

Our Charity for 2010

HELP FOR HEROES

Help For Heroes was founded in October 2007 by Bryn and Emma Parry after they visited Selly Oak Hospital, since when it has raised over one million pounds a month. Once money is raised experts in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force are asked for guidance in how best to spend the money. Capped grants are given to charities and groups best able to provide facilities and services that our men who have served their country so gallantly so badly need.

Some examples of how some of the money raised has been spent are:

Headley Court

The eight million pound Help For Heroes Rehabilitation Complex is under construction and due to open in spring 2010

Combat Stress

Funding a 3.5 million pound extension to the treatment centre at Leatherhead to be completed May 2010

Norton House

Help towards provision of a Relatives' House at Selly Oak

Battle Back

The military initiative based at Headley Court enabling wounded to enjoy adventure training

Troop Aid

They supply all wounded with a grab bag of essentials to make their stay at hospital more comfortable.

Skill Force

Enables rehabilitating servicemen to undergo an internship and learn new skills working with and inspiring schoolchildren

Launch Pad to Life

Aim to raise 20 million pounds to provide seven Hero Recovery Centres, where wounded will be able to live in purpose built houses while they learn new skills to equip them for their futures.

I am sure that everyone knows someone or of someone who has been affected by the war in Afghanistan and I hope that you will help Ribblesdale raise as much as possible for this very worthy cause. Thank you.