



E-Conference DON'T EVER GIVE UP

Saturday, October 24 at 1 p.m.
Zoom information in email

Keynote speaker JOHN HART



John Hart was burned in September of 1994 while working for Manitoba Hydro in Churchill. He was working on a power line and was electrocuted, which resulted in a long hospitalization, many surgeries, and the eventual amputation of his right arm and leg. At the time, John and his wife and 4 small children were living in Thompson Manitoba, and they were soon relocated to Winnipeg.

John faced his devastating injury with bravery and grace. In the early years of his recovery, he was asked by Burn Unit staff to meet with new burn survivors at the hospital to offer peer support. He started attending the burn conferences held in Winnipeg, the first one taking place in 1998, and he soon joined the planning committee for these annual events. This committee eventually became what is now the Mamingwey Burn Survivor Society, and John has been involved the whole way. Along with meeting burn survivors individually, he has also spoken at several Mamingwey conferences, as well as at the Canadian conference in 2012 in Calgary, and the World Burn Congress in 2007 in Vancouver.

He is still employed at Manitoba Hydro and gives talks regularly to his fellow employees and has even preached about his recovery in several churches. John is admired by many, many people in the burn survivor community but his strength and determination also impacts the general public.

He recently participated in the 5K event at the Go For the Burn Run in Winnipeg, doing the 5K in his wheelchair to save wear and tear on his stump and prosthetic leg. After the run, some of the serious runners who ran the 10K approached him to tell him how much they admire him and that he inspires them to be their best.

John is the proud dad of his 4 now grown kids and their partners, and is grandfather to 4 little ones, and he and his wife Karen continue to live in Winnipeg.