



**FIREFIGHTERS**  
— FOR HEALING —

# 2024 IMPACT REPORT





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**Firefighters For Healing and this healing center represent so much - hope, safety, peace, love, family and healing...**

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**Dear Firefighters For Healing Supporters,**

As we reflect on 2024, we are blessed to share Firefighters For Healing's Impact Report, a testament to the resilience, strength, and unwavering spirit of the burn survivors, firefighters, first responders, and their families we serve. This report highlights the profound work we have accomplished through our Camp RED program and at our Transitional Healing Center. Through these initiatives, we have demonstrated the healing power of community, support and a sense of belonging and hope to those navigating the long journey of recovery.

Within these pages, you will find firsthand testimonials from individuals whose lives have been transformed by our programs. These stories serve as powerful reminders of why our mission matters—providing resources, encouragement, and support to those who need it most. Whether it's a young camper at Camp RED discovering confidence and building lifelong friendships or a burn survivor family finding comfort and embracing their new normal at our Transitional Healing Center, their voices underscore the impact of our work.

Yet, as we celebrate these successes, we acknowledge the challenges ahead. Economic uncertainties and limited funding opportunities continue to place strain on nonprofit organizations like ours. The demand for our services remains high, and the need for accessible, high-quality support for burn survivors and first responders has never been greater. Despite these obstacles, Firefighters For Healing is steadfast in our commitment to ensuring that no individual faces their healing journey alone.

We remain dedicated to growing our programs, expanding our reach, and strengthening our support network. By continuing to invest in our core mission, we uphold our promise to stand beside those who have endured unimaginable hardships. We are determined to stay the course, adapt where needed, and do our best to restore hope, promote healing and empower caregivers and survivors.

Thank you for your continued love & support in making this work possible. It is only through the generosity of donors, partners, and advocates like you that we can continue providing life-changing care and opportunities. We invite you to read this report, celebrate the lives touched, and join us in forging a future where every survivor and first responder receives the care they deserve.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
**God bless -**

*Jake LaFerriere*

**JAKE LAFERRIERE**  
Firefighters For Healing







## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support burn survivors and their families, firefighters and first responders. We seek to provide support, guidance, education, and comfort in ways that care professionals and insurance companies are unable.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a beacon of hope, empathy and compassion for the burn community and also our hero first responders in ways that inspire others to do the same.

## OUR PURPOSE

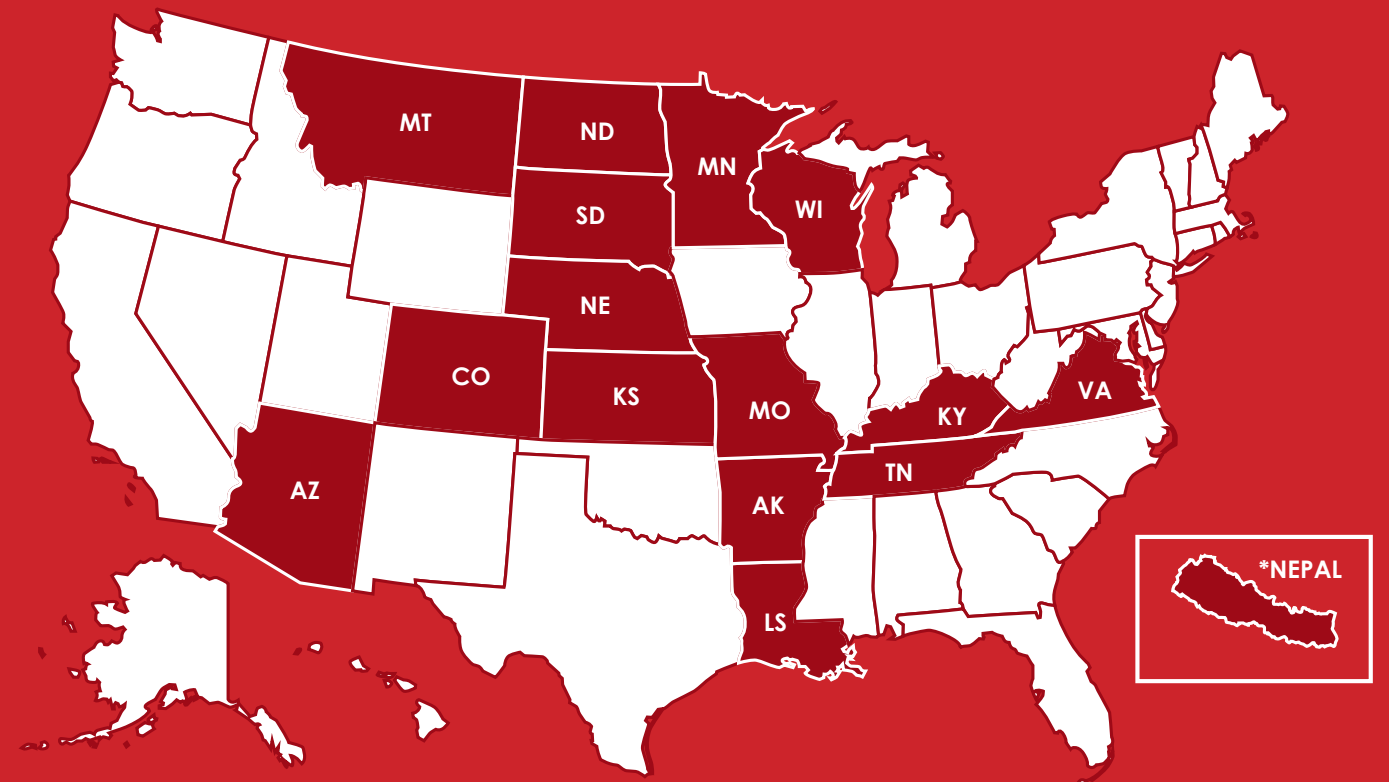
To be a leading resource to burn survivors, firefighters, first responders and their families at a time when they need it most.

