



**Dear Friends of GBF,**

**December 2020**

At the Grossman Burn Foundation, our goal and mission is to support burn survivors and their families through comprehensive medical care and a circle of support. GBF also serves senior citizens, children and many other high-risk groups by delivering education and burn prevention tools. Our programs, including Project Faith (patient care), Senior Burn Prevention & Safety Education, Training, Treatment & Telemedicine (TTT), STOP Violence Against Women Globally, and Burn Survivor Support Groups make a difference in people's lives...

2020 has proven to be a challenging year for us all. With COVID-19 affecting so many people, GBF is committed to staying connected to the those who need us most and to persevere during these difficult times.

Please help us support those special burn survivors and their families, with your *donations* for the following programs:

**Project Faith**



**Kechi Okwuchi**

Burn Survivor and "America's Got Talent" finalist, Kechi Okwuchi joined the GBF for a series of reconstructive procedures and recovery therapies to alleviate ongoing mobility problems with her arms and neck and other issues since her accident in 2005. GBF and its partners created an individualized surgical plan and network of care for Kechi. Over the course of six months, they

would execute this plan, ultimately creating a better quality of life for Kechi. GBF aids burn survivors such as Kechi, making it possible for those in need to obtain necessary medical, emotional, and psychological treatment.

**Senior Burn Prevention & Education**

GBF educators have conducted countless workshops throughout Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, educating seniors on why they are at higher risk of burn injury and severe complications, the differences between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns, and the more common categories of senior burns, including smoking fires, kitchen burns, scalds, heating, electrical, and other household burns.

Workshop participants are given educational materials for in-home use and reference.



**- GBF Educators -  
Barbara Rook &  
Helena San Marco**

**Burn Training, Treatment & Telemedicine**

The Burn Treatment, Training and Telemedicine Program (TTT) was developed in response to overwhelming requests for aid from burn victims and medical communities worldwide. The TTT Program is designed to reduce the burn mortality rate in developing nations (and in the US) by training and empowering local medical staff to treat serious burn injuries. Now with COVID-19 profoundly changing our lives and entire communities staying at home, burn injuries may be on the rise. TTT is an absolute necessity. GBF strives to bring burn medicine, training, and all-encompassing treatment through various platforms, globally and to our local communities.



**Dr. Peter Grossman**

**STOP Violence Against Women Globally**

*1 in 3 women experience domestic violence Worldwide - nearly half of these cases are from intimate partners...*

Valentia Nemauluma from South Africa suffered battery acid burns predominantly to her face in 2017. Three years after her tragedy, the Grossman Burn Foundation (GBF) received an inquiry through physicians at the University Hospital in Pretoria, and it was through this effort that GBF was able to bring Valentia to the U.S. in 2020. Over the course of 6 months, her specialized burn treatment and care was executed by GBF, Dr. Peter Grossman, and a number of program partners resulting in a great improvement to her injuries (the right side of her face - skin, eye/lids and lips), which gave her a renewed sense of self-confidence, and ultimately, may give her a much better quality of life.



**Valentia Nemauluma**

**Your tax-deductible donation** supports medical treatment, ongoing care and support. Help us meet our **goal of \$25,000.00**. GBF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.



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**Other GBF programs:**  
 • Humanitarian Assistance Manual - 2021 Edition (soon to be released) [www.humanitarianassistancemanual.com](http://www.humanitarianassistancemanual.com)  
 • SoCal Burn Survivor Support Groups (Now Virtual)

**YES! I want to help the GBF accomplish its mission locally and globally.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to make a one-time gift of: (check one)

\$2,500     \$1,000     \$500     \$250     \$100     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly

My check, made payable to Grossman Burn Foundation is enclosed.

Please make a one-time charge to my credit card for the above amount.

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information go to: <https://www.grossmanburnfoundation.org/donate/> or call 866.411.4GBF (4423)**