

Thanks to supporters like you, we reached over **70,000** people in need of help last year.



Jamie is the youngest son of Royal Signals veteran Graham, who served for 10 years as a driver electrician, and his wife Leanne. Jamie was born with Down's Syndrome and cannot walk or talk. When he was eight months old, he developed a devastating form of epilepsy which left him unable to swallow. He was also diagnosed with a rare bowel condition requiring a permanent stoma bag.

We supported The Wells' Family with funding towards a trike and a specialist bed for Jamie and a bursary for Leanne's occupational therapy course.

"Life can be very difficult when you have a child with special needs, but thanks to the Army Benevolent Fund we have been able to cope and thrive."

Former soldier Adrian was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy in 2005. Thanks to a grant towards a specialist standing wheelchair, he is now able to stand and kiss his wife Lucy again.

Adrian served in the Royal Anglian Regiment for nine years. He had wanted to be an infantry soldier from childhood and served for six months in the Falklands in 1989, before undertaking two tours of Northern Ireland. In the past five years, Adrian has become entirely dependent on a wheelchair and hoist. His limited mobility has put a strain on the family and left them increasingly restricted to the house. The specialist standing wheelchair has transformed his quality of life, enabling him to support and move his body for the first time in years.

"Thank you for giving me my independence: I can now stand, get out and about and enjoy life."



Adrian, formerly of The Royal Anglian Regiment, with his wife Lucy.



Thank you for supporting soldiers, veterans and their families for life.

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For Soldiers. For Life.

Who we are

We are the Army Benevolent Fund, the Army's National Charity. We believe that all soldiers, veterans and their families should be able to live with independence, dignity and free of unnecessary hardship.

How we help

Since 1944 we have been here to make that happen: giving life-long support to those members of the Army family who need it. Much like the men and women of our Armed Forces today we are an unwavering pillar of support, stepping in where needed to give assistance without commotion or complaint.

Last year, we reached over 70,000 people in the Army family who needed help. This support is split between individual grants and providing funding to 74 other charities and delivering organisations that operate within the Army community. By working in this way, we have built up a network of varied services that can often work with and benefit veterans in a more lasting and effective manner than a single grant.

Your support makes this vital work possible. We exist only thanks to the generosity of our supporters and in many cases the individuals we work with will need long-term, even life-long support. From providing a stairlift for an elderly veteran to funding emergency accommodation for a homeless former soldier, we pride ourselves on responding to the diverse needs of the Army family quickly and efficiently.

Together, we can ensure no member of the Army family is left behind.



In FY 22/23 we reached over **70,000 people** in need of help



The youngest person we supported was **3 months old, the eldest was 103 years old**



We supported members of the British Army Family in **45 countries** this year

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But there is always more work to be done

For us, when someone served in the Army is irrelevant, we are here 'For Soldiers, For Life'. We deal with elderly veterans who after serving our country, now struggle with limited mobility, and need different types of help to continue to live independently.



George & Anne

Born in London in 1934, George was called up for National Service with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers when he was 18. After six months of training, he was transferred to The King's Regiment (Liverpool) and deployed to fight in Korea. It was there that, on a routine night patrol, George and his comrades were ambushed. George was shot 15 times but managed to crawl to safety, where he was rescued – the only member of his patrol to survive.

After eight months in a hospital bed in Japan, George returned home and was medically discharged. It took him years to recover from his injuries – even now, he relies on a walking stick and the support of his wife, Anne.

In 2014, George and Anne moved into Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions, run by one of the many organisations that we are proud to fund. Their flat has a garden view, and the couple have a dedicated support worker. Most importantly, George knows that we will always be here if he or his family should need us.

If you could commit to a regular gift today, we can help more soldiers, veterans and their families now and in the years to come.

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