



THE PHOENIX SOCIETY'S

# world burn congress

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## About The Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress

The Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress offers a network of resources, education and opportunities for peer support which is a key element for burn survivors to recover, renew and return to life.

“The impact of meeting another who has traveled the journey of burn recovery is tremendously healing for many survivors and families. World Burn Congress offers the community a safe place to learn and grow from sharing their common experiences,” says Amy Acton, RN, BSN, a burn survivor and executive director of The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors.

The journey from burn patient to burn survivor is a long and painful one. It is sustained by hope, conviction and unparalleled courage. Confronting the daily challenges imposed by pain or disfigurement is just the beginning for most burn survivors. They must also struggle to heal the acute emotional and psychological trauma that can be equally painful and daunting.

To become a burn survivor is a life-altering experience. When a person receives burn injuries, many factors are at play, including a change in life style, reduced financial security and more complex relationship issues. It is important for burn survivors to have a network of resources and opportunities for a happier, healthier and more hopeful life.

## About the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors

For more than 30 years, The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors has been connecting burn survivors, their loved ones, and burn care professionals with valuable resources. The Phoenix Society is a national non-profit organization created to empower anyone affected by a burn injury through peer support, education and advocacy.

The Society was founded by Alan Breslau, who was extensively burned in the crash of a commercial airliner in 1963. Following a visit to a child at a local burn center, Alan realized the importance of peer support for those with burn injuries and went on to establish one of the first burn support organizations in the United States. 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. The Society continues to partner with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, burn centers and the fire industry to prevent burn injuries, support recovery and improve the quality of care. Based in Grand Rapids, Mich., 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. For more information visit [www.phoenix-society.org](http://www.phoenix-society.org).