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Beaufort-Port Royal firefighters raise funds for MUSC Burned Children's Camp 'Can' Do

The Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Department is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for a special summer camp held for South Carolina children who've suffered burn injuries.

The Beaufort/Port Fire Department is the newest host of a collection trailer for aluminum cans. The funds raised from the recycled cans support children who attend the MUSC-sponsored Burned Children's camp.

The purpose of Camp 'Can' Do is to provide a fun, residential camping experience for children, ages six to 17, who have been treated for a serious burn injury. Camp 'Can' Do provides a safe, supportive, fun outdoor environment and a variety of social, recreational, and educational activities for campers.

"We are very proud to help raise funds for this camp opportunity for South Carolina children who have suffered burns. As firefighters, we work hard to prevent any injuries, but when they happen, especially to children, it is good to know that Camp 'Can' Do helps them enjoy some of their summer," said Beaufort Fire Chief Sammy Negron.

The counselors for the camp are all volunteers, and many are South Carolina firefighters and nurses and nursing students in college.

The aluminum can collection trailer is located in front of the Beaufort Fire Department Headquarters at 135 Ribaut Road. All funds collected support the burned children's camp.

Camp "Can" Do is located at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island in Charleston. Sponsored South Carolina children who have suffered burns attend the camp for free. This year's camp is June 27-July 1.

MUSC Children's Hospital Burned Children's Fund is a continuation of a program founded in 1986 by South Carolina's firefighters and MUSC Children's Hospital to ease the recovery process for MUSC's pediatric burn patients and their families.

Donations to this fund support South Carolina's only referral center for pediatric burns, MUSC Children's Hospital Pediatric Burn Center. The Burned Children's Fund and the Pediatric Burn Center co-sponsor Camp 'Can' Do, a camp designed especially for burned children.

The Burned Children's Fund also supports the FAN Club. This program matches firefighters with burned children to help them return to school as well as educate their classmates about the child's experience. The fund also supports the hydrotherapy area in MUSC Children's Hospital, improving the necessary bandage changes and treatments a burned child must endure.

“We hope our entire community across Northern Beaufort County joins us in supporting this camp, either by bringing aluminum cans to our collection site or by donating to the program directly,” Negron said.

For details about Camp Can Do or to donate, call 843-792-3852 or email evansj@musc.edu.

For more information about the Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Department, contact city-fire@cityofbeaufort.org or call 843-470-3515.

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