## BREAKDOWN OF A DOLLAR

Each dollar donated to Firefighters For Healing helps to pay for these services and programs.



## WE'VE HELPED FAMILIES ACROSS 15 STATES + NEPAL DURING 2024





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To donors and everybody  
who made Firefighters For  
Healing possible and the  
Transitional Healing Center.  
I'm so grateful for you.

Kaycee Crowley



### Transitional Healing Center

The Transitional Healing Center offers 12 fully furnished units at no cost to burn survivors, firefighters, first responders, and their families receiving medical care in the Twin Cities.

Located near Hennepin Healthcare, these suites provide a comforting space where families can focus on healing without the financial burden of hotel stays. This vital resource ensures that these families receive the care, support, and community they deserve.

## TRANSITIONAL HEALING CENTER NUMBERS 2024



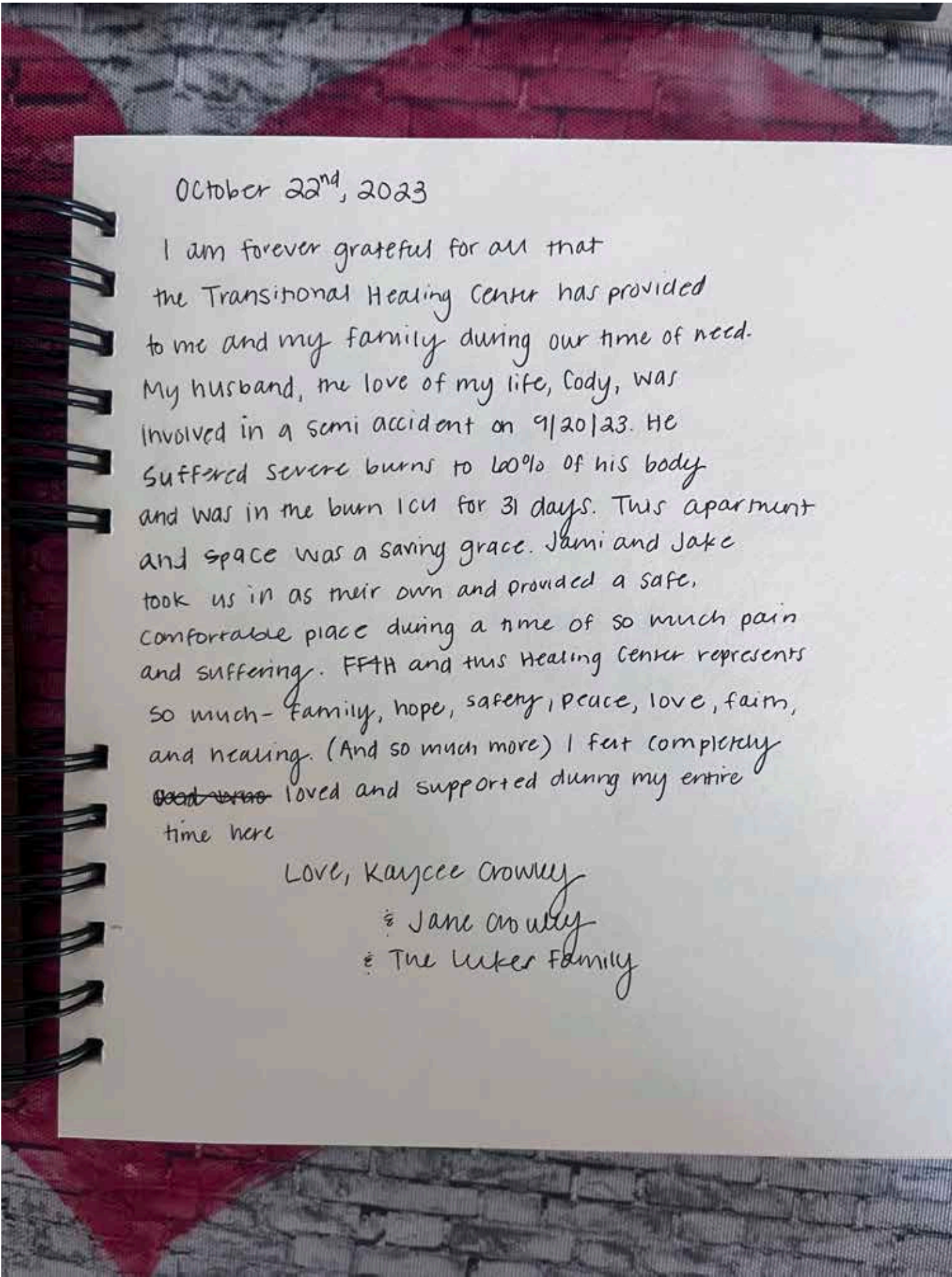
**100**  
Individuals &  
Families Hosted



