The week between June 12-19, 2010, Champ Camp celebrated its 25th anniversary with excitement and enthusiasm!

“We had lots of fun program ideas that played off the 25th theme including a wayward time machine,” said Scott “Waku” Robbins, Champ Camp Director for the past three years. “It’s amazing to be marking a quarter of a century of summer camp for burn survivors. Amazing and inspiring.”

Since 1986, more than 2,000 kids age 5-17 have enjoyed a week of Champ Camp. The largest burn survivor camp in the world, Champ Camp has received national and international recognition. Champ Camp started in Malibu with a handful of staff and a small number of kids. After a few years, Champ Camp moved to Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA and has now grown to over 100 counselors and staff and an average of 130 campers per year.

“It’s got to be the people involved that make it so successful,” said Steve “Trip” Peck, who was Champ Camp Director for 10 years. “I remember the days when we ate out on the Dalton Patio at Wonder Valley Ranch before the new kitchen had been built. In those days we were establishing the camp culture. Now kids know Champ Camp expectations before they get on the bus. The message is that we are accepting to everyone and we’re going to have a great experience together.”

Stay tuned for more tales from Champ Camp 2010 as well as a photo spread from this year’s celebration in our Winter 2011 issue!
A NOTE FROM:
SCOTT “SCOOTER” VANDRICK
AARBF’s Executive Director

As I put away props and costume pieces after an amazing 25th Anniversary celebration of Champ Camp (more info and photos to follow in the AARBF’s Winter 2011 issue), I wanted to pause to acknowledge an economic outlook that is brightening. How do I know that? I was at a print shop this April picking up materials for the LA Relay 2010, and I asked the clerk how business has been. He replied, “the first quarter of 2010 has been the best we’ve seen in 2 years. It’s finally picking up.” I walked out of that store excited about the possibilities ahead.

Last year was a tough economic year, as we all know. But for nonprofits, it was devastating; nearly 30% of nonprofits in California closed their doors. I am proud to say that the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation was a bright exception. The organization came in under budget while still providing its core programs. At the end of last year, AARBF had more than a $20,000 surplus.

How did AARBF do it? It was a combination of many factors. First and foremost, AARBF’s dedicated donors really stepped up their support; volunteers hosted great fundraisers, individuals dug deep and our institutional donors stayed right beside us. Secondly, although AARBF ran understaffed the last six months, the employees kept up AARBF’s high-quality programming. And finally the Board was watchful about how to make it through the year within budget, yet focused on future stability by establishing an endowment for future growth (see below).

While AARBF came out ahead in 2009, the road wasn’t easy. We cut our budget by 24% from 2008 as our income decreased nearly 20%. We’ve pruned back only to bloom again. I want to personally thank every supporter for making last year a successful one! Here’s to the continuation of great things in 2010!

ENDOWMENT FUND:
BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE NOW

For 40 nearly years, AARBF has successfully weathered the ups and downs of our changing world. Like many nonprofits, AARBF started as a grassroots organization, growing and improving through the years because of the nurturing of volunteers, donors, clients, and staff. We celebrated many milestones such as the creation of the Stop Drop & Roll campaign (1974) and kickoff of Champ Camp (1985) and today, we celebrate another milestone that will remain forever with AARBF.

In 2009, the Executive Board of Directors established the AARBF Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is a pot of money that is invested to be a “nest egg” from which the income (gains) can be disbursed back to the investor (AARBF) or reinvested for greater gains on the initial investment (principal). So, the more there is in the fund, the more it can generate in income for AARBF and its programs! It is expertly managed by East Bay Community Foundation in Oakland and established with $50,000 from Mary Blockinger’s bequest, a donor who generously included AARBF in her estate plans.

