



## Request for Coverage

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## Offering help and hope to severely burned children

*First annual event will support Burned Children's Program at University Hospital*

**BACKGROUND:** A pot of boiling water slips off the stove. A toddler loses balance and tumbles into a blazing camp fire. A family awakens to the sounds of smoke detectors. Nearly every day, at least one South Texas child is seriously burned and requires specialized care found only at University Hospital. Now, thanks to the generosity of Kiolbassa

Sausage, Mission tortillas and Augie's Barbed Wire Smoke House, families coping with devastating burn injuries will have more support as they help their children deal with the painful healing process, as well as the physical and emotional scars left behind.



**WHAT:** First Annual Cookout for Kids

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 22, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** University Hospital Parking Lot  
4502 Medical Drive

**WHY:** Most child burn victims are covered by emergency Medicaid during their hospitalization, but many families do not have the resources needed to maintain the level of care required once the child goes home. It is extremely important for the affected area to be regularly cleaned and maintained with specialized ointments and properly fitting compression bandages. Due to a child's rate of growth, specially fitted and measured compression bandages and wound devices must be purchased throughout the entire recovery period. Additionally, physical rehabilitation helps minimize the limited mobility caused by scarring and many burned children suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and require counseling. Depending on the severity of the burn trauma, families can face costs of up to \$3,500 a year. The goal of the Burned Children's Fund is to raise funds to help with the physical and emotional issues that result from devastating burns. For more information on the Burned Children's Fund, please contact 358-9860.