

Well Done and Thank you

Dear FTBA Supporter,

We are very proud of you and well done for your continued support of the FTBA.

Why continue to support the FTBA?

For every donation the FTBA receives it does more than make a difference. It changes lives for those who find themselves in desperate financial need that can lead to isolation, loneliness, poverty and low self-esteem. Providing a Helping Hand to those who fall into these circumstances will enable the FTBA to provide you and your colleagues who are working in the UK Furnishing Industry with a better quality of life.



The help we give is costly. Over the last few years we have disbursed over £1 million to help people. The need is rising each year. We must continue to raise funds if we are to give this much help in the future.

How to support the FTBA in Eight Ways?

- * Become a FTBA Corporate Silver/Gold/Platinum Supporter.
- * Join the Christmas Corporate Card Campaign.
- * Participate in our Recycling Cartridge/Toner Campaign.
 - * Sign up to Payroll Giving.
- * Become a Individual FTBA Supporter.
 - * Sponsor an FTBA Event.
 - * Make a one-off Donation.
- * Remember the FTBA in your will.

With your support we can do so much more. The FTBA needs to raise substantial funds in 2009 to continue to help those requiring assistance.



Please send me an information pack on.....

Title..... First Name.....Surname.....

Job Title.....Company.....

Address.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Tel:..... Fax.....

Email.....



Please fax back on 0207 256 6035



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By entering your details in the fields above, you agree that the FTBA can contact you regarding supporting the FTBA. If you do not wish to receive such communications please state Yes/No.

Have you heard of The Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association?

What is the FTBA?

The Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association is the only charity committed solely to the welfare of those, and their dependants, who are or have been in the furnishing, carpeting or allied trades. We work in partnership with the Industry to support eligible individuals in real need among the community of those working in the furnishing trades, both past and present.

We aim to bring help to the many cases where State assistance is either incapable, inadequate or unable to meet the need at the time it is most required. Quite simply we are your charity serving your industry.

We provide help in three ways:

Financial support: direct to individuals. This normally takes the form of a grant to meet a specific need or a regular weekly annuity paid quarterly.

Rest and recuperation breaks: Helping those recovering from an operation, specialised treatment or other health related issues.

Holidays; For those can't afford a needed rest.

What do we do?

Here are some examples of the help we have given recently:

Annie - the widow of a carpet fitter lives in sheltered accommodation. A diabetic with angina. She seldom gets out and has no disposable income after essential expenses. The **FTBA** granted £9 a week, renewable annually for the rest of her life.

Ken - gave up his job in the furniture business to look after his disabled son who requires full time care. Special holiday accommodation was booked but there was a shortfall of funds. The **FTBA** was able to cover the full extent of the shortfall.

Ellie – worked in a factory making furniture for 14 years. Now divorced and supporting her daughter she finds it difficult to make ends meet. When her electric cooker was declared unsafe to use the **FTBA** was able to meet the full cost of a replacement.

Bill – worked in the furniture business for over 35 years. Sadly a series of accidents resulted in him losing the ability to walk unaided. Before being discharged from hospital he needed specialist help with the purchase of an electric wheel chair. The **FTBA** was able to make a substantial contribution to the cost.

To apply for help

- You must have a financial or medical need.
- You must have been employed for two years or more, in any capacity, in the UK Furnishing Industry.
- You must supply Proof of Employment in the UK Furnishing Industry and Proof of Residency in the UK.
- Simply write to the FTBA with a brief description of your current circumstances to the Grants & Welfare Manager and the FTBA will send out to you the correct application pack.