



## Fact Sheet: North Carolina Firefighters' Burned Children Fund

Statewide, there are more than 30 chapters, including the Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter.

### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter at-a-Glance

Each year the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of the Firefighters' Burned Children Fund (FFBCF) raises more than \$30,000 for burn survivors and care.

On average, the chapter supports 8 to 10 families through immediate assistance with travel, room and board, and after-care expenses for burn patients.

For example, providing fuel cards, or covering expenses related to staying at a Ronald McDonald House or the State Employees Credit Union house, and other non-medical expenses that families incur while a burn patient is receiving care.

Funds are also used to support:

- Scholarships for college students who are burn survivors and for those going into burn care training. \$8,000 was given in scholarships ahead of the fall 2024 semester.
- Multiple Burn Survivor camps annually, including
  - Camp Celebrate,
  - V2V (Victim 2 Victor) Camp
  - UNC Burn Center Teen Camp
  - Western NC Burn Survivor weekend event.

Also in 2024, multiple North Carolina chapters funded a January snow skiing

event for 20 families. Past events have included a weekend outing of ziplining and riding the Tweetsee Railroad, and two days of water park fun at Great Wolf Lodge.

Local Fundraisers include:

- Selling aluminum cans for recycling. Most local fire stations accept can donations from the public
- A pancake breakfast in October
- The Huntersville [Run White and Blue run on July 4th](#)
- Private donations such as through [The Reaper Challenge](#)

Common causes of burn injuries:

- Tripping into residential backyard fire pits
- Residential house fires
- Boiling water, frequently caused by removing a container of hot water from a microwave or stove.

**Additional information:**

[Firefighters' Burned Children Fund](#)  
[National Fire Protection Association – Burn Awareness Information](#)  
[Burn Survivor Information](#)  
[Burn Awareness Week Statistics \(2019\)](#)