

## **News from the City of Dearborn**

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### **Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive makes \$50,000 donation to Oakwood Healthcare System's Center for Exceptional Families**

**DEARBORN**, Mich. – The Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive recently announced its donation of \$50,000 in support of the relocation and expansion of Oakwood Healthcare System's Center for Exceptional Families.

The Burn Drive raises funds to assist burn victims, children in need and victims of fire recover from the devastating effects that fires have had on their lives. Since its inception, the charity organization has donated more than \$1 million to national and local burn centers and other causes.

It has also established several endowments totaling more than \$500,000, and aided southeastern Michigan hospitals in obtaining hyperbaric oxygen chambers to help treat smoke inhalation victims.

Oakwood's Center for Exceptional Families offers comprehensive, coordinated family-centered care for children with developmental disabilities, acquired disabilities and chronic, complex disorders.

It is unique in southeast Michigan for the scope and quality of care it offers. By housing specialized staff and a multidisciplinary team at one site, children with special needs can have each of their medical and social support

needs addressed in a single visit, rather than in five or six separate trips to different specialists through metro Detroit.

The facility is relocating to the Rotunda Building in Dearborn, located near the intersection of Rotunda Drive and Oakwood Boulevard, and significantly expanding its size as well.

In recognition and appreciation of the donation, Oakwood intends to name the facility's Patient and Family Waiting Area in honor of the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive.

"The Burn Drive is proud to support many southeastern Michigan facilities that help burn victims and others in need, and we continue to work to increase our endowments and other tools to provide that assistance," explained chairperson and Dearborn firefighter Steve Worden.

"But we couldn't think a better cause than this one – helping our own community's outstanding team of dedicated professionals in providing this level of quality care to special needs children and their families," he added.

For information about the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive, visit [www.dearbornff.org](http://www.dearbornff.org) and click on the link for the Burn Drive.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

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John O'Rourke, development officer, major gifts for Oakwood Health Care System receives a check for \$50,000 in support of Oakwood's Center for Exceptional Families from representatives of the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive (all of whom are also Dearborn firefighters): (from left) Bruce Hamilton, Darren Fabris, Burn Drive chairperson Steve Worden and Joe Murray.

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