

# The Journey Back

Resources to assist school reentry after burn injury

## Fact Sheet

### Who is the Phoenix Society?

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering anyone affected by a burn injury through peer support, education and advocacy. For more than 30 years, the Society has partnered with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, and the fire industry to support burn recovery, improve quality of care and prevent injuries. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan the Society is committed to advancing recovery resources, providing environments to renew the spirit and supporting a positive return to life. The Phoenix Society takes its name from the legendary bird that lives 500 years and is consumed by flame, but rises again, reborn from its ashes, more brilliant than before.

### What is The Journey Back?

The Journey Back is a kit of resources for any caring adult in a young burn survivor's life that assists the return to school after burn injury. It is an all inclusive kit for the first time presenter or a compilation of resources for the active reentry program. The design allows the user to pick and choose what will best supplement their program and unique needs.

### What is included?

You will find Information to prepare the survivor, the family, the faculty and the student body about burn injury, recovery and transitioning from hospital to home to school. Tools for planning a classroom presentation are included along with correspondence and evaluation samples. Educate the reentry coordinator, family, or school by sharing a reenacted school reentry on The Journey Back's DVD. Use the video clips and materials in the text to teach skills to be confident in social situations. You will also find:

- Written resources for preparing, planning and evaluating a school reentry program.
- A resource section that provides extensive information.
- Tools for the survivor, family, school and the school reentry coordinator.
- A DVD reenactment of a school reentry program that highlights key messages from the text.
- A CD of resources including sample PowerPoint presentations, sample documents and video clips to assist with social skills training.

## What makes this resource stand out?

- It is user-friendly to any caring adult eager to support the transition back to school.
- There is a focus on preparing the survivor, family and classmates with social skills techniques that are designed to make them feel more comfortable in social situations.
- It can be adapted to different stages of development as a child progresses to new schools or classrooms.
- It has the flexibility to be used alone or in conjunction with other programs or school reentry techniques.
- It provides resources to connect families to long-term after-care support with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors.

## Who can Use these materials?

- Burn Centers, schools, families, foundations, the fire service and organizations

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