

RETURN CARD

Please only register for those who will **definitely attend**.  
A fee is paid for each person who registers for the reunion.

Yes, I/we will attend the Reunion on November 4, 2023  
No, I/we will NOT attend  
Yes, I/we will attend virtually via live stream (Your email address required )

(Please circle) Survivor/Staff/Volunteer/First Responder/Other

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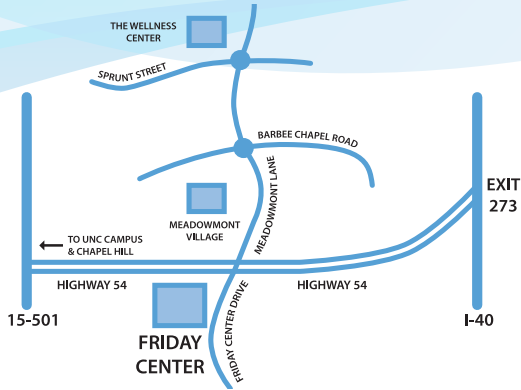
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: (required for virtual attendance)

Name of Additional Guest(s)

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For more information, or to make a gift, visit:  
<http://www.med.unc.edu/burn>



For directions to the Friday Center, please visit  
[www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/directions](http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/directions)  
or call the Friday Center at (919) 962-3000

Hotel Accommodations

Rooms are reserved for **Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4, 2023** at ALoft Hotel on Hwy 54, not far from the Friday Center. This boutique hotel offers microwave, mini refrigerators, and ergonomic workspace. Billiard tables, a 24-hour indoor pool and 24-hour fitness center are available. ALoft is within walking distance to *The Fresh Market* and several restaurants.

**ALoft Hotel** in Chapel Hill offers a rate of \$126/night. To reserve a room:



visit:  
or call:  
919-442-2773  
use "NCJayceeBurnCenter"  
discount code

**To receive the discounted rate, reservations must be made by October 19, 2023**

Directions to ALoft Hotel:

1001 S. Hamilton Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
I-40 to Exit 273 Hwy 54 West to Chapel Hill, left onto South Hamilton Road. The hotel is on the corner. Entrance and parking are in the back.

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# Celebration of Life

Please Join Us for Our  
**32nd Annual  
Survivor Reunion**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

The William and Ida Friday  
Center for Continuing Education  
100 Friday Center Drive  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina



**NORTH CAROLINA  
JAYCEE BURN CENTER**

This event is for attendees  
13 and older

### Adult Burn Survivor Reunion

Please join us for our 32nd Annual "Celebration of Life" burn survivors' reunion. This event offers survivors, their families and friends, members of the fire service, current and former Burn Center staff, and community volunteers an opportunity to come together to share stories of recovery, struggle, and hope. The day is filled with fun, food and fellowship and is provided to you at no cost through the generous contributions of donors and friends of the UNC North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center.



**To Register: Complete and return the attached postage paid post card by October 23, 2023.**  
**For more information call (919) 962-8427**

### Schedule of Events

- 9:00 AM: Registration/Breakfast
- 10:00 AM: Program
- 11:30 AM: Open Mic
- 12:30 PM: Lunch

### Our Guest Speakers



Kechi and Ijeoma Okwuchi

Kechi Okwuchi is one of two survivors of the Sosoliso Airlines Flight 1145 crash on December 10, 2005. She was sixteen, flying from school to home in Nigeria for the holidays. Her mother, Ijeoma "Ije", endured a significant trauma that day as well. Once she discovered her daughter had indeed survived the crash, she faced the reality of her child's 65% burn injury. Thus began the long journey for patient and parent of life after a burn injury.

In 2007 Kechi and her family moved to Texas for treatment at the Shriners' Hospital for Children. She now resides in Houston, Texas and her story of survival and resilience are inspiring to all who know of her.

Kechi is a two-time 'America's Got Talent' finalist and released her debut single 'Don't You Dare' in 2018. In 2022 she published her memoir "More Than My Scars" and in 2023 she graduated with her Masters in Business Administration.

Kechi is a singer-songwriter, author, inspirational speaker and advocate. She uses her platform to inspire others to chase their dreams with dedication. She hopes to continue to use her life story, her voice and her faith to offer hope to others, especially burn and trauma survivors, to just keep moving.

### Upcoming Events

#### Virtual Gathering

A monthly opportunity for survivors, family members, burn and aftercare staff to come together to share, to listen, to support and to inspire. The "Virtual Gathering" happens the first Saturday of each month at 11:00am. For more information contact Aftercare (919) 962-8427 or maria\_albani@med.unc.edu

#### Adult Retreat March 15-17, 2024

A weekend for adult burn survivors and caregivers to interact and share with one another to learn skills necessary to resume life and livelihood. Early reistration is encouraged. A \$25 per person registration fee is required. This event is limited to 30 participants. For more information contact Aftercare (919) 962-8427 or mandy.mizellenorris@unchealth.unc.edu

#### Camp Celebrate May 16-19th, 2024

A weekend camp experience for burn survivors age 7-15 that provides the opportunity to meet and share with other kids "who are like me." 16-18 year old survivors may apply for limited CIT roles. Adult survivors are encouraged to volunteer as counselors to mentor these children in how to feel successful in their recovery! For more information contact Aftercare (919) 962-8427 or chelsea\_hendricks@med.unc.edu

#### Young Adult Events Coming in 2024

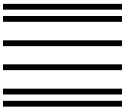
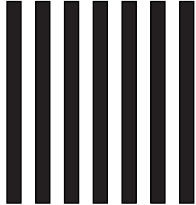
For more information contact Aftercare (919) 962-8427 or michele.barr@unchealth.unc.edu

#### Peer Support - Phoenix SOAR® Program (Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery)

A structured volunteer training program that enables survivors and family members to support others throughout the recovery process. We are looking for volunteers to come weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, make phone calls, email support, and help with support groups. For more information contact Aftercare (919) 962-8427 or michele.barr@unchealth.unc.edu

#### Celebration of Life Adult Reunion November 2nd, 2024

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