



Newsletter

June 2025

Dear friends and supporters of Help Brandwonden Kids vzw,

Thanks to a packed schedule, the first half of our 2025 working year has flown by. Fortunately, we were able to strengthen our board team. After six months of involvement, Alois Mertens was accepted as a new board member. After all, many hands make light work. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, supporters, associations, sponsors, schools, and more, we once again succeeded in achieving our goals. Here's an overview by objective.

1. Providing essential financial support to burn patients and their families.



- We were able to provide financial support 22 times for the purchase of pressure garments, care products, transportation costs, and more. In this way, we ensure that children from vulnerable families also receive the best possible care.
- 35 young patients received UV-protective clothing, which is essential in this summer weather.

2. Promoting the reintegration of young burn patients into society.



- In April, we visited the care farm "Het Struisvogelnest" in Lier with 23 young patients and their families. 34 children took part in the "cookie baking" workshop. For 100 animal lovers, it was an unforgettable day.
- Of course, our annual gathering day at Bobbejaanland is once again on the agenda. The invitations will be sent out later this week.

3. Burn prevention.



- In the second and third trimesters of this school year, we provided prevention training in 11 primary schools from Limburg to West Flanders. In 85 lessons, we warned 1,717 children about the dangers of fire and heat, and taught them how to respond appropriately in case of an accident or how to escape a smoke-filled room using the techniques they learned.
- We provided 10 schools with educational kits so they could continue the lessons independently.
- In collaboration with the school, we organized a highly educational prevention evening for parents in Millekemol, Mol-Millegem.

4. Providing support to burn and rehabilitation centers.



- We donated various toys and recreational materials for outpatient care to the burn centers of UZ Gent and ZNA Cadix.
- We held meetings with the burn centers of UZ Leuven and ZNA Cadix regarding their ongoing and new projects. We are currently assessing how we can commit to supporting these initiatives.

Our schedule for the second half of the year is already well filled, and we certainly don't lack plans we want to realize.

With the help of many volunteers, we look forward to the challenges.

- Our primary mission remains to provide financial support to affected children and their families.
- On August 31, we will organize our annual gathering day with patients and their families at Bobbejaanland.
- Ten schools have already booked our fire and burn prevention day for the next school year.
- We will respond to requests from burn centers and Het Zeepreventorium as much as possible.

All details regarding our objectives can be found on our website, [Help Brandwonden Kids vzw](#), under the sections [News](#) and [Achievements](#).

Various HBK News

- Since April, the HBK website is also available in French and English, including the newsletters.
- HBK and the Mol film club have joined forces to create short videos about HBK's various activities. We'll definitely keep you informed about how and where to watch them.
- This year as well, HBK is sponsoring a van for the rehabilitation camps – Summer Camp and Therapy Camp– organized by vzw Pinocchio. These camps allow children who have suffered severe burns to play together while undergoing rehabilitation.
- Oscare vzw and HBK will collaborate in the future on prevention and other planned activities.
- Stichting Brandwonden is undergoing a reorganization, which will lead to closer cooperation in the future with burn organizations in Belgium, including HBK.



- We organized a very successful takeaway breakfast in March. 722 participants enjoyed their meal — 326 chose breakfast and 396 opted for brunch.
- One of our largest sponsors celebrated its 25th anniversary and organized a week-long event with several new activities, resulting in a successful edition of the Mollenrit. Congratulations to all the organizers and volunteers of Mollenrit!
- Of course, we are very grateful for all the checks we received from various organizations. We deeply appreciate the efforts made to support us.

Planning: also consult our [Agenda](#) for the latest updates.

18-20 july	Zigeunerfjeste VI - Mol-Sluis
31 august	HBK Family day for kids with burns in Bobbejaanland.
13-14 sept.	Kidsweekend 9de Memorial Frans Vangenechten - Mol
12 october	Vabco Zilvermeerrun - Mol
22 november	Steps on Fire 10de editie - walking event Hasselt-Mol
5-6 december	Balen Beeft (Retro & Metal for Life)

Support Us

To finance all of this, we can always count on the many supporters, schools, service clubs, companies, sponsors, and more. Thank you for always being there for us. With the efforts of many, HBK can continue to achieve all its goals.

You can support us in many ways: [Support Us](#)

A bank transfer to account number BE25 7785 9883 2282 with the reference 'GIFT' is, of course, still possible. For donations of €40 or more, you will receive a tax certificate in the spring of 2026.

We also warmly invite associations, individuals, service clubs, etc., to **organize an activity in support of HBK vzw**. Please contact us about this. Together, we can set up an initiative via We Glow, so you can share it with friends and supporters through social media.

Wishing you a wonderful summer, and thank you for your support.

On behalf of the board.