**1,810**  
Nights of  
Lodging



**\$318,500+**  
Saved in  
Housing Costs





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You never think this will happen to you, happen to your kids but when it does, I think having the support system that this camp and the Healing Center has provided for us has been amazing.

Harvey Family



Camp RED (which stands for Realize Every Dream) is a year-round program providing life-changing experiences for young burn survivors and their families.

The Summer Camp offers a traditional overnight camp where kids build confidence, connect with peers, and enjoy adaptive outdoor activities.

In the Fall, a Family Retreat brings families together for healing and connection, while the Winter Teen Leadership Retreat helps older campers develop leadership skills as they transition into mentorship roles.

Through these programs, Camp RED fosters healing, empowerment, and lifelong connections for families on their healing journey.

## CAMP RED NUMBERS 2024



### SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

**103** Individuals

**\$75,000** in Scholarships Provided



### FALL CAMP PROGRAM

**112** Individuals

**\$46,000** in Scholarships Provided



### WINTER CAMP PROGRAM

**20** Individuals

**\$6,000** in Scholarships Provided

## 235 Camp Experiences in 2024







### Family Support & Other Gifts

Beyond the Transitional Healing Center and Camp RED, Firefighters For Healing provides critical support to burn survivors, first responders, and their families in times of need.

Our annual Christmas Blessing brings holiday cheer to survivors and families in the HCMC Burn Unit through gifts and financial assistance. Throughout the year, we offer emergency aid, essential supplies, and special experiences to help ease the burdens of recovery.

Whether through a holiday surprise, a necessary gift, or a moment of joy, we remain committed to uplifting those facing unimaginable challenges.

