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FOREWORD

In 2010 / 2011, we saw increased Charity activity across the board, from our grants and welfare work to our fundraising and communications efforts. During the year the Charity distributed £7.2m in grant payments to individuals and charities that support soldiers, former soldiers and their families. This is the most we have ever given and demonstrates the vital need to raise yet more money to fulfill our remit.

Some highlights from 2010 / 2011 include the launch of The Soldier Challenge – a new urban adventure race across London, targeting a younger supporter audience with HRH Prince Harry as its Patron. We have also reinstated the British Military Tournament, an event for the whole family, which attracted over 50,000 attendees in December 2010. The Big Curry, our month-long flagship fundraiser, has seen ongoing success as well as our Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch that was honoured by HRH The Prince of Wales being in attendance.

We are delighted that our regional fundraising has also continued to grow. This year the Regions contributed a very impressive £2.7m through public donations, events and Army units. Support from the Army is crucial to our success and is recognised with The Carrington Drum award, won this year by 11 Signal Regiment who raised £101,000 for the Charity.

We had a very important development in the growth of our relationship with Help for Heroes (H4H). We have agreed to use our expertise as grants managers to process individual bids to the H4H Quick Reaction Fund. During the year we dealt with an additional 331 grants, amounting to £640k to benefit those wounded, injured or sick since September 11th, 2001. Not only is this partnership arrangement practical and transparent, it demonstrates very clearly how two charities operating in the same field can collaborate for the good of the soldier.

In February, General The Lord Walker stepped down as Chairman of the Charity, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his five years of chairmanship. As a longstanding trustee, I have taken up the reins for the time-being and, already, I am enormously impressed by the dedication of our many supporters and volunteers. They do so much good work, particularly in the counties, for which I and the Trustees are so grateful. In conclusion, 2010 / 2011 has been a good year with much achieved, but as ever, I am acutely aware of how much there is to be done. I look forward to the challenge, to working together, and to being there for each and every soldier, former soldier and their family who needs our help.

Major General (Retd) Peter Sheppard

SUMMARY OF GRANT GIVING ACTIVITIES

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS: 3.963

Annuities 309 grants (8%)

(The Charity has additionally made 331 grants to support the current wounded on behalf of Help for Heroes and other organisations)

Bursaries

Care Home Fees (6%)

Employment/ Training 89 grants (2%)

Funerals 266 grants Furnishings/ Equipment

General (18%)

Hardship

Holidays 82 grants

Home Adaptations

Maintenance 263 grants

Miscellaneous 61 grants (1%)

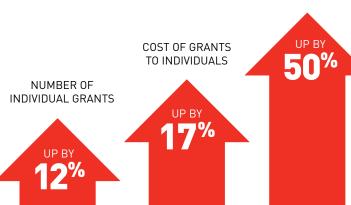
Mobility

WELFARE STATISTICS*

For five consecutive years, our support to individuals and to charities that support the wider Army family has risen. Over the past year, we have supported over 80 specialist charities and some 4000 individuals. Our oldest beneficiary during the year was 104 and our youngest was 18 months old. The average cost per case of grants to individuals was £795.

*excluding grants made on behalf of other organisations

COST OF GRANTS TO CHARITIES THAT SUPPORT THE WIDER ARMY FAMILY



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MOBILITY

Cecilia Wilkins, widow of Gunner Albert Wilkins, Royal Artillery

Gunner Albert Wilkins served in the British Army for over seven years including service during World War 2 before he was discharged in 1956. He worked for Metal Box on leaving the Army and then moved to London's largest mail sorting office at Mount Pleasant where he worked until ill health forced his retirement. Albert battled with cancer and other health issues before he died in 2000 at age 75. For the last six years of his life Cecilia, his wife, was his full time carer.

Over the years, Cecilia's own health has deteriorated and she has a number of medical conditions, which have had an impact on her mobility. As a result of severe circulatory problems, her left leg was amputated above the knee in July 2009.

Cecilia is a gregarious and friendly lady who did not wish to be housebound by a manual wheelchair. With the help of a case worker from SSAFA Forces Help, a grant application for an electric powered wheelchair was made. A grant of £1068 was awarded by The Soldiers' Charity with additional contributions being made by The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund.

