



# Benevolence Today Directory 2009/10

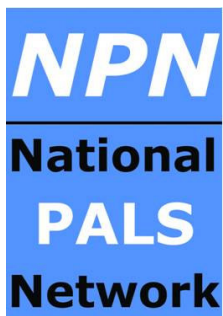
**Including**

**Key Questions to find help for Patients and People in Need  
Contact Details of 35 Charities giving Grants to People in Need  
Further Sources of Help**

**This Directory is a Support Tool for  
Health Workers, Advice-Charities and Welfare Officers**

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## HOW TO FIND HELP FROM A BENEVOLENT CHARITY

Benevolence Today works with the NHS - National PALS Network. PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) staff work throughout the NHS in England, and each trust has a PALS. This directory helps PALS and other health workers, benefits advisers and voluntary organisations. It allows you to identify charities which support people in ill health and need financially.

All our charities provide financial and other assistance to people in need. There are 35 different charities in Benevolence Today, and below you can find information on who they can help and how to contact them.

One of our services is to support older people in financial need, another is to support those of working age who suffer from long-term, disabling or mental health conditions which impact on their ability to work or their income. Can you help people like that find charitable help and financial support more easily?

Here are a few tips how you can find additional help and support for your customers:

**If you come across a person who due to old age, illness, a long-term condition or a personal crisis in their life finds themselves in financial distress, we may be able to help.**

### KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. Does the person you advise need additional support with essential living costs, mobility tools or other support for living independently, which the statutory benefits they can get and the NHS support they have cannot cover?**
- 2. Always ask for someone's employment history. Many charities can help people who worked in different professions, trades or industries.**
- 3. Do not forget to ask about a person's spouse and their work history, many charities also help spouses and dependents of eligible people.**

The following pages contain a directory with contact details of 35 charities which offer financial and other support to people in need.

If none of the charities below can help you, you can find additional sources of help at the end of the document.

In addition to the charity contact details, you may find additional information about benevolent charities on our website [www.benevolencetoday.org](http://www.benevolencetoday.org).

**Our advice is to use this directory in conjunction with Benevolence Today's [Working in Partnership brochure](#), which is also available for download from the website.**

**In there, you can find further information about partnership working, eligibility criteria and how charitable grants relate to other benefits. The [Working in Partnership brochure](#) is your essential guide to benevolent charities.**

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<p><b>Architects Benevolent Society</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.absnet.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> help@absnet.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7580 2823</p>	<p>Architects Benevolent Society is a charity for architects, assistants, technologists and landscape architects and their dependants who have experienced illness, accident, bereavement or other personal misfortune.</p>	<p>Architects Benevolent Society          43 Portland Place          London          W1B 1QH</p>
<p><b>Bankers Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.bbfund.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> help@bbfund.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7216 8981</p>	<p>The Bankers Benevolent Fund is the independent occupational benevolent fund for the banking community. It is a registered charity for UK bank employees, past and present, and their dependants.</p>	<p>BBF          Pinners Hall          105 - 108 Old Broad Street          London          EC2N 1EX</p>
<p><b>BDA Benevolent Fund (Dentists)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> n/a  <b>Email:</b> benfund@bda.org  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7486 4994</p>	<p>The BDA Benevolent Fund helps dentists and their dependants who are in need. It helps Dentists, Dental Surgeons, Orthodontists.</p>	<p>BDA Benevolent Fund          64 Wimpole Street          London          W1G 8YS</p>
<p><b>Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.bfice.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> benfund@ice.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01444 417979</p>	<p>The Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers exists to provide advice, support and financial assistance to the needy and distressed who are either current or past Members (all grades) of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) or dependants of such members.</p>	<p>Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers          30 Mill Hill Close          Haywards Heath          West Sussex          RH16 1NY</p>
<p><b>Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.bfime.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> info@bfime.org  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7304 6816</p>	<p>The Benevolent Fund of the IMechE offers financial and practical support in times of need for members of the IMechE and their dependants, whether they are unable to work due to an accident or illness, have to accommodate special needs and disabilities, or lack sufficient funds for retirement. All grades of members are eligible.</p>	<p>Benevolent Fund IMechE          3 Birdcage Walk          London          SW1H 9JJ</p>
<p><b>BOSS Federation Benevolent Fund (British Office Supplies and Services Federation)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.bossfederation.co.uk  <b>Email:</b> philippa@bossfederation.co.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 0845 450 1565</p>	<p>The charity provides short and long-term financial assistance where hardship is proven to persons (and dependants) currently or formerly employed in the manufacture or distribution of stationery, office products and machines. Also includes the Office Machines and Equipment Federation Benevolent Fund.</p>	<p>BOSS Federation Benevolent Fund          Farringdon Point          29-35 Farringdon Road          London          EC1M 3JF</p>
<p><b>BTBS - The Book Trade Charity</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.booktradecharity.demon.co.uk  <b>Email:</b> btbs@booktradecharity.demon.co.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01923 263128</p>	<p>The Book Trade Charity is the trade's own welfare charity. It is often the most appropriate channel through which assistance and support can be given to those members of the trade who find themselves in difficult circumstances.</p>	<p>BTBS          The Foyle Centre          The Retreat          Kings Langley, Herts          WD4 8LT</p>