### FAMILY SUPPORT NUMBERS 2024



**780** Individuals Cared For



**\$61,000** in Donations Provided





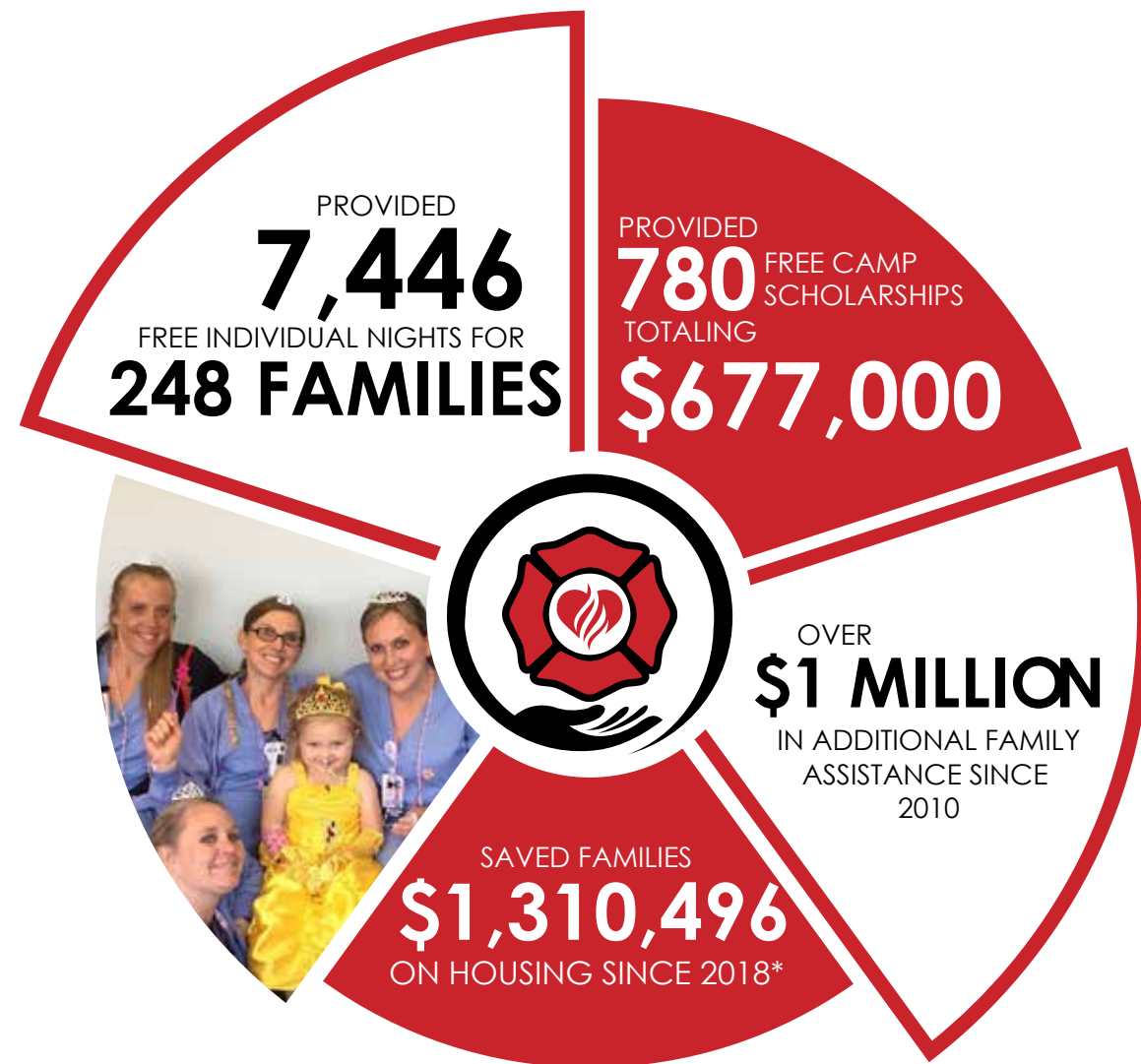
## SINCE OUR FOUNDING...

**This incredible impact is only possible because of you.**

Since our founding, your generosity and belief in our mission have helped us reach thousands of burn survivors, firefighters, first responders, and their families with healing support, housing, and life-changing experiences. The numbers in this graphic represent more than just data—they reflect your compassion, your commitment, and the action you've taken to help make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

♥ God bless you and your families.

- Jake LaFerriere



\*Figures do not include additional programming expenses available to families staying in our first-of-its-kind Transitional Healing Center.

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See...next month will be 5 years since our family's accident.

5 years since she was airlifted and began her one month hospital stay in two hospitals.

5 years since she lost most of the muscle tone in her body, including her hands.

5 years since she had the first of many surgeries on her left hand, with more to come.

5 years since she had to learn to be brave while facing questions and stares from adults and kids alike.

5 years since she was welcomed into the Firefighters For Healing family, an organization that has led to incredible healing and new friends that understand in a way no one else can.

5 years of pain, tears, questions, and frustrations.

But today, she won 1st place in the monkey bar hang and that is pretty damn awesome.

Jerzak Family





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