With the recent loss of her dear sister, Cecilia now has no immediate family nearby. The electric powered chair has given her some real independence and improved her quality of life. She says: "The first time I used my chair it was fantastic. I got it just after my birthday and said to myself 'what a lovely birthday present'."





GENERAL NEEDS

Rifleman Jagan Prasad Gurung, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles (6GR) of the British Army

Jagan, aged 65, was 18 years old when he joined the British Army. He served over 15 years including operational theatres in Borneo and Malaya.

He and his wife, Til, who have been married 40 years, settled in London in 2010. They came to the UK in hopes of the move having a positive impact on Jagan's poor health.

Jagan has no sight in his right eye and very limited sight in his left eye. He had a stroke and is suffering from a number of serious health conditions, which have had a major debilitating effect on his life.

Prabin Gurung, their support worker at SSAFA Forces Help, Greenwich Division, referred them to The Soldiers' Charity. Prabin says: "This family was our most critical case, which required constant attention and many visits." In and out of the hospital numerous times, Jagan was completely bed-ridden just a year ago. He has been able to recover in his new home, fully furnished thanks to a grant from the Ideal Homes for Heroes Appeal – our partnership with the Ideal Home Show.

When they first arrived from Nepal, they were staying with another family, sleeping on a blow-up bed in the dining room. To help Jagan and his wife until they could get back on their feet, The Soldiers' Charity provided a grant to help cover costs of their general needs.

Now Jagan is able to walk on his own, even without his cane at times. Prabin says, "Now he comes to open the door for me on his own." Jagan's confidence has improved and he engages with those around him. Til has also become more independent and active since her husband's health has improved. She is getting more involved in the local community and is looking forward to starting her English classes as soon as a place is available.

The Soldiers' Charity works closely with the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT) to support the welfare of Gurkhas in the UK. We are grateful for the annual grant the Charity receives from the GWT to help make this possible.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND FAMILY HOLIDAY

Sgt Martyn Gibbons MBE, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Martyn, aged 37, joined the Army when he was 18. He served for nearly 17 years including operational theatres in Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Bosnia and two tours of Afghanistan. In 2007, while under fire in Sangin, Martyn was hit by shrapnel and was very seriously injured.

Martyn sustained injuries to both lower legs with extensive damage to his leg muscles. Initially confined to a wheelchair, he has battled to regain the use of his legs, having undergone several operations to strengthen them with metal rods and pins as well as a skin and muscle grafts. Unfortunately, these operations have presented a variety of complications and impacted overall on Martyn's rehabilitation.

Martyn spent around two and half years at Headley Court, before he was discharged in October 2010. His wife, Kim, quit her job to help care for Martyn and the family full-time. Experiencing ongoing pain and weakness in his legs, Martyn can only walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick. The trauma of his significant injuries has affected the whole family.

The Soldiers' Charity has funded a treadmill to aid Martyn's rehabilitation and also a family holiday to Brittany to give the Gibbons some much needed time to relax.





LCpl Michael White, 1 Mercian

Michael joined the Army when he was 17. Three years later, he was severely injured by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while on patrol in Afghanistan.

When the blast struck, Michael's breastplate shot up and broke his nose. He got blinded in his right eye and suffered injuries to his legs, resulting in an above the knee amputation of his left leg.

Back home, Michael's mum helped him move from their first floor flat to a house more suited to his disability. Michael and his mum both spent much of their savings on the house. It needed essential furnishings including a bed. The Soldiers' Charity was able to step in to assist with this, plus blinds and new flooring, just in time for Michael, his partner and her daughter to move in for Christmas.

Michael says the support from The Soldiers' Charity helped financially and took the pressure off. When he got the grant he was "pretty relieved" because he had no money left after buying the house.

While Michael received compensation from the Army, he unfortunately didn't have PAX insurance – a commercial insurance package especially designed for those in the British Armed Forces. Michael says he was "too cheap" to take it, something he regrets and encourages soldiers to have before they go on operations.

Michael is "just trying to crack on with it" now. Michael hopes to be able to get fit enough to take his large dog, Dave, for walks and is hoping to train as a car mechanic.



ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The Soldiers' Charity is fortunate enough to have an amazing network of staff, volunteers, fundraisers and their families. Against a backdrop of a difficult economic climate and ongoing operations in Afghanistan, this network has helped deliver another year of fantastic fundraising ensuring that even more money is being raised for our soldiers and their families.

