

February is Burn Awareness Month

Accidents happen. People are injured; sometimes burned. What is not known by the public is that very often, necessary dressings, such as garments known as “burn shirts” are not paid for by insurance companies. The purpose of a burn shirt is to keep skin scaring to a minimum and to ensure joint movement if the burn occurs in that area. The shirts are not purely cosmetic – they provide for free range of motion for the patient in the affected areas.

My own granddaughter was severely burn when scalding coffee fell on her. This resulted in a several day stay in Mercy’s intensive care burn center. Lyla had wear burn shirts - 5 of them over an 18 month period - at \$500 per shirt out of pocket cost. Not everyone can afford \$500 every 3 months to help their children or adult loved ones have a “normal” life. I wanted to do something to help recognize the unit, the doctors, the nurses, and the technicians who work tirelessly with burn victims. I wanted to help those who cannot afford the burn shirts and who may suffer debilitating effects from burns because they cannot afford the shirts. Mercy burn unit saved my grand baby – I would like to help them and other burn victims.

Trinity Area School District has graciously agreed to partner with UPMC Mercy to have a fund raiser to recognize the unit and help others. Elizabeth Husk’s students have designed t–shirts that can be worn on Fridays as they are white with Trinity blue lettering. Sizes range from adult small to 2X and child’s sizes xs to large. Please help us help others.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Booher – Trinity High School



National Burn Awareness Week



Helping Hands Support Burn Unit at UPMC Mercy

NAME _____ School _____

Shirt size _____ Number of shirts _____ Long Sleeves \$15

_____ Short sleeves \$10

Total: _____ check number _____ Cash _____

Make checks payable to Trinity Area School District.