AARBF will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2011 with a special endowment campaign to increase the fund to $500,000. To learn how you can be a part of AARBF’s foundation for the future, contact Jessica Derrick at 800.755.BURN or jderrick@aarbf.org.
WELCOME SARAH!
Sarah “Gyspy” Burton joins the staff as Director of Programs

Meet Sarah Burton, one of the newest staff members to complement AARBF’s fully charged leadership team. Sarah started her position as Director of Programs on January 4, 2010, after unanimous selection following a team interview. “We have a leader on board with an amazing skill set who is energized to work on Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation goals,” said Scott Vandrick, AARBF’s Executive Director.

As Director of Programs, Sarah oversees the implementation of all AARBF’s burn survivor services and burn prevention education programs (including Champ Camp, the Young Adult Summit and The Getaway) and supervises the three program staff members throughout the state. She is the liaison between AARBF and fire service personnel and other partner community organizations, and she ensures tracking and reporting of AARBF’s program goals.

Sarah comes to AARBF from Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) where she served as the Manager of Community Education & Outreach. Her experience includes strategic planning, budget creation and tracking, government contract management and program design and implementation.

“I’ve had a great time meeting staff and volunteers, visiting the regional offices, going to Champ Camp, and I’m looking forward to more!” said Sarah.

Join us in welcoming Sarah to the AARBF staff.

You can contact her in the San Francisco office at (415) 495-7223 or at sburton@aarbf.org.

YOU’RE IN-THE-KNOW

2009 was the year that amazing spirit and clear determination were all the rage. Even as the staff reduced in size, the organization banded together to continue to provide outstanding programs to burn survivors and quality education to the community.

Entrances & Exits: AARBF bid farewell to familiar faces on its staff in 2009 including Renée “Baker” Croteau (who moved to South Carolina), Audra “Audj” Stetler (who moved to Lancaster), Silvia “Mama Bear” Gutierrez (who accepted a position with Catholic Charities) and Melissa “Tulip” Khamvongsa (who became the Development Director of Youth Speak!). We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Just as warmly, we welcomed two new staff members to the organization: Sarah “Gyspy” Burton as the Director of Programs (see article this page) and Chanda “Jelly” Guerin as the Development Coordinator. Here’s to a long, productive working relationship!

On the Executive Board of Directors, AARBF toasted the amazing work of its departing members including: Donna Gavello, Sandra Hishida, Steve Dworetzky, Jose Hernandez and Dave Miller. Thank you for your time, energy and talent! Late in 2009, we welcomed a new slate of Board members including: Karen Miller (as the new President), Chris Bridger, Ed Dieden, Marcelle McCullough and Juan Azcarate (as the new Treasurer). Thank you for serving on the Executive Board of Directors and supporting AARBF’s mission.

Bits & Bites: The darkened economy couldn’t stop great things from happening throughout California within our staff, Board and volunteers: Anthony “Ding Dong” Sanders got married to Rachel, Cheri “Winnie” Voisine delivered her daughter, Zoe, JoBeth “BamBam” Walt was married to Ira Fateman, Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick earned her Masters in Nonprofit Administration from the University of SF, Scott “Scooter” Vandrick was nominated to the Federation of Burn Foundation’s Board, Lindsay “Froggy” Chisler tied the knot with Marc Coelho, Carmela Arganbright gave birth to her daughter, Annabella, Lea “Kamikaze” Knopf graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Tiffany “Buttercup” Romias gave birth to Malia and on and on and on. We celebrate our extended family. It’s one of the things that makes the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation so special. The journey we’re all on is strengthened through love and friendship – thank you for sharing your journey with us.

Have a story or interesting bit of information to share? Email us at info@aarbf.org and we’ll include it in the next newsletter.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1
LA Firefighters Burn Relay, Los Angeles
Contact: Chanda “Jelly” Guerin, (800) 242-BURN

May 14
North Bay Firefighters Burn Relay
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

May 15-16
Northern and Central California Ocean Adventure
Contact: Carolyn “Ladybug” Falkenberg, (800) 755-BURN

May 22
8th Annual Firefighter Bachelor Auction, SF
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

May 22
Sunnyvale Annual Health & Safety Fair, Sunnyvale
Contact: Carolyn “Ladybug” Falkenberg, (800) 755-BURN

