any excess to previous year before death up to that year's total income. This also reduces probate fees by designating the charity directly as beneficiary.

Charitable Annuities

A Charitable Annuity is purchased from an insurance company. Monthly payments are based on the amount of capital contributed by the donor. An initial tax receipt is given, based on the value of the initial contribution less the total anticipated payments from the annuity, based upon the annuitant's life expectancy.

Residual Interest

Some donors leave their homes or other real estate to charities like the Burn Fund. This allows for considerable tax savings during the donor's lifetime. The fair market value of the donor's property is determined when the gift is made, the donor's age is considered and a discount rate is set that determines the value of the donor's tax receipt. The tax benefits are received now, and the donor retains the right to live in the home or receive rental income throughout his or her lifetime.

Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)

A tax receipt is issued for the value of your gift and issued to the estate, when the charity is named as the beneficiary which is applied against income in the donor's final income tax return.

Tax Deduction

Tax deduction limitations exist for all donations at 75 per cent of net income and any excess donations can be carried forward up to five years. In year of death, the limit is raised to 100 per cent of net income and excess may be carried back one year up to 100 per cent of that year's net income.

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS GO



Burn Units and Burn Treatment Centres in BC

BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit at Vancouver General Hospital

With province-wide donations from fire fighter locals, corporate sponsors and the public, the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund has made over \$2.5 million in donations to the Burn, Plastic & Trauma Unit at VGH. The commitment to support the Unit began in 1977. The Burn Fund will continue to fund essential burn survivor support programs, including patient care items, staff training and statistical and research programs in keeping with Vancouver General Hospital's mandate of excellence and leadership in patient care, research and teaching.

Burn Program at BC Children's Hospital

The Children's Burn Program, which treats B.C.'s most severe paediatric burn cases, is located at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver. The Burn Fund supports the Burn Program by funding burn survivor support programs, patient care items, and staff training.

Royal Jubilee Hospital Burn Unit

Victoria's Royal Jubilee Burn Unit receives support in the form of burn survivor programs, patient care items and staff training.

Burn Treatment Centres in Regional Hospitals throughout British Columbia

The Burn Fund provides staff training and pays for burn survivor support in all hospitals around the province.

Medical Support Upgrading and Education

Every year the Burn Fund sends nurses, medical residents, occupational therapists and physical therapists from Burn Units at Vancouver General Hospital, BC Children's Hospital and Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria to the American Burn Association annual meeting. The Fund also sends nurses to the Canadian Association of Burn Nurses annual meeting and other international, national and provincial educational opportunities.

Support for Burn Survivors and their Families

The Burn Fund provides patient comfort items such as pressure garments (bandages) for burn survivors, and provides support in the form of travel and accommodations for those in need. Bursaries are available for burn survivors who are continuing their Post Secondary Education. For example, the cost of Jobst Pressure Garments range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per person.

Adult Burn Survivor Program - *The Future is Mine*

The Burn Fund created a world first Adult Burn Survivor support program which launched in April 2007. *The Future is Mine* provides information, resources, inspiration, education, current research, and shared experiences from survivors and their families. Support is available for adult burn survivors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The cost to maintain this program is over \$75,000 per year.

Burn Awareness Week (BAW)

By targeting children in the high-risk group of ages six to twelve, the program is designed to teach kids to be responsible for their own safety, and make their families aware of potentially harmful situations. BAW contains animated and interactive pages, safety tips, teaching tips and student activity sheets suitable for classroom or home use. Students can enter the annual Burn Awareness Poster Contest.

BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Building

A first in North America, The Burn Fund Building will contain suites for burn survivors and their families, an interactive multi media educational/resource component, and a research facility for clinical trials in burn and wound healing.

BCPFF Chair in Burn and Wound Healing

The Burn Fund, in partnership with VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, are committed to creating a \$3 million endowment to fund a chair in burn and wound healing. An internationally recognized research team at Vancouver General Hospital is working on a new treatment for wounds that will prevent the heavy scarring experienced by many burn survivors. The applications for this treatment extend to any wound that is susceptible to scarring—from injuries due to burns, wounds from diabetes, or even the scars that remain after other trauma or surgery. This lab has the potential to bring the most significant advances ever achieved in the care of burn injured and scarred patients.

BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory at Vancouver General Hospital

Dr. Aziz Ghahary, a world-renowned leader in the treatment of burns and wounds, heads The BCPFF Burn and Wound Healing Research Laboratory. It serves the BCPFF Burn, Plastic & Trauma Unit and collaborates with other researchers in the division of dermatology, the department of surgery, the department of dentistry and the diabetes research group.

Annual Camp for Young Burn Survivors

The Burn Fund hosts young burn survivors for one week of summer camp. Over eight hundred children between the ages of six to 18 have attended the camp. Doctors, nurses, medical therapists, adult burn survivors and professional fire fighters donate their time as counsellors. Campers come from all areas of British Columbia to experience a week of joy, safety and freedom. The Burn Fund covers the camper's travel and accommodation, and the cost of coordinating and operating the camp. There is no fee for the campers. The cost for each camper to attend is approximately \$2,900.

Bright Nights in Stanley Park

A joint event with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Bright Nights has raised over \$1.3 million dollars for the Burn Fund. This achievement is supported by more than 500 off-duty professional fire fighters from the Lower Mainland and other Fire Fighter Locals from around B.C. who donate their time to set up, operate and take down the annual display. Student volunteers act as festival ambassadors. Individuals, companies and foundations donate goods and funds to ensure the over 200 thousand visitors enjoy the event called "the most spectacular lighting display in Canada".

www.burnfund.org

The Burn Fund website is an on-line source for burn survivors and their families, fire fighters, media, healthcare and education professionals. It is designed to educate, empower and inform the public about fire safety and burn fund issues that concern health and well-being.

BURN FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Burn Fund Executive and Board of Directors are represented by professional fire fighters from around the province who donate their time. All positions are unpaid.

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**Contact the Burn Fund today
and find out how you can help**

**We are available to meet with you
to discuss donor opportunities**



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Yes, I want to support the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

I would like to give

\$ _____

Name _____

for the following
Burn Fund program:

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I prefer to donate by: Cheque VISA MasterCard

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry _____

Signature: _____

Please contact me regarding:

- Monthly Gifts
- Naming Gifts
- Non-cash Gifts
- Planned Giving

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