

YOUR LEGACY

will make a difference for our Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families when they face the toughest battles at home

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MY LEGACY

“I believe it is our duty to care for all of the people who serve and have served our country.”

So many of our brave men and women have made huge sacrifices in the service of our country, as have their families alongside them. I believe that every one of our soldiers, sailors and airmen is a hero and we all have a duty to care for them when they call on our help.

I have supported SSAFA for many years and found myself deeply moved by their dedicated work providing lifelong support for our service personnel, veterans and their families. SSAFA helps over 50,000 people every year. It is a cause that is close to my heart.

I remember SSAFA from the Second World War - they were there helping so many of our boys when they returned home. I still vividly recall those times. SSAFA has been

supporting our Armed Forces and their families through two world wars as well as the more recent conflicts. They provided emotional, practical and financial help to thousands of our heroes.

I know SSAFA relies on gifts in Wills to fund their work. It would mean so much if you could think about including a gift in your Will to SSAFA.

I will always remember just how much we owe the men and women who serve and have served our country. I hope you value their service as much as I do and will consider leaving a gift in your Will to help those who rely on our help in the future.

Dame Vera Lynn



WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, THE BATTLE IS OFTEN JUST BEGINNING

SSAFA is there for our service personnel, veterans and their families. We are there for every one of them whenever they need us.

For more than 130 years, we have provided outstanding care and support for the brave men and women who have given so much in the service of our country.

The gifts we receive help to provide a wide range of welfare and specialist services to meet the increasingly complex needs of our servicemen and women, veterans and their families. We provide direct practical and emotional support to those who have had a serious combat injury or illness and those facing more financial hardship or homelessness. For many of those who have served our country, the real battles begin when they return home from war or peace-keeping duties.

We believe that we have a duty to support our Armed Forces and their families who serve or have served our country. But we cannot do this without gifts in Wills which allow us to offer lifelong support. Quite simply, they are a vital source of income for SSAFA, helping us to transform the lives of more than 57,000 people who call on our help every year.



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL MEANS THAT:

- You will support our Armed Forces through some of the toughest battle at home.
- Forces families will also get vital assistance when in real need.

You do not have to tell us if you leave a gift in your Will to SSAFA, but if you do, we will keep your decision confidential.

Please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to know about gifts in Wills, or the support we are providing to our Armed Forces and their families.



40%

of people who seek support from SSAFA are now under 60 years of age compared to 25% ten years ago.

JOURNEY TO RECOVERY WITH SSAFA'S HELP

George, 32, was serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2011 when he was seriously injured from a gun shot wound to the head.

George was left with brain damage, complete deafness in his right ear and weakness down the left-hand side of his body.

In June 2014, after medical discharge from the British Army, he was allocated a SSAFA mentor, David, who was also an ex-infantry man like George. SSAFA's Mentoring Service supports wounded, injured and sick soldiers to make a successful transition from the Armed Forces into civilian life.

"In the last seven months I've noticed the biggest change in terms of how I've been feeling and how things are progressing for me. It's been all up hill I'm glad to say."

"My mentor helped me find a new direction when I haven't known where to turn."

George

‘SSAFA GAVE ME A HOME FROM HOME’