June 6
Mopar Alley’s 20th Annual Rally, Ohlone College, Fremont
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

June 6
2nd Annual Hook & Ladder Run, Livermore
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

June 12-19
Champ Camp - 25 Years of Fun!, Sanger, California
Contact: Sarah “Gypsy” Burton, (415) 495-7223

July 24
The Great Rotary 19th Annual Chili Cookoff, Fremont
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

July 25
14th Annual Alameda Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast, Alameda, Station #1
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

July 27
SF Giants Safety Day, AT&T Park, San Francisco
Contact: Carolyn “Ladybug” Falkenberg, (800) 755-BURN

July 30-August 1
N. California Fishing Trip, Dorrington
Contact: Carolyn “Ladybug” Falkenberg, (800) 755-BURN

August 13-14
Car Crazy Promotions BBQ & Car Show, San Mateo
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

August 27
Golf Tournament for the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers, Silverado Country Club, Napa
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

September 2
Peninsula Firefighters Burn Relay, Santa Clara, San Mateo, & San Francisco Counties
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

September 4-6
The Getaway: A Retreat for Burn Survivors and Their Loved Ones
Contact: Sarah “Gypsy” Burton, (800) 755-BURN

September 11
A’s Firefighter Appreciation Night
Oakland A’s vs. Boston Red Sox
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

September 13
13th Annual Diamond Bar Golf Tournament, Via Verde Country Club, San Dimas
Contact: Ken Hewett, (626) 255-1892

September 25
Mountain View Firefighters 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Station #4, Mountain View
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

October 9
Sunnyvale Pancake Breakfast, Station #2, Sunnyvale
Contact: Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick, (800) 755-BURN

We’re frequently adding and updating events so stay in the know at www.aarbf.org

SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
San Francisco
Saint Francis Hospital
900 Hyde Street, San Francisco CA 94109
Meets the last Friday of the month at 7 am

San Jose
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
751 South Bascom Ave, San Jose CA 95128
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Fresno
Community Regional Burn Center
2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721
Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
For more information call 1-888-492-BURN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles
LAC + USC Burn Center Family Room 120421
North State St., Los Angeles CA 90033
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm

Torrance
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Outpatient Surgery Waiting Room
3330 Lomita Blvd, Torrance CA 90005
Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm
For more information call 1-800-242-BURN

Children’s Support Group In Spanish
Shriners Hospital for Children
3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles CA 90020
Meets every Thursday at 12 pm
For more information call 1-800-242-BURN

OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS
Phoenix Society Online Chat
For burn survivors and loved ones ages 13 years or older. Includes support groups and guest speakers. Go to www.phoenixsociety.org and click “support” network and then “chat”
Every Wednesday at 5 pm (PST).

Teenager Online Support Groups
Online chat and social networking for burn survivors to talk with peers and other teenagers who have serious health conditions between the ages of 13 and 20.
www.starbrightworld.org
GIVING YOUNG BURN SURVIVORS THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

In February of this year, 12 volunteers and 19 young adults gathered at the Young Adult Summit in Cambria, CA to learn the Recipe for Success with workshops on sewing, cooking, job searching skills, and communication.

The weekend was full of fun activities from arts and crafts to beach outings, culminating in a gourmet three-course meal where everyone learned about etiquette and used their newly-honed communication skills in a friendly debate. Each young adult went home with renewed friendships and valuable resources for their future. AARBF would like to thank the volunteers for their hours of preparation to make each session a valuable learning experience for everyone.

Find out more at www.AARBF.org, click on Survivor Services.

TROPICAL GETAWAY

2009 retreat for adult burn survivors is a hoot & a hula!

In September 2009, Camp Oakhurst was transformed into a "Tropical Getaway" for adult burn survivors and their loved ones.

“It was a pretty neat experience seeing families interact or exchanging stories and catching up,” said Sid “Sugar Bear” Chacon, a fire inspector with Selma Fire and volunteer at The Getaway.

