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Rebecca Grossman

GBF Update

The Philanthropic Arm of Grossman Burn Centers



GBF Opens Center in Kabul

The Grossman Burn Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of the Afghan Reconstructive Surgery and Burn Center in Kabul, Afghanistan. Dr. Abdul Asat, Chief Of Staff, Co-director and manager of Operations for the newly opened Afghan Reconstructive Surgery and Burn Center sponsored by The Grossman Burn Foundation in partnership with Direct Relief International performed their first burn treatment surgery early December.



Grossman Burn Foundation Chair, Rebecca Grossman, traveled to Washington D.C. in early December for a brunch at the White House hosted by First Lady Laura Bush honoring the Afghan Women's Council. President George Bush joined the group for the first half hour to show his support for the efforts being made in Afghanistan. Additionally, a dinner for

the council was held that evening at Afghan Ambassador Said Jawad and his wife Shamin Jawad's home. Rebecca said "Surprisingly, the opening of our nonprofit reconstructive surgery and burn center in Kabul was the hottest topic of discussion at both events."

Phase II for 7 year old Mahsoom will take place in Kabul next month. (Mahsoom was a former patient at GBC in Sherman Oaks.)

The new burn center in Kabul has received the support of the U.S. Afghan Women's Council. (www.usawc.state.gov) Further talks are underway with the State Department and the Department Of Defense with regard to additional ongoing support for the new Afghan burn center.



Brunch at the White House hosted by First Lady Laura Bush honoring the Afghan Women's Council

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- \$50,000 grant from Occidental Petroleum
- Neiman Marcus donates \$37,000
- GBF goes to D.C.
- Humanitarian Assistance Manual nearing release
- Increased awareness and generous support of GBF's mission

Faith Inspires Hope



"I still hold fast that through God's mercy I will find someone out there who will give me a REASON to live and a SMILE again."
Faith Wanjugo

The Grossman Burn Center routinely receives letters from people living in under-served areas of the world. Too often those writing are without access to even the most basic medical care. These are individuals who's entire lives have been put on hold as a result of a devastating burn or congenital impairment. Faith Wanjugo is one such person.

Faith, a volunteer cook at an AIDS orphanage in Kenya, suffered debilitating burn injuries to her arms and face, when a stove exploded, leaving her terribly disfigured. Having already overcome many obstacles in her life, Faith wrote to GBC with a hope filled request, "...I still hold fast that through God's mercy I will find someone who will give me a reason to live and smile again."

Her heartfelt plea caught the attention of the Grossman Burn Center. The Founda-

tion obtained a medical visa, coordinated travel and housing, raised necessary funding and secured through the generous donation of services provided by the GBC, the much needed medical care and treatment to help make

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Faith's simple yet medically complex request a reality. Lead surgeon and GBC President Dr. Peter H. Grossman commented, "... Faith's wounds are significant and I anticipate that multiple surgeries will be required to restore her functionally and cosmetically. We're going to do everything we can to give this extraordinary woman her life back."

To help ease her stay, the foundation has also arranged to have a web cam set up to enable Faith to keep in daily contact with her 12 year old daughter and 5 year old twins, boy and girl.

Dr. Grossman stated, "At the Grossman Burn Center we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish for burn victims from all over the world who could not otherwise get the medical care they need. Our charitable treatment of patients from places like Afghanistan, Iraq, and now Kenya, has really put what we do every day in valuable context. We are in the business of helping people and restoring lives. To be able to bring that level of care to deserving people from disadvantaged parts of the world is truly gratifying."

Faith is Here!

The much anticipated arrival of Faith Wanjugo took place December 24th. We are excited to report that she met with Dr. Peter Grossman on Monday, December 29th for her first consultation and her first surgery followed on the 5th of January! She is staying with her host Kathy Shultz in Los Feliz and enjoyed her first Holiday Season in America! Thank you all for your support, help and involvement in "Project Faith" this past year.

If you would like to stay involved with Faith's recovery process please let us know and we will send updates on Faith and her needs for this upcoming year. We are thankful for your support as Faith begins her journey through multiple surgeries and rehabilitation. She will be visiting her three very young children back at the orphanage in Africa via webcam.

More information on Faith's story is online at: www.grossmanburnfoundation.org .

Youth Committee Volunteers Molly Zuckerman, Nicole Tilliss, Cathryn Ortiz Benz and Michelle Nadjar



Dr. Peter and Rebecca Grossman and family enjoying the pumpkin patch!

Youth Committee Hosts "Project Faith" Event

This year "Project Faith" was a top priority for our Youth Committee, Co-Chaired Internationally by Zubaida Hasan, Jennifer Masliah and Emily Hegel. Locally our youth committee headed by Nicole Tilliss was actively involved in raising funds and awareness for Project Faith and the vital services GBF is dedicated to providing.