We have raised £4.45m from donations and appeals and £3.31m from legacies.
We are exceptionally grateful to the Army who continue to support us by raising £1.4m in total, helped by 11 Signal Regiment who raised £101k and won the Carrington Drum and the Gloucestershire AFC who won the Revision Eyewear Trophy by raising over £10k.

Here's just a few examples of how we and our supporters did it:



A ROYAL AFFAIR

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was the special guest at our fourth Lord Mayor's Big Curry, which raised over £273k towards The Soldiers' Charity Current Operations Fund. With special thanks to our sponsors: Noon, Cobra, Corney & Barrow, Sodexo, KPMG, Macfarlanes and Sirius Data.



A SHOW FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The British Military Tournament (BMT) was a new event for 2010 raising over £320k for the charity. Over 51,000 people attended this unforgettable and breathtaking show which incorporates world famous acts from the old Royal Tournament. The new show is the largest display of military theatre anywhere in the world and show cases the skills and precision of the British Army in a dazzling arena production. BMT 2011 hopes to repeat the success at Earls Court on 2-4 December.

EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We are delighted to have secured the Equiniti Group as our first National Charity of the Year. BAE Systems, Barclays Wealth and Bank of America have all generously pledged support to the charity.

CURRY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

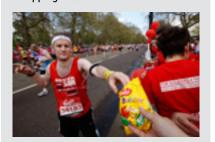
The Big Curry has been a big success, with great support from people like
Sue Philp. Sue says, 'Since my daughter
Kate has been an ambassador for The
Soldiers' Charity during her rehabilitation
after injury in Afghanistan, I have learnt
about the wonderful work the Charity
does. I'm glad that my friends and I have
been able to make a contribution to
such an outstanding cause.'

AN AMAZING FEAT

Our Jump Days launched in 2010 / 2011, seeing us team up with the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment Tigers Parachute Display Team. There were 93 thrill-seeking supporters – including our ambassador, triple amputee and winner of The Sun newspaper's prestigious 'Millie' award Cpl Andy Reid – who threw themselves out of a plane from heights of 13,500 feet. Join us as we hope to double this number for 2011/12.

TEAM SOLDIERS' CHARITY

The biggest race in our events calendar continues to be the Virgin London Marathon. The 2010 event saw Team Soldiers' Charity raise a whopping £150k.





MOBILISE YOUR SQUAD

Another new event, The Soldier Challenge, saw its Patron Prince Harry and the adventurer Bear Grylls show off their skills on the zip wire at its launch event in November 2010. This new urban rat race across London sold out, with just over 1,000 participants taking part. The Prime Minister, David Cameron, generously gave two supportive and congratulatory messages played to the participants before and after the Challenge, which took place on 26 March 2011. We aim to double the number of participants to 2,000 next year, set to take place on 19 May 2012.

SUPPORTING SOLDIERS ON THE HOMEFRONT

Since launching the Ideal Homes for Heroes Appeal, in partnership with Ideal Home Show owners Media 10, we have together raised £212k and helped over 200 soldiers, former soldiers and their families with vital home adaptations and other housing needs.





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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights for the year to March 2011 included income received and grants payments at record levels, and new collaborative arrangements with Help for Heroes and others to provide immediate and direct support to wounded Army personnel.

Total gross income reported for the year reached a record level of £16.0m, an increase of £3.85m (32%) over the previous year. Legacies were again an important element generating £3.3m (2010: £3.5m), whilst Public Donations and Appeals Income of £4.45m (2010: £4.26m) and Income from the Army of £1.4m (2010: £1.3m) continued to provide strong support for the Charity's grant making activities.

Income from Events and from Other Activities increased significantly in the year and at £5.1m was £3.1m above the previous year, primarily as a result of the very successful British Military Tournament staged at Earls Court in December 2010. A similar event is planned for December 2011.

Across the income streams, income generated by the Regions reached record levels with gross income of £4.5m compared to £4.1m for the previous year.

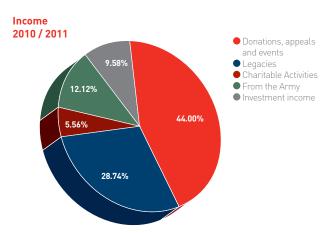
During the year the Charity entered into collaborative arrangements with Help for Heroes (H4H) and a number of Corporate partners to manage payments to beneficiaries from H4H's Quick Reaction Fund (QRF) and to manage Grants received from H4H and others as part of the Army's Individual Recovery Plans (IRP) programme. The number of QRF and IRP cases handled during the year was 331, with grants made totalling £0.64m.