Camp activities included swimming, bingo, a ropes course and, of course, a talent show. “A lot of the families participated in the talent show. Some families perform every year and others look forward to seeing what they will do,” said Sid.

Mark your calendars for The Getaway over Labor Day weekend, September 4-6, 2010.

SURVIVOR RECREATIONAL EVENTS ARE A BLAST!

Skiing, fishing and surfing, oh my!

Survivor Services has been busy with many exciting overnight adventures, hosting 6 annual trips for burn survivors ages 6-17 years throughout California. We’re gearing up for our fishing trip and beach adventure in the next few months - check out the website at www.aarbf.org or contact your local AARBF office to find out about upcoming events.

Surf, ski and fishing trips are only a few of the activities AARBF offers to burn survivors and their loved ones.
NORTHERN REGION

East Bay Holiday Party
Survivors and loved ones came with bells on to the Berkeley Senior Center for the East Bay Holiday Party on December 5th, sponsored by Target. Participants got into the spirit by making crafts, decorating cookies, and were entertained by an Oakland-based youth clown troupe, the Prescott Circus, and a group of “Incredible Tap Dancing Santas” from Bay Area Rhythm Tap.

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Holiday Party
The holiday cheer continued at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Holiday Party on December 12th. Guests celebrated with food, presents, crafts, and entertainment. Bank of the West and Linda Carrier also spearheaded the annual Adopt-A-Family program, providing 20 families with individualized gift baskets for the holiday. A big thank you goes to the Santa Clara County Fire Department, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Burn Unit staff and all of the volunteers through Bank of the West.

A BIG NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY THANK YOU!
We would like to give a special thank you to all our volunteers who donated their time, energy, supplies and food to make this holiday season a most treasured time for burn survivors and their loved ones:

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SOUTHERN REGION

Shriners Hospital for Children Holiday Party
Party-goers got their holiday groove on at the Shriners Hospital for Children’s Holiday Party on December 12th, with a DJ, good food, face-painting and gifts. They also got to meet and mingle with the LA Heat Football team, who made a special appearance bearing holiday gifts. AARBF would like to also thank LA Fire Station #6, Chino Fire Department and Chevron Fire Department for making this holiday season a warm one.

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Central Region

Fresno Holiday Party
On December 6th, the Clovis Memorial Building was brimming with the spirit of the season as burn survivors, loved ones and volunteers gathered to celebrate with food, arts and crafts, games and gifts. Kids got to take their picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus and Smokey the Bear. Thank you to Sandra Yovino and the Community Regional Medical Center’s Leon S. Peters Burn Unit staff, Firefighters Muster, Fresno Airport, local fire departments, and the Girl Scouts for making the day a success!

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FIREFIGHTERS IN SAFETY EDUCATION SAVES LIVES

If you asked a kindergartener when they should stop, drop and roll, they might answer “when your fire alarm goes off.” Misinformation like this can put children at greater risk during a fire. Through the Firefighter in Safety Education (FISE) program, AARBF provides current and correct fire and burn safety information to San Francisco school children. During the 30-minute program, off-duty San Francisco firefighters teach children how to dial 9-1-1, what to do in a house fire, and what to do if they are burned. We know from student pre- and post-test evaluations that on average kindergarteners who attend the presentations double their fire and burn knowledge.

The FISE program began in 2003, and in the past 7 years the program has been presented to 46,000 San Francisco school children. In the 2009-2010 school year, the program served 54 schools and 8,000 children. Thank you to San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White for supporting the FISE program, Lt. Aisha Krieger for her countless volunteer hours, the San Francisco Bureau of Fire Prevention and the many, many SF Firefighters who teach our kids to be safe every day!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AARBF is reaching out in a community near you

Throughout California, AARBF participates in numerous health fairs, community presentations, and other outreach events. Regional offices reach out to our community partners to help prevent adult and childhood injury through fire safety and burn prevention education through:

Health Fairs provide a great opportunity to spread fire safety and burn prevention education to thousands of people throughout the state. Fairs have taken place in locations such as San Francisco, South San Francisco, Fresno, Clovis, Burbank, Eagle Rock and throughout Los Angeles.