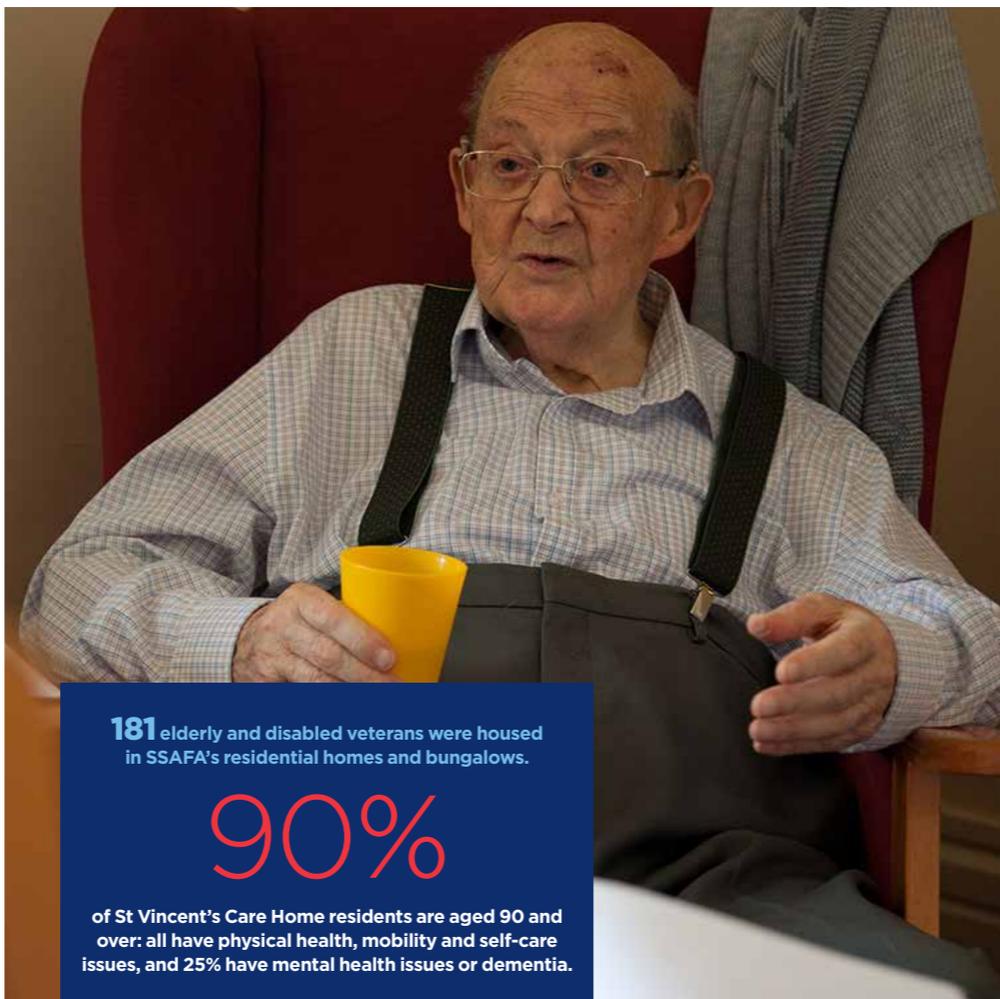
Ron Crisp, 96, served as a territorial soldier with the Essex Regiment (now the Royal Anglian Regiment) between 1937 and 1946. Today Ron is a resident in our St Vincent’s Residential Care Home on the Isle of Wight.

Following the death of his wife, Ron was living alone and kept having accidental falls. His daughter suggested it might be a good idea for him to move into SSAFA’s St Vincent’s Residential Care Home. He tried it for a two-week trial initially and soon settled in and made friends. “I like the place, I like the people,” he says. “It is a home from home.”

Gifts in Wills enable SSAFA to be there to support veterans like Ron. Servicemen like him gave everything for us. We will give everything we can for them, too.

“For me, the best thing about being here is the freedom. It’s nice to have independence and I can go out with the two close friends I have made here.”

Ron



181 elderly and disabled veterans were housed in SSAFA’s residential homes and bungalows.

90%

of St Vincent’s Care Home residents are aged 90 and over: all have physical health, mobility and self-care issues, and 25% have mental health issues or dementia.

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, THE BATTLE IS OFTEN JUST BEGINNING

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. Once you have looked after your family, friends and loved ones, we hope you will decide to include SSAFA.

Remember, without gifts in Wills we cannot do our vital work. A gift in your Will can change the lives of those we help.

If you do decide to leave a gift to support SSAFA’s work, there are several ways you can do this through:

- A share of your estate
- A specific amount of money
- A specific item, such as jewellery or a car



HOW GIFTS IN WILLS HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

£750

could help to provide training for a SSAFA volunteer caseworker to visit and assist veterans and their families in their homes. More than 35,000 individuals are helped in this way every year.

