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**CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ELECTS THREE NEW MEMBERS**

**Ryan Lynch, David Olson, and Kathleen Toppino Bring Significant Leadership,  
Business and Educational Expertise**

**SHERMAN OAKS, Calif. – Jan. 7, 2008** – The Children's Burn Foundation, which provides the expertise and programs to prevent pediatric burns and to heal severely burned children, announced today that the appointment of three new members to its Board of Trustees. **Ryan Lynch**, partner, Larus Capital; **David Olson**, senior vice president, Corporate Communications, for Health Net, Inc.; and **Kathleen Toppino**, president of the Children's Burn Foundation's Council, have begun three-year terms as trustees with the organization.

"We look forward to working with and learning from these three respected professionals. Their commitment to furthering the Children's Burn Foundation's mission is evident in their respective goals and aspirations," said Douglas Mancino, chairman of the board and a partner with McDermott, Will & Emery. "The notable achievements and distinguished leadership of these individuals makes them each a welcome addition to the Board of Trustees."

Ryan Lynch, a former professional baseball player for the Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres, retired in 2000 due to an injury. He currently serves as founder and partner in the real estate investment and management company, Larus Capital. Lynch is a graduate of UCLA. He has been an active member of the American Ireland Fund as well as a community liaison for the San Diego Epilepsy Society and the Children's Burn Foundation.

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“I am very excited to be part of such a wonderful organization,” said Lynch. “As a member of the Board of Trustees I am hoping that I will be given the opportunity to create awareness about the potential for childhood burns as well as how to be diligent about safety. As a parent, I want to help educate other parents on burn prevention. “

David Olson serves as the senior vice president of corporate communications for Health Net Inc., one of the nation’s largest publicly traded managed health care companies. Prior to joining Health Net Inc. he was the vice president, Investor and Public Relations, for Health Systems International Inc., vice president, corporate communications, for National Medical Enterprises and prior to that a vice president with Rifkind, Pondel & Parsons, a leading investor relations firm. He earned his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee University. Olson is a member of the National Investor Relations Institute Senior Roundtable and currently serves as on the Board of Trustees for Rolling Hills Preparatory School.

“The Children’s Burn Foundation has given me an opportunity to be part of an organization that is making a difference in the lives of children,” said Olson. “You can’t help but be moved by all of the amazing stories of the children that have been helped by the foundation. As a member of the Board, I will have the ability to help people be healthy, secure and comfortable while having a significant impact in the lives of children.”

Kathleen Toppino serves as the president of the Council, a volunteer group that works on community outreach and fundraising efforts for The Children’s Burn Foundation. She is an active member in numerous community organizations including the Board of Friends of Robinson Gardens and Parish Finance Council of the Church of Good Shepherd. Toppino also serves as president of the Parent Support Association at Turning Point School. Prior to her philanthropic work Toppino worked in finance as a vice president of Secured Capital and Security Pacific Merchant Bank. Prior to that she was a real estate consultant with KPMG Peat Marwick. She holds a B.A. degree from USC.

“Having worked as part of the Council for the past seven years I am excited to have an opportunity to act as a liaison between our dedicated volunteers and the Board of Trustees,” said Toppino. “I am inspired by the exceptional work that the Children’s Burn Foundation does each and everyday. It is an honor to be part of the Board of Trustees.”

### **About the Children’s Burn Foundation:**

Since 1985, the Sherman Oaks, CA-based Children’s Burn Foundation has served children in Southern California and internationally to provide state-of-the-art reconstructive treatment, psychological and social services and wonderful camp experiences to help young burn survivors heal. The Foundation’s highly acclaimed prevention programs have taught more than a quarter of a million Angelenos and their families how to prevent burns. For more information visit [www.childburn.org](http://www.childburn.org)