School Presentations are a way to teach children fire safety and burn prevention. By speaking to several classes and teaching them valuable lessons, AARBF hopes to prevent burn injuries. More than 15 classrooms have received valuable prevention education so far this year.

Find out more: www.aarbf.org, click on Burn Prevention.

LITTLE KIDS, BIG HEARTS

Last November, the AARBF partnered with Burbank Temple Emanu El Preschool (BTEEP) and their helmet-wearing, trike-riding preschoolers age 2-5 for their annual Mitzvah Day Trike-a-Thon.

Preschoolers rode their bikes and tricycles on a track around the Temple, raising money for every lap they completed. The children and the enthusiastic onlookers cheering them on had lots fun participating in this event, especially knowing it was for a great cause.

“The Trike-A-Thon is always so much fun for the kids and their families, and it is a great way to raise funds to support the important work that non-profit organizations do right here in our city,” said the Temple’s Director Carol Miller.

The day included a burn prevention presentation from Margarita Rodriguez, Prevention Coordinator at AARBF. The children learned important lessons on “Cool a Burn” and “Don’t Hide – Hug a Firefighter,” in addition to having the chance to practice the life-saving techniques Stop Drop and Roll and Crawl Low and Go.

AARBF is thankful to Burbank Temple Emanu El and their big-hearted preschoolers for supporting our organization and helping to improve the lives of burn-injured children.
It’s the Most Magical Place On Earth

Check out more photos online at www.aarbf.org

THE MAGICAL FACTS OF CHAMP CAMP 2009:

• 24th year of Champ Camp.
• Largest camp for burn injured children in the United States.
• 5 medical professionals on the medical team.
• 115 burn injured campers.
• 12 bus chaperones.
• 65 counselors donated their time.
• 14 volunteers served on the Program Staff.
It is with deep gratitude that we thank our 2009 individual and institutional donors. You make the work happen!
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Santa Barbara City Firefighters Charitable Fund Inc.
Santa Clara County Firefighters Local 1185
Santa Clara County Volunteer Fire Department
Santa Rosa Firefighters Local 1401
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South Bay Firefighters Company 15
South County Firefighters Association
South San Francisco Professional Firefighters
Southern Marin Professional Firefighters
Templeton Firefighters Association
The Fire Connection
Tiburon Fire Department
Tiburon Volunteer Fire Department
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United Way Silicon Valley
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Bank of America
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Paolo Alto Medical Foundation
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Sam’s Club Foundation
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
Simonds Foundation
The Herbst Foundation
The Kenneth T. & Eileen L. Norris Foundation
The William L. Price Foundation
Change a Life Foundation
Ventura County Community Foundation
Wellpoint Foundation
Woodlawn Foundation

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Find an AARBF event or activity & get involved today!

Event Highlight

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FUNDRAISING EVENT THANK YOUS
March 2009-April 2010

NORTHERN REGION

March 14, Daly City - Matt “Zippy” Petersen knows when to hold ‘em! He organized the Daly City Firefighters 4th Annual Poker Tourney at Lucky Chances Casino, bringing in $5,000 from Local 1879 for AARBF. Thanks, Zip!

April 4, Berkeley – Firkin Fest kicked off spring fundraising at Triple Rock Brewery, raising $2,000 for AARBF. Special thanks to Jesse Sarinara, Bugs, Trixie, Sweet Pea, Linda, Squishy, Bunny, and Indigo for their help!

April 11, East Palo Alto – The Daly City HMC Red & White Blood Drive raised over $3,200 for AARBF while they conducted a blood drive for Stanford. Thanks goes to Tom Sailer for including Champ Camp in the benefit.

April 16, San Francisco – Lisa Rheinheimer organized a promo party for the 2009 Firefighter Bachelor Auction at Gravity Lounge in the Marina. Thanks, Lisa!

