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# Post-Lunch Report











THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR  
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It is with great pleasure that I can announce the 2017 Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch raised £188,000 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity. This takes the total raised in the first ten years of the Big Curry Lunch to £1.7m - a huge result for the City and the Charity. This feat would not have been possible without the generosity of the Livery Companies and Ward Clubs and the support of so many sponsors, both corporate and individual, whose support forms the backbone of the Lunch. Given the City's historic support for the Armed Forces of the Crown, I am delighted that the Lunch is such a success.

British soldiers continue to distinguish themselves by their actions, their discipline and their bravery. In return, the nation owes them a debt of gratitude and one of responsibility. ABF The Soldiers' Charity, as their national charity, is our conduit for helping soldiers, veterans and their families, who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and have risked so much.

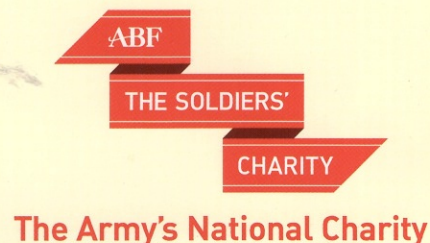
As demand for support from The Soldiers' Charity increases, not just from individuals but also from other military charities such as Combat Stress and SSAFA, our challenge is to make sure we, as guardians of the City, give as much as we can to meet this need. We should encourage our fellow Livery Companies and Ward Clubs to join us in supporting this most worthy of causes.

I hope you enjoy looking at the photographs and reading the testimonials, and that you will feel able to offer your support to the 2018 Lunch, which is planned to take place in April 2018. It is an occasion which has become a regular and very popular fixture in the City's annual calendar.

Thank you very much indeed for your support.

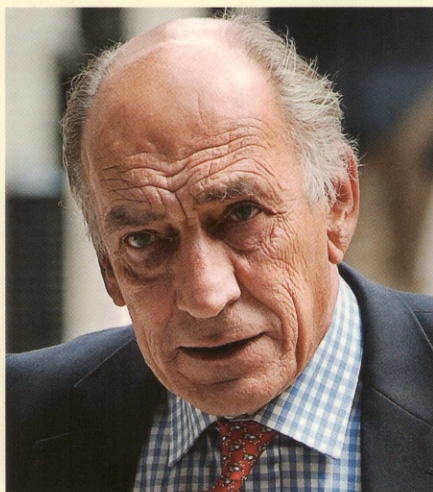
The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor  
Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley





"The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch relies on the generosity of so many people. Your support is a vivid demonstration of the shared perspective we all have of the professionalism and bravery of those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and the importance of their National Charity, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, in providing support and encouragement to these brave men and women and their families. The Committee is so pleased that the first ten lunches have together raised £1.7 million."

Michael Hockney MBE  
Co-Chairman,  
The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch



"The Soldiers' Charity is here to provide support to individual soldiers, veterans and their families when in need. Whilst a significant number of those needing our help are veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, we provide a lifetime of support; the eldest person we helped last year was a 107-year-old widow with her care home fees and the youngest was a two-year-old child. Thank you for supporting the 2017 Lunch. Please support the 2018 Lunch and help us to provide assistance to those who need it."

Gen Sir Mike Jackson GCB CBE DSO DL  
President,  
ABF The Soldiers' Charity



"I had a wonderful time at the Lord Mayor's Big Curry 2017 and it was incredible to meet so many supporters of the Lunch, the Charity and our Armed Forces personnel. It's hugely important that people support this event, not just for financial support (but obviously, that's a big part of it), but to get the Charity's name out there and recognised in the public eye is a key point. Events like this really bring the Charity into the limelight."

Philip 'Barney' Gillespie  
Beneficiary and guest at The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch