



THE FREEMASONS'  
GRAND CHARITY

# CASE STUDY

## SSAFA Forces Help

### £250,000 for SSAFA Forces Help



Wally Harris, World War II Veteran

In 2010, the Grand Charity began a new grant-making initiative, donating £250,000 to a major national charity to be divided equally and distributed to every Province. The first recipient of this grant was SSAFA Forces Help.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families' Association (SSAFA) Forces Help is the leading national charity committed to helping and supporting those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve, and the families of both. SSAFA provides a reliable, caring and trusted service to more than 50,000 people each year through a network of professionally trained staff and the charity is uniquely placed to help members of the Armed Forces from the day they join until the day they die.

In total, £250,000 was divided and distributed to branches throughout the country, providing funding at a local level. The grant aims to support local branches, allowing them to decide how they spend their money. Many presentations and meetings took place between Lodges and branches of SSAFA and the grant was very well received.

### £100,000 to SSAFA Forces Help in 2008

In 2008, The Freemasons' Grand Charity donated £100,000 to SSAFA Forces Help to help build two SSAFA Norton Homes.

The two homes provide short term accommodation so that families can stay nearby whilst visiting their loved ones at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham and the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court, Surrey. The houses are designed as 'home from home' and are the first of their kind in the UK. They are both located in secure and peaceful environments.

The wife of a Marine who lost both legs during a routine patrol in Afghanistan said:

*"The house is really a great place. It allowed us to have some quiet time on our own but also to meet and speak with others in a similar situation. It can be such a huge help at a difficult time. The staff at the house are amazing and do a wonderful job".*



For further information about SSAFA Forces Help:  
[www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk)



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