April 24, San Francisco – The 7th Annual Firefighter Bachelor Auction at Red Devil Lounge was a major success, raising over $20,000 for AARBF. Thanks go to Emily Quinn for her great organizational and emcee skills, and to all the great volunteers.

April 25, Foster City – Gino Rinaldi hosted another successful Johnny V. Toxas Hold ‘Em Tournament, where card sharks raised over $2,800 for AARBF. Thanks, Gino!

May 13, North Bay – Matt DaCunha and Jim Boggeri hosted the 12th Annual North Bay Firefighters Burn Relay, raising over $38,000. Thanks to the many who made it a blast in the North Bay!

May 17, San Francisco - Camp Volunteers Trixie & Linda represented AARBF at the 8th Annual Firkin Fest at Triple Rock in Berkeley.

June 14, San Francisco – The Firefighter Bachelor Auction Group Date took place throughout San Francisco, treating our bachelor firefighters and their philanthropic dates to a day of fun.

August 27, Bay Area Peninsula – Funds presented to AARBF on the Peninsula Firefighters Burn Relay totaled over $75,000! Thanks go out to Steve Besozzi and Jim DeMattei for coordination and to the many people who fundraise throughout the year to make the event a success.

September 19, Sunol – Sprinkler Fitters Local 483 hosted the 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting AARBF with an amazing donation of $25,000! Cheers to Rick Mangan and Stan Smith, and the Local 483 for this well-organized benefit and fabulous donation.

September 23, Dublin – Alameda County Fire Department raised $10,000 at their Annual Golf Benefit. Thanks, everyone!

September 26, Mountain View – The Mountain View Fire Department hosted their annual pancake breakfast, raised more than $10,800! A special thank you to Sweet Pea and Verna for their hard work.

October 3, Menlo Park – The Menlo Park Fire Prevention District once again organized a very successful annual pancake breakfast. Droves of hungry people celebrated the day with antique engines and Stop Drop and Roll education, in addition to delicious food. A huge thanks to the whole crew for their hard work!
October 3, San Francisco - The Hook & Ladder Ball at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel was a roaring success, bringing in over $38,000 for AARBF programs. Check out the fun recap later in this issue.

October 6-11, San Francisco – So many volunteers came together to sling concession at the President’s Cup at Harding Park for PROM Catering, resulting in a $2,500 donation. Thanks go to the many, many AARBF volunteers who made this happen!

October 11, Sunnyvale – Sunnyvale Public Safety hosted their annual pancake breakfast at the close of Fire Prevention Week to raise over $4,900 for AARBF. Thank you, Dori Fontaine and Public Safety for everything!

CENTRAL REGION

April 19, 2009, Fresno - Harley-Davidson/Buell of Fresno Charity Poker Ride and Tri-Tip Chili Lunch raised over $1,800 with a sweet tooth poker ride around the Valley followed by a delicious luncheon. Thanks, everyone!

May 2, Fresno - The Fresno Fire Chief’s Foundation hosted the 5th Annual Epicurean Delights to raise funds for AARBF with the best executive and firehouse chefs in the Valley.

June 17, Sanger – Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club presented AARBF with over $10,000 at Champ Camp’s VIP Day 2009. Special thanks to John “JR” and Carol Robbins for their tireless fundraising.

July 31, Fresno - AARBF supporters enjoyed a pizza party fundraiser at John’s Incredible Pizza. Thanks to all who attended!

September 20, Visalia – Star Touring & Riding Association organized a rummage sale in Visalia to benefit AARBF. Thanks!

September 2, Tulare - Tulare Benefit Concert raised money for Champ Camp. Thank you, Tulare Volunteer Fire Department!

November 16, Fresno – AARBF received a $5,000 grant from Fresno Regional Foundation to support burn survivor services in the Fresno region.

October 13, Central Coast – The Central Coast Firefighters Burn Relay roared through San Luis Obispo County raising burn prevention awareness and funds for AARBF. Special thanks to Steve Knuckles and Bill Murphy for organizing the relay, which raised more than $15,000!

