



OUR STORY

In 2023 our world was turned upside down when Vlad was diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis. He was fighting for his life and required several surgeries. He was then transferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Burn unit, where he spent three long months undergoing numerous surgeries, skin graft and intensive rehabilitation

During this time, we were introduced to the harsh reality of burn wound care and recovery. We witnessed first-hand the immense physical and emotional pain that burn patients endure and our entire family, especially our children, were deeply affected by the suffering we saw.

Through this unimaginable journey, we discovered not only the strength within our family, but also the resilience of burn survivors and their loved ones. We experienced the fear, pain, and isolation that comes with such a traumatic medical journey.

Nico, our oldest son, was deeply affected by everything he witnessed, the pain, the fear, and the long road to recovery. Struggling to process his emotions, he sought guidance from the hospital's psychologist. Through their conversations, he shared a heartfelt idea to create a support group for children who, like him, were coping with the trauma of seeing a loved one suffer. In 2023, this vision became a reality and our son, along with the hospital's burn psychologist, re-established the Pediatric Burn Support Group at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Through these experiences, we discover the incredible resilience of burn survivors and their families, as well as the deep need for emotional support. Out of this journey filled with pain, hope, and compassion, the Bright Angel Foundation was born in 2025.

OUR MISSION

To provide support, resources, and programs to children who have experienced traumatic events, with a primary focus on pediatric burn survivors and children whose families have been affected by burn injuries.

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