One event in particular caught the attention of many in the Woodland Hills area of Southern California. On a crisp fall day in October of last year, youth committee members including Molly Zuckerman, Nicole Tilliss, Cathryn Ortiz Benz and Michelle Nadjar volunteered to organize an "October Fest Fundraising Benefit" in support of Project Faith. GBF wants to thank everyone who came out for the event and especially the Youth Committee volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make this event the success that it was. Their efforts proved once again that together we can make a difference!

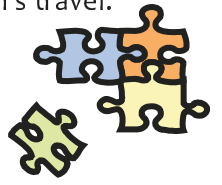


Faith Wanjugo



Welcome Faith!

An excited group of greeters eagerly awaited the arrival of Faith at the Los Angeles International Airport. Among those gathered to welcome Faith to the U.S. were Dawn Ellinwood and Kip Denslow who wrote the first letter to GBF on behalf of Faith. A special thank you to CareForce for donating the airline tickets for Faith's travel.



Rebecca Grossman, Dawn Ellinwood, Kip Denslow (not shown), Genet, Bereket, Susan Smith, Kathy Shultz, Faith Wanjugo, Sweet Alice, Sweet Al and Stacy Tilliss

Meet Our Executive Director Stacy Tilliss

The Grossman Burn Foundation is pleased to introduce our new Executive Director Stacy Tilliss. We feel Stacy will take the foundation to new levels and are proud to have her on board.

Stacy Tilliss is Executive Director of the Grossman Burn Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Grossman Burn Centers, the gold standard and leader in treatment of burn victims worldwide.

Tilliss leads the development and execution of the foundation's strategic plans and objectives in addition to overseeing the foundation's management, fund raising activities and special projects.



"It is humbling to know our work here at GBF makes a difference in the world"

Tilliss who joined the foundation as Program Director in 2006, is instrumental in guiding the Grossman Burn Foundation's emergence as a leader in the care of burn victims worldwide.

She is an accomplished professional with strong management skills in diverse environments and has a history of working in positions of leadership with the ability to interface with all levels of management and staff.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Tilliss served as an Administrator for a large medical practice and was a business owner. Stacy resides in West Hills California with her husband David of 20 years and children Nicole and Jared.

ESC consults with GBF

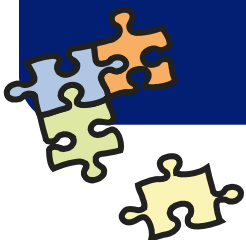
The Executive Service Corps of Southern California (ESC) have come onboard in 2009 to advise and mentor our growing foundation and staff. Roberta Suber, Carl Weiss and Jesus Romero with ESC will be consulting on such areas as board development, infrastructure, strategic budgeting, grant writing, and fundraising as they provide guidance to our new Executive Director Stacy Tilliss.

The Executive Service Corps will be asking to meet with all board members, volunteers and associates as we launch into building and further development of The Grossman Burn Foundation's infrastructure. To learn more about ESC visit www.escsc.org.

Shopping Works Wonders

Grossman Burn Foundation took part in another successful "Shopping Works Wonders" at Bloomingdales in Sherman Oaks on Friday, December 12th. After the event Bloomingdales store President along with their regional Public Relations representative and the local Public Relations representative called a meeting with Grossman Burn Foundation and Act Today! Care and Treatment For Autism.

These two organizations have been chosen for a long term affiliation with the California Bloomingdales stores. A larger "Special Event and Fundraiser" was discussed and the date is yet to be scheduled, however, all our looking at an early April 2009 event.



A note from our Founder and Chair Rebecca Grossman:

The Grossman Burn Foundation grew wings and took flight quickly in 2008. The opening of the Afghan Reconstructive Surgery and Burn Center in Kabul, Afghanistan and seeing Faith Wanjugo arrive from Kenya, Africa on Christmas Eve were two of the highlights of the year. 2009 is going to be an equally amazing year as we continue to spread our wings and impact our global society with innovative and unique programs. These new programs and special projects will indeed change the world and many individuals lives with regard to supporting burn victims and healthcare for self-sustainable communities in developing countries.

We look forward to another remarkable year and would like to thank everyone for your support. It is your passion that will enable us to not only fly ... but to truly soar.

The Humanitarian Assistance Manual will be the first of its kind and distribution will start next month. Other programs including our Triage Training Program for medical personnel in developing countries and the vocal petition video to stop violence against women globally will be extraordinary once fully realized. We look forward to another remarkable year and would like to thank everyone for your support. It is your passion that will enable us to not only fly ... but to truly soar.

Humanitarian Assistance Manual

Thanks to the generous support of Wells Fargo Fireman’s Fund the GBF’s Humanitarian Assistance Manual is nearing completion. Once published it will be distributed and made available worldwide to over 200,000 humanitarian organizations via electronic download and hard-copy.

The manual is a step-by-step guide to obtaining humanitarian assistance and access to various organizations that can help an

Individual in need of serious medical treatment. This guide will provide an appendix of hundreds of organizations worldwide and information ranging on how to obtain a visa, travel arrangements, escorts and funding for the patient.