SOUTHERN REGION

April 4, Bakersfield - Harvest Christian Church Champions in Christ Motorcycle Ministry hosted their annual golf tournament at Kern River Golf Course. The group presented AARBF with a check for $11,250! Thanks for inspiring us!

April 25, Los Angeles – The Los Angeles Firefighters Burn Relay raised over $85,000, including a stunning $50,000 from Chevron. Way to go, LA!

May 1, Pasadena – The LA Heat vs. FDNY Finest at the Rose Bowl raised $10,000 for AARBF, which they presented at the Southern California Holiday Party in December 2009.

August 31, San Dimas – The 12th Annual Diamond Bar Golf Tournament included a putting contest, trophy presentation, and prize drawings to raise $50,000 for AARBF. Thanks to Ken & Toni Hewitt and all the organizing volunteers for hosting another great tournament.

2010 Firefighter Bachelor Auction Heats up the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco!

On May 22, 2010 the Sir Francis Drake Hotel hosted a fundraiser like no other. The Bay Area’s hottest firefighters go up for auction to benefit AARBF. The event included a VIP meet ‘n greet with the bachelors (wearing Burlingame Firefighter John Robblee’s Alley Collection clothing), VIP swag bags, hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, raffles, dancing and so much more. The event raised more than $25,000 for AARBF’s programs and services.

This event was made possible with the generous support of Alley Collection, Tiffany & Co., PAMA Pomegranate Liqueur, PaperProducts Design, S-Factor, Barefoot Bubbly, DJ Eigil Qwist, San Francisco Magazine, Chevron Fire Department, Oakland Fire Department, Trevor Nevikirk Photography, Hobo Limousine, Clock Bar, It’s Just Lunch, Desired Temptations, Divalicous Productions, Nob Hill Spa, Napa Valley Wine Train, Vino D’Angelo Wines, and many more!
The Roaring 1920s Jazz Up the Hook & Ladder Ball

On October 3, 2009, AARBF and over 140 guests kicked off National Fire Prevention Week in style at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. Dressed to the nines in their 1920s best, guests were greeted by a trio of classic cars parked on Powell Street. Throughout the night, dapper dudes and adorable dolls bid on clutch items, sampled local hooch, and enjoyed the music of the Jazz Mafia Quartet.

Elemental Remix cabaret dancers kicked off the dinner program, including greetings from Scott “Scooter” Vandrick and John “Sweet Tooth” Manning, the 2009 Hook & Ladder Award presentation to Thomas Neylan of Menlo Park Fire Protection District, opportunity drawings, and a lively auction. After dinner came dancing, visits to the Prohibition Room, and fun portraits. More than $38,000 was raised for burn survivor services!

Thanks to all who participated!

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It’s not too late to join the Planning Committee for the 2010 Hook & Ladder Ball! If you’d like to get involved, sponsor the event, or volunteer, contact Jessica “Rainbow” Derrick at (800) 755-BURN or jderrick@aarbf.org.

FUNDER SPOTLIGHT

CHEVRON FIRE DEPARTMENT

For more than 6 years, Chevron Fire Department in El Segundo has taken its fundraising very seriously, raising more than $150,000 to send kids to Champ Camp. In 2009, during the LA Firefighters Burn Relay, Chevron made an amazing gift of $50,000 to send burn survivors to Camp as well as to support the holiday celebration for burn survivors. Chevron El Segundo’s community engagement initiatives aim to contribute to the economic growth and the well-being of the community. Thank you Chevron Fire Department, especially lead organizer Robert Taylor and major supporter Chief Sproul, for your belief in the work of AARBF! Our kids are lucky to have you!

Amazing supporters at Chevron El Segundo Fire Department donate $50,000 in 2009 to send kids to Champ Camp. Included in the group are Robert Taylor (far left) Chief Michael Druschel (4th from left) and Chief Sproul (2nd from right).
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