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# BSTTW COMMUNITY NEWS

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By: Michael Appleman

After forming Burn Survivors Throughout The World (BSTTW) in February 2000, Michael Appleman gets to see his Organization Incorporate. As BSTTW has become a strong support and educational site on the Internet, the membership growth has increased. Many doctors and other professionals have sent articles and have joined BSTTW.

In March 2001, BSTTW moved the site to a faster and stronger Internet URL. We also got our own Domain Name at that time. In July 2001 with the donations from our Board of Directors, BSTTW moved the site so there will be non advertisements. By doing the work in March and July 2001 BSTTW has moved to the top three sites on the Internet. Each month we touch Burn Survivors, family members, friends and people all around the world. BSTTW has averaged 9600 clicks on the site in the last three months.

Today BSTTW has an Emergency Email Form and two phone numbers that anyone in need can contact. There is a support team that is on call 24 hours a day to meet everyone's needs.

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

BY: Michael Appleman, M.S.

So many Burn Survivors suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD involves depression, anxiety and flashbacks. With help both medically and emotionally most of us can work through PTSD and rebuild our life. PTSD is not something to run away from. To learn

more about PTSD and see if you are possibly suffering from PTSD answer the questions on our PTSD questionnaire. The article is at [www.burnsurvivorsttw.com/ptsd.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.com/ptsd.html). You may also want to talk to your medical doctor and/or mental health professional.



### A FAMILY AROUND THE WORLD

### BURN SURVIVOR SUPPORT

By: Clarinda Pariset Jones

Let me start off by saying that I am very excited to be part of BSTTW and having the chance to support others. I also find that I get the support that I need to continue helping my son. It is so great to see others from all around the world reading our article, stories and asking us for help in so many ways. The links that BSTTW has is also a strong part of the support. You can find many burn camps, medical contacts and support around the world. Our education even touches on fire safety and prevention. BSTTW and myself are working hard to reach out to get more resources, finding and links. I hope that our members will reach out and help BSTTW to educate and rebuild the lives of so many burn survivors. I know that Michael is working hard toward this cause and he would like to see many of you contact him and take part in any way you can. By working together we all can make a difference.

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## BSTTW Donations

### **BSTTW FUNDRAISING**

**By: Lita Duckworth**

WOW!!!! Fundraising.....Its really lots of fun. Fundraising helps to bring people together in communities such as yours. Fundraising is very important and allows us to help other burn survivors. **BSTTW** has are just been incorporated. We are starting our fundraising drives. Your help is needed. Hopefully **BSTTW** will become well known everywhere and we will be able to fund raise in every state and county in the USA and aboard. The more fundraisers **BSTTW** does the better we can help you all. The money **BSTTW** receives is used to help in many areas for (**BSTTW**). Such as the World Burn Conference (WBC). **BSTTW** would like to be able to send at least one burn survivor and/or family member to the WBC each year. I myself have already made some progress. So far **BSTTW** has two restaurants, in Texas, donating to us. The first is from a Mexican Restaurant, which includes, 2 dinners. The second is 2 desserts and an appetizer from an Italian Restaurant, for two. We also have 2 hand made candles, and 2 Easter water fountains. I know this is an interesting mix. **BSTTW** also has had a small amount of cash donated. **BSTTW** is touching on the heart of so many people. They are usually willing to donate their services and time. If you would like any information about fund raising feel free to email or call me.

### **DONATIONS**

As Lita Duckworth our Administrative Director stated, the only way for **BSTTW** to do the work that is needed for all Burn Survivors and family members is to continually get donations from our members, communities and the families in your neighborhood. Your donations can be money, equipment that we can use or give to a needy burn survivor, or donate your time to help **BSTTW**. Please think about donating to us and/or helping to educate your community in order for **BSTTW** to be available to help people in need.

To Donate to **BSTTW** or help our Donation Drive please contact us at 941-364-8457 or at [donations@burnsurvivorsttw.com](mailto:donations@burnsurvivorsttw.com)

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### Taiwan International Burn Camp

#### **Canadian Burn Survivors Visit Taiwan**

**By: Michael Appleman**

Johanna (JoJo) Sandler, is a teen burn survivor from Canada. A few months ago she found **BSTTW**. I had the pleasure of meeting her on the Internet. After talking, JoJo told me that she was chosen by the Canadian Government to go to the Taiwan International Burn Camp. She was so excited. As a burn survivor who has been in hiding for many years, JoJo was starting to take part in her community. She felt that this summer she would see another part of the world and meet burn survivors from Taiwan. JoJo met other Canadian teen burn survivors on her way over to Taiwan. To learn more about this fantastic summer burn camp, go to [www.burnsurvivorsttw.com/taiwan.html](http://www.burnsurvivorsttw.com/taiwan.html) and read the full story from JoJo.

JoJo is also planning on joining our Parents and Family Chat on September 13, 2001. I hope many of you join us and ask her questions and understand life from her point of view.

### **BSTTW Directors**

**Michael Appleman:** Executive Director  
**Lita Duckworth:** Administrative Assistant  
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