<p><b>Caravan (Grocers)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.caravan-charity.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> info@caravan-charity.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01252 875925</p>	<p>Caravan is the Grocers' charity and helps grocery industry workers who have fallen on hard times. To qualify for assistance, an individual needs a minimum of 10 years working in the food and drink industry and should be able to demonstrate a degree of financial hardship. Includes both full-time and part-time workers and partners are also eligible.</p>	<p>Caravan  2 Lakeside Business Park  Swan Lane  Sandhurst  Berkshire  GU47 9DN</p>
<p><b>Charity Employees Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.cebf.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> info@cebf.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7415 7004</p>	<p>The charity aims to help people working for charities, and their families in times of illness, disability, bereavement and other unexpected disaster. The Charity Employees Benevolent Fund will provide modest assistance and support.</p>	<p>Charity Employees  Benevolent Fund  Finsbury Business Centre  Unit 302  40 Bowling Green Lane  Clerkenwell, London  EC1R 0NE</p>
<p><b>Chartered Accountants Benevolent Association (CABA)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.caba.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> enquiries@caba.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> (0)1788 556366</p>	<p>CABA can help through one-off advice, long-term support or financial help. It helps current or former members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, as well as wives, husbands, partners or dependants of a current, former or deceased member. It can also help ICAEW students, or those actively studying for your ACA qualification.</p>	<p>CABA  8 Mitchell Court  Castle Mound Way  Central Park  Rugby  CV23 0UY</p>
<p><b>Civil Service Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.csbf.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> info@csbf.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 0800 056 2424 (Free)</p>	<p>The Civil Servants Benevolent Fund provides financial assistance, as well as advice and information for civil servants, or those employed by an Associated Organisation, whether they are retired, or a former employee. Financial dependants of current and former civil servants, or staff from our associated organisations, are eligible to apply too.</p>	<p>Civil Service Benevolent  Fund  Fund House  5 Anne Boleyn's Walk  Cheam, Sutton  Surrey  SM3 8DY</p>
<p><b>Commercial Travellers Benevolent Institution</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.ctbi.org  <b>Email:</b> sec.ctbi@ntlworld.com  <b>Phone:</b> 01932 429636</p>	<p>CTBI was set up to help Commercial Travellers' and their widows who by reason of old age or difficult circumstances had been reduced to poverty and distress. We assist Sales Representatives or Sales Agents who travelled the country as part of their role, as well as their spouses, widows/widowers or dependants.</p>	<p>CTBI  PO Box 210  Chertsey  KT16 0WY</p>
<p><b>Electrical and Electronic Industries Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.eeiba.org  <b>Email:</b> welfare@eeiba.org  <b>Phone:</b> 020 8673 0131</p>	<p>EEIBA assists people in need who are or have worked primarily in a sector of the electrical and electronics industries and sciences, or their dependants. This includes managers, engineers, electricians, van drivers, store-people, retail shop assistants and their dependants who have worked in electrical contracting, electrical generation, networks and supply, electrical maintenance, electrical retailing, electrical wholesaling, lighting, electronics, mechanical engineering, trade unions and professional institutions and all allied industries.</p>	<p>EEIBA  8 Station Parade  Balham High Road  London  SW12 9BH</p>



