

## Halifax - 2006

The second annual Canadian Burn Survivor Conference, which was held in Halifax, NS, from July 5-8 2006, was hosted by the Nova Scotia Fire Fighters Burn Treatment Society and it was wonderful!



The keynote speaker was Kim Phuc, a woman of admirable strength whom most people know as, *The Girl in the Picture*. Kim's expression of pain after being burned with napalm during the Vietnam War was captured for all to see by an Associated Press photographer. Her presentation gave all those present at the conference insight into her courageous battle to recovery and her journey to forgiveness. To say she inspired us is an understatement. We wish everyone had the chance to see her speak.

We had the opportunity to go on a Harbour cruise around Halifax...that was absolutely breathtaking! We ate Lobster! We went on a Ghost Walk around Historic Halifax; the whole tour proved to be quite interesting and allowed us to see many different sights around Halifax. We went to the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, which was a concert with international military marching bands playing bagpipes and all sorts of instruments. There were also gymnasts from around the world performing. The talent of these performers was endless!



We met burn survivors from coast to coast, all with their own stories of courage to tell. It's amazing to see how these burn survivors grow even in such a short period of time. The support that everyone receives in such a setting is remarkable. In the end, the trip to Halifax for this conference proved to be important and very meaningful.