In addition to the United States, we will be resourcing organizations in other areas of the world including Europe (Germany France, England), Israel, Australia and the UAE to help aid and expedite the process for anyone in a critical situation, no matter where they may be in the

Solar Cooker Project

The Grossman Burn Foundation is proud to lend awareness and support to the “Solar Cooker” project spearheaded by Jewish World Watch. Women and children who have fled the atrocities in Darfur meet with unspeakable danger when they have to leave the relatively safe confines of the refugee camps to



gather firewood for cooking. In an effort to stem the violence that is inflicted upon these innocent women and girls, the Solar Cooker Project supplies two cookers to

each woman, trains the women how to use the cookers and employs some women to manufacture the cookers thereby earning an income to help provide for their families.

We applaud this simple solution that is saving lives and helping to prevent burns.

To find more information on this project log on to: www.solarcookerproject.org

GBF Selected by Neiman Marcus

The Grossman Burn Foundation was recently selected as one of the beneficiary's honored at a gala celebrating the grand opening of Neiman Marcus's 40th store in the Valley. GBF along with three additional honorees; The Museum of Contemporary Arts, The New West Symphony and The ALS Foundation were invited to attend a pre-event brunch reception and fashion show featuring designer Monique L'hullier's fall collection.

Neiman Marcus hosted first class evening gala featuring top

musicians, dancing, art exhibits and preview shopping exclusively for guests of the gala event the eve before the doors were scheduled to be open at their new location.

It was a tremendous evening celebrating the successful launch of Neiman Marcus's 40th store and we were privileged to be recognized for the efforts of the Grossman Burn Foundation with a generous donation on behalf of Neiman Marcus.



Bob Lugari, V.P. and General Manager of Neiman Marcus with Rebecca Grossman, and honorees Nancy Alspaugh Jackson, Andrew & Ivana Firestone



Roberta Barry and Honoree Los Angeles Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry



David & Stacy Tilliss, Rebecca & Dr. Peter Grossman, Sandy & Mitch Francis



Honorees representing GBF, MOCA, ALS and NWS at the Neiman Marcus check presentation ceremony

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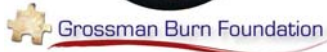


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A World of Thanks to our Partners and Supporters



- Mitch and Sandy Francis \$125,000
- Wells Fargo Fireman's Heritage Fund \$55,000 grant
- Occidental Petroleum \$50,000 grant
- Direct Relief International (DRI) – Partner in Afghan Reconstructive Surgery and Burn Center in Kabul, Afghanistan—
Generous in-kind donations and financial support.
- Countrywide—Generous donation of office space for 2008 and continued support from Bank of America
- Cars 4 Causes—Generous in-kind donations and financial support
- Neiman Marcus – \$37,000 donation

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| Bloomingdales | Mentor Corp. |
| Century City News | Prime Health Inc. |
| Children's Burn Foundation | Star Point Health |
| Friends and family in memory of Marlon Nash | Employees of LADWP—in memory of Phil Wickey |
| Grossman Medical Group and GBC Physicians | Tranquility Recovery by Caroline Shrednick |
| Henry Schein Medical Corp. | Westlake Magazine |
| Koleman Prosthetics | www.shortfilmplanet.com |
| Loftin Equipment | Private donors |
| Louise's Trattoria | GBF Board |

Restaurant Fundraising Participants:

- Baja Fresh
- Wendy's
- The Habit Burger
- California Pizza Kitchen

**Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of these listings. Please except our sincere apology and bring it to our attention if we have inadvertently left off your name or business. We know we could not do this without your vital support.*

We know in these uncertain times resources need to be invested wisely. And, while there are many investments one can make in this life, we know first hand how your support of GBF has the ability to change lives forever. We are able to do what we do because of the generosity from foundations, corporations and individuals like you. If you would like to find out more about the Grossman Burn Foundation and how you can help support our mission worldwide log on to: www.grossmanburnfoundation.org/donations

Looking Forward...

- Dove Self Esteem: ACTIONIST Distinction for 2009
- Video docudrama: Stop Violence Against Women Globally
- Triage Training Program for Physicians in Developing Countries; Proposed areas in addition to Afghanistan include Indonesia, India, Philippines, Africa and Guatemala.
- Bloomingdales Spring Event
- Humanitarian Assistance Manual to be distributed by end of first quarter 2009
- West-side fundraising event at the Bait's home early February
- GBC-UPDATE Burn Centers to open in San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield Feb. 2009 and Lafayette, Louisiana in May 2009
- Welcome new staff interns—Kari Rodems - California State University Channel Islands also Karissa Hurst and Anne Silvey — Pepperdine University.





Grossman Burn Foundation

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide help and financial support for individuals, families and children globally in areas of healthcare, safety and education. We support the development of self sustainable communities worldwide through partnerships and team work.

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