Every year, 6 millions children suffer burn injuries in the Americas, 80,000 in Chile.
The damage can be long lasting and many times life-altering because scarred tissue inhibit the children’s body from growing normally. Several surgeries may be needed to prevent function limitations, disabilities and improve aesthetics.
Due to burns are related to poor housing conditions and low education, many burn victims do not receive a proper treatment, not being able to lead a normal and fulfilling life.

Improving the healing process for kids who suffer from burns is an urgent and global need, especially in areas with large populations living in poverty.

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3,839 children were new patients, 62% were younger than 5 years of age when they suffered the burn injury and the most common age was 12 months.

**COANIQUEM’s Holistic Approach – A child centered care.**
COANIQUEM’s model of care strives to ease the patients’ physical and spiritual suffering by delivering free comprehensive specialized care of the highest possible caliber. The range of the treatments not only includes medical care, but also therapies that foster socialization and reintegration to school and work.
The dedicated professional team is made up, among others, of physiatrists, surgeons, dermatologists, pediatricians, psychiatrists, nurses, physical and, occupational therapists, psychologists and school teachers. The care includes custom orthotics and compression garments.

**Casabierta, COANIQUEM’s residential housing and school on campus, provides free room and board for patients and families that travel for often lengthy treatment periods and therapy sessions.**

**Rotary’s support**
Thanks to the **Twin Rotary Clubs Laguna Niguel and Santiago de Chile** and the support of other Clubs (Metro Bethesda, Dublin, San Juan de Capistrano, Antofagasta and Puerto Montt), COANIQUEM has **new equipment** for the treatment of children. The value of the Global Grant project is $128,000 and is the third GG project financed by Rotary. The first two made possible the implementation of the telemedicine system, the data center and the development of the Electronic Medical records.

**COANIQUEM celebrates 40 years improving the future of burned victims.**
“The future of a child should not be negatively determined by a burn injury and we will continue working as long as there is a child that is not being properly accompanied through his or her rehabilitation process.” **Dr Jorge Rojas-Zegers, Founder and President of COANIQUEM.**

COANIQUEM has cared free of charge for over 135,000 children suffering from burn injuries, including over 200 children from other Latin American countries.
COANIQUEM BCF is a registered charitable organization in the U.S. (status 501-c-3) with the mission to support the rehabilitation of burned children throughout the Americas, treated at the Burn Center of COANIQUEM in Santiago de Chile and international training programs on rehabilitation and prevention of burns.

We are devoted towards healing the wounds, easing the pain and recovering self-esteem.

We believe that COANIQUEM provides the highest quality care to rehabilitate and reinsert the burned child back into society.

We believe that we can improve with our work the lives of the burn victims.

We believe that a child treated at COANIQUEM has a better chance of leading a fulfilling life.

A child treated at COANIQUEM has a better chance of leading a normal life after the trauma of a burn injury.

You can change the future of a burned child

Sponsorship Program. One of the most meaningful ways to support the work of COANIQUEM is to sponsor the treatment of one of COANIQUEM’s young patients. Each sponsor receives progress reports on the rehabilitation process.

Value of annual sponsorship: $1,000.

Finances the costs for surgeries, comprehensive rehabilitation treatment, room and board, school education and all necessary compression clothing.

Contact Carolyn Schuetz csandlb@comcast.net

April 2nd, 2019

Dear Sponsor

I write to let you know that I will not be part of the Sponsorship Program anymore. I am in the University now, in Engineer school, very focused on my studies. I currently do not have any kind of limitations due to my burns, so I will not need surgery nor therapy this year.

Growing up in COANIQUEM has been very special for me and my family. As you already know, my burn injuries were very serious. I needed a long rehabilitation treatment and many surgeries. However, I am almost done. Thanks to you and the great team of COANIQUEM.

I would like to thank you for your support through all these years and hope you can continue sponsoring another child.

Sincerely,

Mirko

Abi

Argentina

Martin

Chile

Paola

Chile

Miqueas

Argentina

Maite

Chile

Hi, I’m Eliset and I’m 14 years old. When I was two, a pot with hot water spilled on me, burning a large part of my body. COANIQUEM has taken care of me all these years. I have undergone several surgeries and will need some more as I grow.

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International Training Programs

Over 400 medical professionals trained in the care of children burns have implemented COANIQUEM’s Holistic Approach in 20 countries of the Region.

Participants in 2018:

Course

Rehabilitation of Children’s Burns
Prevention of Burns
Hospital School Education and Social Inclusion

Professionals

42

23

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Countries: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, Dominican Republic, Peru and Chile.

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