

Heather and Meladee

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"For the miracle you worked on Heather Cochrane. This is for Heather," wrote Sara R. Trolinger when she sent a contribution in honor of a very brave young girl and the heroic efforts of all the healthcare professionals working with the Alexander Burn Center staff to save her life.

Heather was seven when she was severely burned last spring in a motorcycle accident. In addition, a main artery to her heart was damaged in the incident and open heart surgery was needed before the burns could be treated.

There were many who would join Heather in her fight for life that night and many who would be touched by her spirit and her

bravery. Alexander Burn Center Head Nurse Meladee Still, R.N., was one who cared for and grew to respect Heather and her courage.

Heather and Meladee worked with the Foundation to tell their story and the need for community support of the Alexander Burn Center, the only one of its kind in this region.

"Thank you . . . for the miraculous recovery you are helping to achieve. Your love and concern for this wonderful little girl is apparent. Words can not express our gratefulness . . . that you (the burn center and support staff) were there with the skills and facilities needed at such a critical time," wrote George Edwards.

"As a burn victim myself, I can fully appreciate the effort required of doctors, nurses, therapists and family members toward the slow, agonizing healing process inherent in a burn injury . . . My wife and I hope in some small way our contribution will help those in need . . . Through the dedication of health professionals like you, perhaps others will find the going just a little easier," wrote Terry and Lori Brunholtz.

The Foundation is deeply grateful for the many wonderful letters of support and the contributions made to keep the Alexander Burn Center open and available to all who need this special care.



Meladee Still, R.N., and Heather Cochrane