BECOME A FRIEND

ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

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The Royal Hospital Chelsea is famous around the world as the home of the scarlet-coated Chelsea Pensioners.

Its story began over 300 years ago, when King Charles II, aware that the army was supporting a growing number of soldiers who were no longer fit for active service, committed to create a welcoming and safe home for veterans who had fought for their country and who were now “broken by age or war”. His vision was brought to life by Sir Christopher Wren, whose elegant buildings still stand majestically on the banks of the River Thames.

It is a vision which continues to inform our work here at the Royal Hospital, and we are lucky to be supported in that work by a very special group of people who share our belief that providing accommodation and care is the very least we can do for our loyal and courageous army veterans in their old age.

The Friends of the Royal Hospital Chelsea is a charity set up to help finance the constant need to update and maintain our buildings for the Chelsea Pensioners, and to enable as many people as possible to share in the vibrant cultural and social life of this special place and its extraordinary residents.
WHY BECOME A FRIEND?

Being a Friend provides a unique opportunity to become more involved in the life of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. You will be entitled to attend some of our most prestigious events, such as the Governor’s Review, as well as enjoying the benefits of priority booking for concerts and functions.

There are also a wide range of events staged especially for our Friends, such as drinks parties and exclusive tours. You’ll have the opportunity to socialise with like-minded supporters, all of whom have pledged to help repay the nation’s debt of gratitude to these extraordinary men and women.

Men like Albert, whose grandfather was also a Chelsea Pensioner and whose own army career began at Chelsea Barracks when he was just 15 years old. Albert served all over the world, from Egypt to Hong Kong, before returning to the UK and working in the security industry. He has found the companionship at the Royal Hospital deeply reassuring. He reflects “you obviously hope you know what the majority of people in here are going to be like so that helps, and like everyone else who comes in here, really you come in because you don’t want to be by yourself any longer.”
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a Silver Friend you will be invited to a number of special occasions which form an integral part of our annual calendar. These include:
- the ceremonial Governor’s Review (up to five tickets per Friend)
- an exclusive Friends’ tour of the Royal Hospital, led by a Chelsea Pensioner
- a host of social events, held especially for our supporters. In the past these have included wine tastings, dinner parties, carol concerts and drinks receptions.

As a Gold Friend, you’ll be entitled to all the benefits of Silver membership, but in addition you will receive special membership of The Sloane Club. Originally a club for serving and former lady officers of World War II, this elegant and comfortable Chelsea townhouse opened its doors to gentlemen in the 1970s. Offering luxurious bedrooms, plus a dining room and bar, The Sloane Club provides the perfect place to stay after an event at the Royal Hospital.

Our Platinum Friends enjoy all the benefits of Gold and Silver membership, but are also welcomed to two very special occasions in the Royal Hospital’s calendar. The first is our prestigious Founder’s Day parade held annually to commemorate the generosity and vision of King Charles II and where the Chelsea Pensioners are inspected by a member of the Royal Family.

The second sought-after invitation is to a reception and private viewing of the world famous Chelsea Flower Show, a celebration of the highest quality horticulture.

In addition to these events, our Platinum Friends will also be invited to an exclusive annual dinner in the Great Hall.
**PAYMENT DETAILS**

**PAYMENT METHOD**
Direct Debit  Card  Cheque

**PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT**
Please complete the form to the right. Platinum Friends paying by Direct Debit will save £50 in the first year, Gold Friends £10 and Silver Friends £5.

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To make a one off payment by credit or debit card, please fill out your details below. Alternatively, call us on 020 7881 5324. All credit / debit card details will be destroyed after payment has been authorised.

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give we can claim an additional 25 pence from HMRC, helping your donation go further. This means that £10 be turned into £12.50 just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid.

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