

Burn Foundation

Presentation of the Check to the Burn Foundation

by Kelley Straub

On Tuesday, December 6, 2010, members of the Union Historical Fire Society met with members of the Burn Foundation to present the check for the establishment of the Union Historical Fire Society Fund. Vice-President Joe Landy and Sarah Landy and Corresponding Secretary Chris Straub and Kelley Straub met with Patricia Porter, CEO and President of the Burn Foundation and Scott Cohen, head of Education and Prevention at their Center City office. The check for \$5000 establishes the fund to provide Shadow Buddies to pediatric burn victims to help ease the anxiety of dressing changes through play therapy. In addition to the Shadow Buddies, the fund will be used to supply pressure garments for both adults and children who are unable to afford these items and are not covered by insurance. Ms. Porter shared a copy of the Burn Foundation Gala brochure which featured a full page ad introducing the Shadow buddies and thanking the Union Historical Fire Society for making them available to the children in our area.

That evening, Patricia Porter attended an event to launch a charitable magic show that was started by a young burn victim and her family. Ms. Porter showed Emma, the young child, the burn buddy; Emma immediately thought that this sample was hers and used the bandages to wrap the areas where she was burned. For the rest of the evening, Emma couldn't stop hugging this doll. Emma's father was very excited about our fund and commented that this Burn Buddy would have really helped when his daughter was going through the painful dressing changes. The Burn Buddies will be ordered and Kelley Straub will accompany Scott Cohen and Patricia Porter to the local burn centers to familiarize them with the fund.



Presentation of the check at Burn Foundation office, From left to right, Sarah Landy, Chris Straub, Kelley Straub, Patricia Porter, Joseph Landy, Scott Cohen



Burn Buddies

(friends for pediatric burn patients)