£5,000

could go towards supporting our specialist services, such as mentoring of wounded, injured and sick service leavers.

£10,000

could give Service children with an additional need or disability an opportunity to engage in outdoor activities. Over a third of the children who attend our annual short breaks learn to become independent.

£50,000

would help to provide vital funds for some of our housing services, such as Stepping Stone Homes, St Vincent's Residential Care Home and the SSAFA Norton Homes for the families of injured or sick servicemen or women. The SSAFA Norton Homes help families to be close to loved ones without worrying about hotel bills or travel costs.



£87p in every £1 donated to SSAFA goes directly towards the services we provide.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will my gift be used?

Your legacy will help us continue our vital work of providing lifelong support for the people that need it most.

How about my family?

Many people use their Wills to leave something to their favourite charitable causes. Your Will enables you to leave a planned gift to SSAFA while still ensuring that your dependents and the people you care for will be looked after. Leaving us a share of what's left in your estate will make a big difference to our work and those we seek to help.

How and why should I make a Will?

If you do not have a Will, your estate will be settled by Her Majesty's Treasury. This could mean that your wishes will not be carried out as you would want them to be. Having a Will means your wishes for your estate can be shared as you intend.

Do I need a solicitor to make a Will?

We encourage you to discuss your Will with your solicitor to ensure that all legal requirements are met and that your Will is valid.

The cost of living is going up. Can I afford to leave a gift to SSAFA?

Some of our supporters cannot afford to give as much as they would like to during their lifetime, and we know that many people are worried about the cost of living. That is why some people choose to leave a gift in their Will. It's a very special way of making a difference in the life of someone who will call on our help.

I am not wealthy - would anything I leave be useful?

We are very grateful for every gift we receive, no matter how large or small. All of the gifts we receive are used to help provide vital services and support for Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families.

I have already made a Will. Do I need to make a new one to include SSAFA?

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, once its been drawn up you do not need to make a new one. Talk to your solicitor about adding a codicil. Please present our registered charity details to your solicitor and also refer to our sample wordings.

SAMPLE WORDING FOR REMEMBERING SSAFA IN YOUR WILL

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will, you may want to take the following wording to your solicitor so that your Will can be updated.

If you are leaving a share of your estate, you can use this statement:

- a) I give to SSAFA, Queen Elizabeth House, 4 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8AD, with Registered Charity No. 210760 & SC038056 all the residue of my estate [or a share of the residue of my estate] for its general charitable purposes.
- b) I declare that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of SSAFA shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors/Trustees.

If you wish to leave a gift in your Will for the benefit of a specific SSAFA Branch, please specify this in your Will. Please add the following sentence to the clause: "Should the named Branch of SSAFA no longer exist, I wish for the gift to be used for SSAFA's general charitable purposes."

Should you decide to leave a sum of money you can use this statement:

- a) I give to SSAFA, Queen Elizabeth House, 4 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8AD, with Registered Charity No. 210760 & SC038056 the sum of £..... for its general charitable purposes.
- b) I declare that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of SSAFA shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors/Trustees.

Should you decide to leave a specific item you can use this statement:

- a) I give to SSAFA, Queen Elizabeth House, 4 St. Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 8AD, with Registered Charity No. 210760 & SC038056 [a specific item] or its sale proceeds for its general charitable purposes.
- b) I declare that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of SSAFA shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors/Trustees

Tax effective legacy gifts in Wills

Leave a minimum of 10% of your estate to a UK charity and take advantage of a reduced rate of Inheritance Tax from its current level of 40% down to 36%, thereby increasing the value of your charitable bequest. This tax incentive can only be used if your estate will be subject to Inheritance Tax, i.e. your taxable estate is above the nil rate band (currently £325,000).

CONTACT US

If you would like to speak to us about leaving a gift in your Will to SSAFA, please call us on **020 7463 9257** or email **legacy@ssafa.org.uk**



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