



Burn Treatment News

CFBTS DONATES \$500,000 TO THE BURN UNIT



Left to right - Dr. Robert Lindsay, Medical Director, Burn Unit, FMC; Don Adamson, Burn Survivor; Deputy Chief Steve Dongworth, Calgary Firefighters; Marg Semel, Director of Surgery, Calgary Health Region; Lucy Weir, Patient Care Manager, Burn Unit, FMC; and Rory Evans, President, Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society.

On November 23rd, 2006 the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society presented the Calgary Health Trust with its annual donation to the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Centre.

\$500,000 was raised through many various burn treatment functions including our very popular “Ladies Night Out” and sales of our “Hotstuff” calendar. The CFBTS also relies on the generosity of corporate Calgary and numerous individual donors.

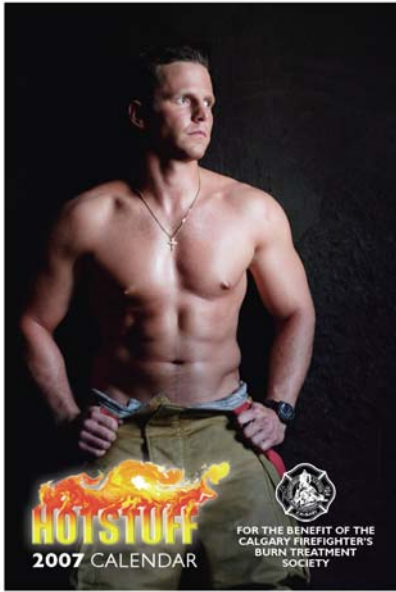
The CFBTS has now raised just over \$4 million to date since its inception in 1978.

Ladies Night Out 2007 - May 12th

- Gourmet meal prepared and served by your Calgary Firefighters
- Live music and entertainment
- Door prizes
- Hotstuff calendar appearances
- Live and Silent auctions

Tickets go on sale Valentine’s Day, February 14th, 2007. Check online at www.cfbts.org for more details.

2007 Hotstuff Calendar – Now On Sale !!!



It's available at any local London Drugs store, Legacy Savings or online at www.cfbts.org.

The price is \$20.00 and every dollar goes to support the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Centre at the Foothills Medical Centre.

Get your copy today.

We Need Your Help

The Burn Unit is need of some new equipment in 2007. We are trying to raise funds this year to purchase some of the following items.



Stryker Bariatric Motorized Stretcher



Stryker Stretcher Chair



Nicolet Hand Held Doppler

This device is used to measure blood flow in circumferentially burned digits to determine the level of damage or progress of recovery.



Therabite Jaw Motion Rehabilitation System

This provides anatomically correct stretching & motion for effective jaw rehabilitation therapy needed with burn patients who suffer burns to the face and neck areas.

Burn Prevention and Fire Safety



Winter brings some new challenges with regards to fire safety and burn prevention

- Check alternative heating devices, space heaters, block heaters, etc... for safe operation.
- Check your automobile block heater cords regularly for frays or damage.
- Have your chimney and furnace checked and cleaned each fall but do it now if you forgot.
- Don't leave your vehicle running in your garage for any period of time. It produces Carbon Monoxide gas which can make you very ill and even cause death.
- Prevent scald burns by turning your water heater to no higher than 49 degrees Celsius or 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Usually medium to medium-low setting.
- Install, maintain and test smoke alarms and CO detectors.
- Clean and inspect dryer vents and lint traps regularly.

CFBTS Supports Burn Survivors

The CFBTS has provided funding to help create the newly formed Foothills Burn Survivor Group. This organization includes former and current burn patients who meet to discuss, support and help each other with the many issues surrounding burn survival, recovery and rehabilitation.

Burn patients receive the best care possible while being treated at the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Centre but the CFBTS has recognized that there is need to provide more support to burn patients after they leave the hospital. Burn treatment and recovery is a long process that involves many steps which can take months, years or even a lifetime to recover from. The CFBTS has decided to be more proactive in the recovery process that happens outside the hospital environment.

- The formation of the Foothills Survivor Burn Group has provided former and current patients with an organization that they themselves administer. The CFBTS has also provided funding to send burn survivors to national burn survivor conferences where they attend workshops, share new ideas, and learn the latest in burn treatment techniques that they then bring back to share with other survivors.
- The CFBTS was invited by the Edmonton Firefighters Burn Treatment Society to participate in the Alberta Children's Burn Camp this past summer. This was an eye-opening experience for all the members who participated and reinforced our understanding of the importance for burn survivors to get together to share ideas, thoughts and experiences.
- The CFBTS has also joined The Federation of Burn Foundations, an organization that allows burn treatment organizations to network, share new ideas and provide direction and support. They have also provided funding for **SOAR** (Survivors Offering Assistance In Recovery). A training program for staff and burn volunteers on how to run a burn survivor support program.

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