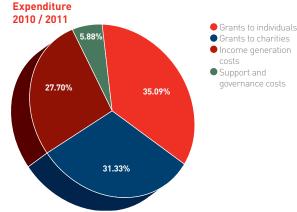
The total number of Grants cases handled during the year, including those for QRF and IRP, was 4,294, an increase of 22% over the previous year and a 78% increase over the past five years. Total spending on Grants for Individuals rose to a record level of £3.8m (prior year £2.7m). With Grants to Other Charities amounting to £3.4m (2010: £2.4m), the total Grants awarded during the year reached £7.2m (2010: £5.1m), an increase of 40%.

The new income category of income from Charitable Activities represents the matching grants from H4H and others for the QRF and IRP programmes.

Partly as a result of the significant increase in Grants expenditure, the total expenditure by the Charity in the year to March 2011 increased to £15.3m. Spending on Grants (£7.2m) and the grant making infrastructure (£0.5m) amounted to £7.7m compared to £5.5m in the previous year (Grants £5.1m, infrastructure £0.4m). Costs associated with raising voluntary income, and of managing events and other fundraising activities, amounted to £7.5m, with a significant part of the year-on-year increase relating to new events such as the British Military Tournament and the investment in staff and infrastructure in order to manage the growth in the Charity's grant making and fundraising requirements.

Our Operating Surplus was just over £0.7m compared to £3.2m in the previous year. In addition we recorded unrealised investment gains of £1.6m [2010: unrealised gains of £8.2m] .





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SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

Summarised Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 March	2011	2010
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations and Appeals Income	4,451,336	4,256,585
Legacies	3,309,914	3,481,010
From the Army	1,265,506	1,210,589
Edinburgh Military Tattoo	130,000	70,000
Investment income	1,102,974	1,147,506
Income from Charitable Activities	640,070	0
Net income from other donations and events	616,475	428,589
	11,516,275	10,594,279
Cost of generating voluntary income	2,992,681	1,874,325
Net incoming resources before charitable expenditure	8,523,594	8,719,954
Occupant Manager Land		
Grantmaking costs Grants to Regiments and Corps for the benefit of individuals	3,790,441	2,694,284
Grants to other charities	3,384,776	2,434,241
Oranics to other charmes	7,175,217	5,128,525
Support costs	512,586	340,969
эфрог созга	7,687,803	5,469,494
	7,007,003	5,407,474
Governance costs	122,067	68,648
Total resources expended	7,809,870	5,538,142
Net incoming resources for the year	713,724	3,181,812
Exchange gains/(losses)	414	(115)
Changes in valuations of investments	1,586,834	8,176,491
Fund balances brought forward	42,813,614	31,455,426
Fund balances carried forward	45,114,586	42,813,614
Summarised consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31 Net assets		
Tangible assets	223,731	93,479
Investments	39,686,336	38,121,792
Net current assets	5,204,519	4,598,343
	45,114,586	42,813,614
Funds	45,114,500	42,013,014
Endowment	45,996	45,996
Restricted	4,853,718	4,980,888
Unrestricted	40,214,872	37,786,730
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		42,013,01

Trustee's statement The above figures are summaries which have been extracted from the Annual Accounts. These Summarised Accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full Annual Accounts, the Auditor's Report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from: ABF The Soldiers' Charity, Mountbarrow House, 6-20 Elizabeth Street, London SW1W 9RB. The full Annual Accounts have been audited and an unqualified report issued. They were approved by the Trustees on 19 July 2011. The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Major General (Retd) Peter Sheppard CB CBE, Chairman of the Trustees 19 July 2011.

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of ABF The Soldiers' Charity We have examined the Summarised Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Auditor The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Summarised Financial Statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and the recommendations of the Charities SORP. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the the consistency of the Summarised Financial Statements with the full Annual Financial Statements and the Trustees' Annual Report. We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

Opinion In our opinion the Summarised Financial Statements are consistent with the full Annual Financial Statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of ABF The Soldiers' Charity for the year ended 31 March 2011. Saffery Champness, Statutory Auditor, London 23 August 2011.

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