

# *Washington Regional Fire & Rescue Departments*

## **ACBC Update**

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### **Young Burn Survivors Find New FRIENDS . . . New COURAGE**

This year the Washington Regional Fire & Rescue Departments Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Program sponsored 28 children (\$650 per child) to the 2000 Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp (MABC). Many of us cherish memories of a summer camp. Its no different for the 87 children who spent a week in the Blue Ridge Mountains - except its the first time some of these children, ages 6-17, have met other burn survivors. Here, there is no need to hide scars - no stares, questions, or taunts. The children can make friends, gain confidence and have some fun.

Shared experience helps campers cope with both physical and emotional traumas. Most childhood burns result from in-home fires or accidental scalds. Others happen at the hands of abusive care-givers. Some of the children at MABC have burns that aren't visible; other have second- or third-degree burns over most of their bodies. They come from urban and rural areas, from families of many ethnic backgrounds and income brackets, from New York to Virginia and from as far away as Texas and England. But, regardless of their origins or cause of injury, the children have one thing in common: isolation.

Only a small percentage of the U.S. population is burn-injured, says Tonas Kalil, MABC Director. In a metro area, a child can go to a public school and, out of 500 children, be

the only burn survivor. However, at MABC, the children have others who share some aspect of their experience.

At the seven-day camp, children participate in activities designed to stretch their limits and encourage teamwork. Included are swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, ropes initiatives and other activities. Firefighters host dunking booths, water battles, moon bounce, and canine search-and-rescue demonstrations.

Camp founder Linda French and Kalil, both physical therapists, set up the camp in 1989. Local firefighters raise most of the funds, so the children can attend at no charge.

When it opened 12 years ago, MABC was one of only a few burn camps in the country. Today there are more than 40, says French, partially due to growing media interest.

It is important for the kids to learn that they can do almost anything, that they can have dreams and goals, says French. We do not call our kids victims; we call them survivors. We are trying to help them gain understanding and give them resources to cope constructively with their condition throughout their lives.

To refer a burn-injured child or for additional information about the ACBC program, call (703) 246-3801.

## Over 236 Million Aluminum Cans Collected

Local businesses, schools, and private citizens have collected more than 236 million cans to date. In 2000 alone, over 36 million aluminum cans were collected. Participants take their bags of cans to one of the many drop-off sites located at area fire stations. Participants can pick up replacement bags each time cans are dropped off. The cans are then collected from the fire stations and delivered to local recycling centers. We receive approximately a penny a can for ACBC.

### Providing Educational Materials

Money raised through ACBC also provides valuable educational resources such as video tapes, VCRs, books and computers. All of these materials are used by the burn unit staff as part of their continued education programs for hospitalized children and their families.

### A Boost to the Environment

As an additional benefit, the 236 million cans collected have been kept out of landfills, saving landfill space. The ACBC recycling program supports local recycling efforts while providing a way to help young burn survivors.

### And Still Growing

Since March 1989, the program has grown to include several surrounding jurisdictions. There are over 5,000 businesses and agencies supporting the program. Thousands of ACBC recycling boxes have been distributed and numerous collection/drop-off sites have been established.

### For Your Information

Working together we are making a difference. For additional information about the ACBC recycling program, contact the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at (703) 246-3801 or (703) 385-4419 (TTY).

## Drop off Sites

### Fairfax County

McLean #1	1455 Laughlin Ave.
Annandale #8	7128 Columbia Pike
Mount Vernon Station #9	2601 Sherwood Hall Lane
Chantilly Station #15	14005 Vernon Street
Centreville Station #17	5856 Old Centreville Road
Fair Oaks Station #21	12300 Lee Jackson Highway
West Springfield #27	6140 Rolling Road
Tysons Corner Station #29	1560 Spring Hill Road
Merrifield Station #30	8739 Lee Highway
Fox Mill Station #31	2610 Reston Parkway
Frying Pan #36	2660 West Ox Road
W. Centreville Station #38	6001 O'Day Drive
Government Center	12000 Govt. Center Pkwy.
Herrity Building	12055 Govt. Center Pkwy.
Massey Building	4100 Chain Bridge Road

### Arlington County

Walter Reed Station #9	1900 South Walter Reed
Crystal City Station #5	1750 South Hayes Street
Halls Hill Station #8	4845 Lee Highway

### Alexandria City

Alexandria Station #203	2801 Cameron Mills Road
Alexandria Station #204	900 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street

### Fairfax City

Fire Station #3	4081 University Drive
Fire Station #33	10101 Lee Highway

### Prince William County

O.W.L. Station #2	1306 F Street
Dumfries Station #3	18321 Jeff Davis Hwy.
Gainesville Station #4	14450 John Marshall Hwy.
Nokesville Fire Station #5	12826 Marsteller Drive
Coles District Station #6	13712 Dumfries Road
Lake Jackson Station #7	11310 Coles Drive
Yorkshire Station #8	7602 Centreville Road
Dale City Station #10	14998 S. Birchdale Avenue
Stonewall Station #11	7814 Garner Drive
O.W.L. Station #12	2170 Montgomery Ave
Dale City Station #13	13511 Hillendale Avenue
O.W.L. Station #14	12400 Hedges Run Rd.
Evergreen Station #15	3510 James Madison Hwy.
Buckhall Station #16	7090 Davis Ford Road
Montclair Station #17	15219 Holleyside Drive
Princedale Station #18	5849 Dale Boulevard

**Rappahannock Region**

Fredricksburg

5992 Plank Road

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**The mission of the Washington Regional Fire & Rescue Departments Aluminum Cans for Burned Children is to prevent burns and improve the quality of life for young burn survivors and their families by providing funding for research, annual therapeutic residential burn camps and other year round activities that support their physical, psychological, and social needs.**

**Our program provided funding for the following activities that assisted young burn survivors to meet our program mission:**

**Sponsored children to attend Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp; 1999 & 2000 we sponsored 28 children each year to attend this annual burn camp, at a cost of \$650.00 per child. ACBC also provided funding for school supplies, backpacks, beach towels, and water bottles to each child that attend camp, approximately 87 children.**

**Funded annual Holiday Party with Children's Hospital for young burn survivors and their families at Centreville Mini Golf & Games.**

**We continued our support and assist with Children's Medical Center, Washington, D.C. to provide funding to assistance pediatric burn patients and their families.**

**Members of area Fire & Rescue Department's served as counselors at Burn Camp and two (2) ACBC Board Members served also as camp counselors, again this year.**

**If you would like to provide funding to sponsor a child to attend burn camp or other support**

**for our organization, please feel free to give us a call.**

**For a presentation of the ACBC Program to your group, organization or to refer a child to our program for services, please contact us at (703) 266-3060.**