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OREGON BURN CENTER THERAPEUTIC GARDEN

Help Our Garden Grow!

Since 1973, the Oregon Burn Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital has met the challenges of providing care for the region's most serious burn injuries. The highly skilled staff is dedicated to serving both the physical and emotional needs of burn survivors and their families.

Thanks to many dedicated supporters, in February 2002, the Burn Center moved to a newly renovated $5 million state-of-the-art facility with 16 beds in private rooms and special treatment areas designed for children. The new facility features special beds with zoned air surfaces that adjust to the patient's weight distribution. The beds reduce body pressure and minimize skin and tissue damage. Last year alone, over 325 patients, 20% of whom were children, were treated for a variety of burns and skin-destroying diseases.

Burn injuries, however, are much more than skin deep. Severe burns can affect every system in the body. Because of the severe tissue damage, burn survivors are at risk for contracting deadly bacterial infections. Moreover, severe burns can change physical appearance and physical ability. Recovering from a severe burn injury is a long and tedious process as the patient faces special physical, emotional and psychological challenges. The Oregon Burn Center and its specialized burn team are dedicated to helping burn survivors find the confidence to move forward with their lives.

To aid in the process and put the final touch on this new facility, we have constructed the Oregon Burn Center Therapeutic Garden. The garden is built in an existing courtyard within the privacy of the Burn Center and provides a healing oasis for patients, their families, and Burn Center staff. The design features accessibility in all aspects; winding pathways, gathering areas for family and friends, areas where individuals may relax in privacy, a staff area, a lush and intriguing botanical collection and a great deal of shade. In addition to the physical, occupational, speech, recreational and horticultural therapy options in the garden, patients have the opportunity to spend time outdoors in a safe and protected environment and meet with their families in a place other than their hospital rooms.

A gift to the Oregon Burn Center Therapeutic Garden provides burn survivors with a healing oasis to stimulate the senses and offer a peaceful place to relax and spend time alone or with loved ones. For more information, please call Kristine Krause, Development Specialist for the Emanuel Medical Center Foundation, at (503) 413-4141.

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