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The Burn Foundation provides assistance to families of burn patients being treated at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center.

This includes lodging, meals and transportation – all free of charge. The Chavis House is a 40-bed guesthouse, including a kitchen and laundry facility and ensures that families can be part of the care and recovery of their loved one. Meals are provided each day by local churches and civic groups. Last year, more than 1,300

individuals were guests of the Chavis House. In addition, the Burn Foundation provides assistance to patients upon their discharge with services related to their transition to independent living. This includes medication, anti-scarring garments and transportation for follow up medical visits.

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PATIENT CARE

SERVICES PROVIDED

Summary of functional expenses

Years ended December 31, 2016

FUNDRAISING | 14%

MANAGEMENT | 9%



77% | PROGRAM



\$40,792

SPENT ON
TRANSPORTATION
for burn patients



14,636

GUEST MEALS
SERVED
provided by over
70 churches / civic
organizations,
valued at \$150,994



\$23,262

SPENT ON
PRESCRIPTION
ASSISTANCE



1,301

GUESTS
RECEIVED
FREE LODGING
through the
Chavis House



CHRISTIAN COOPER

2017 BFF CHAMPION

Imagine you start your day like every other day
when you are 25 years old.

Your dad is in the market for a new car and you tag along. With the purchase made, you are tasked with driving the old car home. Driving along I-65 you are shocked when you notice the floorboard on the passenger side of the car is on fire. As you look down the road curves to the left, you miss the turn and the car goes down an embankment still on fire. The door is jammed shut, your first instinct is to punch out the window but you are unsuccessful. You are honking your horn and screaming hoping someone on the roadway saw the accident.

You slide down in the seat to prop yourself against the dashboard to kick out the window. On the fifth try you make a small hole so you keep kicking. You are working on adrenaline as

two men run up to the car and grab your wrists to drag you out of the car and drop you on the ground. You have not yet realized your entire body is on fire. A woman is on the embankment screaming "the car is going to blow" and the two men grab you by your leather belt and carry you out of further harm.

As you lay there you start to notice your skin is literally dripping off your body like hot oil. A wave of pain hits you from head to toe and you pass out. Your body is 80% third degree burns. After being rushed to UAB Hospital, a Level I trauma center located in Birmingham, Alabama the prognosis is not good. Your father reaches out to friends and has you transferred to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta.



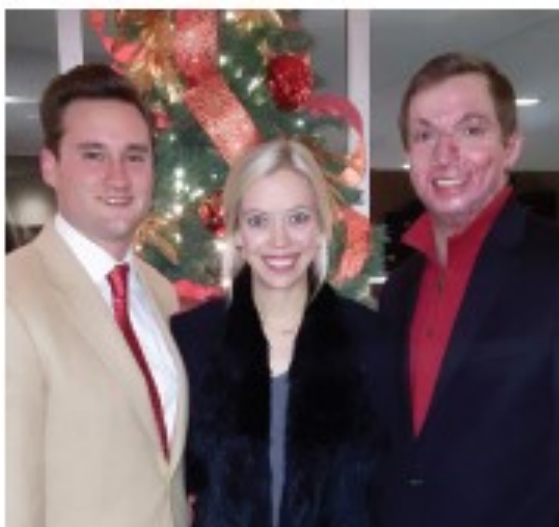
This is the story of
CHRISTIAN COOPER,
a young man who is an inspiration
to everyone he meets.



Christian spent 5 months and one day (but he wasn't counting) in JMS Burn Center where he had lots of time to think. The nurses had an incredible impact, pushing him hard with "YOU CAN BECOME A VICTIM OR BE A SURVIVOR AND TRIUMPH." Christian, with boundless support from family, received amazing treatment and care at JMS and he flourished. He realized early that he was totally dependent on others for even his basic needs and he needed to have a good attitude. His positive attitude and perseverance provided increased purpose for his care givers. His positive attitude carried him through his hospitalization, lifted up thousands of people following his story and continues in his daily life.



Now, on his Thank You Tour he shares his powerful message. "Life, thankfully, will go on! I understand some of the challenges first hand. And I want to use my life experiences to hear and understand you and to provide the shoulder for you to lean on." He has big goals to take on a career to give back through counseling, public speaking, and pushing people to be the best they can be. He believes that although we all may have a different situation, WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON - LIFE. He believes it is good to have the big picture in mind always looking forward and fill in the details as experiences come your way... dealing with them always with a great attitude.



