

Burn Patient Touched By

Angels

What began as a heartbreaking story for a family of Hurricane Katrina evacuees came to a happy ending recently with the help of some angel wings.

While traveling to Brandon, Mississippi last fall where they planned to relocate, the rental truck Daniel Brady and his wife, Brandy, were driving caught fire. As a result, Brandy suffered third degree burns over 38 percent of her body. She and her mother, Peggy Saik, were flown to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital where Brandy received immediate treatment for her burns. Daniel was admitted to a Mississippi hospital with minor injuries.

Upon release from the Burn Center, Brandy and her mother encountered a new problem: with no vehicle, limited funds, and lacking the personal identification required for a commercial flight home, the two women were unable to return to their family in Mississippi. That's when some angels stepped in to help.

Emile Delegram, a volunteer with the Southeastern Firefighter's Burn Foundation, heard of Brandy's plight and arranged for an "Angel Flight." Mother and daughter were reunited with their family shortly thereafter.

Angel Flight of Georgia, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing free air transportation to and from treatment facilities for those with medical needs who are financially distressed or unable to travel on public transportation. Missions include routine treatment flights, compassionate care, and others referred by healthcare providers. The Southeastern Firefighter's Burn Foundation is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with the Burn Center to provide support services to burn survivors and their families including living accommodations and meals.

The Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital is a 55-bed burn center that admits over 2,000 patients annually from throughout the Southeast. A third of its patients are children. For more information about burn prevention or the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital, contact Beth Frits, 706.364.6400.

(L-R) Recovering burn patient, Brandy Brady; pilot, Emile Delegram; and Brandy's mother, Peggy Saik prepare to leave Augusta on an "Angel Flight" bound for Brandy's home in Mississippi.

