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DINNER AT THE FIREHOUSE IN SUPPORT OF THE BURN INSTITUTE

What better way to spend a Friday evening, without leaving the community, than to have dinner at the Firehouse?

March 2nd was the Second Annual "Dinner at the Firehouse", in support of the *Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund* and The Burn Institute. Once again, the local firefighters cooked and served a wonderful Santa Margarita style barbeque dinner to more than 80 invited guests.

The purpose of the evening was to continue to raise the awareness of the work of The Burn Institute in San Diego County. The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Founded in 1972, one of the Institute's first accomplishments was to help establish the UCSD Regional Burn Center. Today, the Burn Institute continues to: reach thousands of children and adults each year with lifesaving fire and burn prevention education; fund vital burn research and treatment; and conduct burn survivor support programs that help children and adults cope with the devastating psychological and physical effects of their injuries.

Did you know that there are more than 300 people each year who are treated at the UCSD Regional Burn Center, only one of 60 certified regional burn centers in the United States?

The keynote speakers for the evening were Jerry and Carolyn Davee. Jerry is a burn survivor himself, and since his accident nearly 35 years ago, he and Carolyn have devoted their lives to supporting the work of The Burn Institute.

The *Jerry and Carolyn Davee Fund* was established at The Foundation almost two years ago. It has grown to more than \$500,000 with a goal of \$2 million. The income from the endowment will provide much needed funding, in perpetuity, in support of the programs of The Burn Institute.

Should you wish to make a gift to the Davee Endowment, please contact Christy Wilson at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation (858-756-6557) or Diane Sutherland at The Burn Institute (858-541-2277, ext. 19).

The Foundation would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the RSF Fire Protection District, and in particular the firefighters and their wives and friends, who worked so hard to host this wonderful evening. Their support of our community and The Burn Institute is to be commended.