

Social Work of the Year

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Amy Barrera-Kovach is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Case Manager, employed in the UTMB Department of Family Medicine. For over 13 years, she worked with burn survivors as an in-patient social worker. She spearheaded a 2009 UTMB President's Cabinet grant, implementing Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery (SOAR), a program designed by the Phoenix. SOAR trains burn survivors and family members to help others whose lives has been touched by burn injuries. She is Past President of the UTMB Blocker Burn Champions (BBC), which provides awareness and community education and assists with resources for patients. Amy received a bachelor's degree from the UTMB Galveston in Healthcare Administration, and a master's degree from the University Houston Graduate College of Social Work.