We are very excited to have Christian Cooper as our

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Fire departments throughout Georgia and South Carolina support the Burn Foundation through:



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OTHER
SPECIAL
EVENTS



GEORGIA

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ANTOINE KELLY

LEXINGTON COUNTY DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALL

At 23 years old, Antoine is the youngest Captain in Lexington County.

Antoine Kelly was born and raised in Lexington County, South Carolina, and always wanted an opportunity to "give back" to his community. His uncle is a firefighter and Antoine grew up wanting to be a part of the action and altruism he witnessed with his uncle and his co-workers.

Antoine has a personal reason he is passionate about The Burn Foundation. His mother was burned as a young girl when cooking grease spilled on her lower abdomen and legs. She was taken to the local hospital but treatment for burns was limited at that time. The hospital staff tried to make her comfortable and she was released to be cared for by her aunt, a nurse practitioner. There were limited resources for the aunt to care for her young patient

and Antoine's mom missed one year of high school due to severe pain. She hoped the burns would heal enough not to be noticeable, but with limited treatment, this did not happen. Growing up, Antoine and his brothers didn't understand her scars and wondered when his Mom's skin was going to get better like other Moms.

When Antoine was 18 years old, Chief Eddie Turner introduced him to Linda and Vaden Chavis, who had lost their son in the line of duty as a firefighter. His first visit to Joseph M. Still Burn Center and the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House made a strong impression on him. His passion to "give back" is evident in all he takes on, including adopting the Joseph M. Still Burn Unit and the Jeffrey Vaden Chavis House as one of his goals.

Antoine developed the Fallen Fireman 5K in Lexington County in 2015 and continues to lead this event each fall. This race has now raised over \$20,000. He is an avid Boot Drive and Can-It supporter and motivates all to join him in these fund raisers. He serves on the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation Operations Committee, serves as Assistant Coach for the Varsity Wrestling team at Airport High School, is committed to fire prevention education and works tirelessly to recruit and retain local firefighters.

He truly makes a difference in ALL he takes on and we are blessed to have him as our advocate.

THANK YOU, ANTOINE!





STEVE CHALKER

Steve Chalker, a 24 year veteran at Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC), is new to The Burn Foundation Board of Directors but not new to The Burn Foundation. He first got involved with the Burn Foundation when a JEC employee visited the facility. The employee returned to work passionate about the experience and asked if JEC would partner with his motorcycle club to have a charity ride. There was great participation during those early motorcycle rides, but eventually there were too many similar events. So, The JEC Charity Golf Classic was established to benefit the Burn Foundation and it continues to be successful each year.

When Steve was asked to serve on the board of directors, he responded that he would think about it. At the Storybook Brunch, he met the little girl that had been burned from head to toe and it was then that he realized he was hooked! Knowing it was a great organization to support was one thing but seeing one of the people that the organization supports struck a nerve.

Steve is originally from Thomson but now lives in Evans. He started at JEC reading meters and soon after JEC formed a Marketing Department he became a part of that new area. He said, "we started a home security business, we did paging, sold dial up internet service, and did all the ads and promos for JEC." From there he moved into Public Relations.

Steve stated that The Burn Foundation is our "pet" charity due to the nature of our work at Jefferson Energy Cooperative. We hope we never have to use the Joseph M. Still Burn Center, but if we do, we are glad it is here and want to support it for others.

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DONOR
LEVELS



\$2500 | FOUNDER
Provides antibiotics and pain medication for 25 patients.



\$1000 | INNER CIRCLE
Provides transportation for follow-up care for 10 burn patients.



\$500 | PARTNER
Provides one month's supply of toiletries & paper products at the Charis House.



\$250 | CHAMPION
Provides anti-scarring garments for one burn patient.



\$100 | GUARDIAN
Provides two night's lodging at the Charis House.



\$50 | FAMILY
Provides one car seat for a pediatric burn patient's return home.



\$25 | FRIEND
Provides clothing for a burn patient upon discharge from the hospital.



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