<p><b>Elizabeth Finn Care</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.elizabethfinntrust.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> info@elizabethfinn.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 0800 413 220 (Free)</p>	<p>Elizabeth Finn Care helps British or Irish people in financial need. They offer grants and information to those whose jobs required education that equates to NVQ Level 4 and above. This includes professionals who have worked in financial services, the armed forces, the Arts, business management, the Clergy, education, agriculture, land and buildings, government, local government, health &amp; social care, legal services, the media, science and engineering or as personal assistants or secretaries.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Finn Care  1 Derry Street  London  W8 5HY</p>
<p><b>Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.ftba.co.uk  <b>Email:</b> welfare@ftba.co.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 0207 256 5954</p>	<p>FTBA exists to help and care for people in financial need who are employed in or who have worked in the UK Furniture and Furnishing industry, including their dependants. It provides financial assistance, holiday grants and respite breaks to those who are in need of help.</p>	<p>Furnishing Trades Benevolent Association  4th Floor  Furniture Makers' Hall  12 Austin Friars  London  EC2N 2HE</p>
<p><b>Independent Age</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.independentage.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> charity@independentage.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7605 4200</p>	<p>Independent Age helps older people to live with independence and dignity in their later years throughout the UK and Ireland. Their support enables older people to stay in their own homes for as long as possible and lead active and fulfilled lives. They offer financial grants and other help, such as equipment to aid independence and new bedding and clothing for hospital stays.</p>	<p>Independent Age  6 Avonmore Road  London  W14 8RL</p>
<p><b>Institute of Chartered Secretaries &amp; Administrators Benevolent Fund (ICSA)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.icsa.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> ehowarth@icsa.co.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7580 4741</p>	<p>The object of the Fund is the relief of persons who are or have been members of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators or of any other body merged or amalgamated or integrated with the Institute or who are the widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of such members.</p>	<p>The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators  16 Park Crescent  London  W1B 1AH</p>
<p><b>Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.istructe.org  <b>Email:</b> benfund@istructe.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7235 4535</p>	<p>The Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund exists to make grants and afford assistance to necessitous persons who are Members of the Institution of Structural Engineers and their dependants worldwide. They offer one-off and ongoing financial support as well as other support and advice.</p>	<p>Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund  11 Upper Belgrave Street  London  SW1X 8BH</p>
<p><b>Journalists Charity / Pressfund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.journalistscharity.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> enquiries@journalistscharity.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01306 887511</p>	<p>The Journalists' Charity is the leading charity for all journalists in need. The charity offers financial grants and retirement housing for current and former journalists, their partners and dependants.</p>	<p>The Journalists' Charity  Dickens House  35 Wathen Road  Dorking  Surrey  RH4 1JY</p>
<p><b>Licensed Trade Charity</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.licensedtradecharity.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> welfare@licensedtradecharity.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01344 884440</p>	<p>The Licensed Trade Charity exists to provide financial assistance and support and assistance to people, and the families of those who have been or are currently employed in the licensed drinks industry. This includes anyone whose main employment was involved with the preparation, delivery and serving of alcoholic drinks, for example bar staff, publicans, licensees, bar staff, brewery workers, off license staff, draymen.</p>	<p>Licensed Trade Charity  Heatherley  London Road  Ascot  Berkshire  SL5 8DR</p>



<p><b>Musicians Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.mbf.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> casework@mbf.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7239 9100</p>	<p>The MBF provides help and support to musicians and their dependants and those in related occupations when illness, accident or old age bring stress or financial burdens. They are able to help those living and working in the UK and Eire and also British Nationals living abroad. The MBF helps those of any age in any area of the music business.</p>	<p>Musicians Benevolent Fund  7-11 Britannia Street  London  WC1X 9JS</p>
<p><b>National Benevolent Institution</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.nbicharity.com  <b>Email:</b> office@nbi.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01666 505500</p>	<p>NBI seeks to help older people from all backgrounds by the provision of financial assistance and accommodation in residential homes. Applicants must also have either reached retirement age, or be over 50 and in receipt of disability living allowance. Regular Payments can sometimes be supplemented by one off grants.</p>	<p>National Benevolent Institution  Peter Herve House  Eccles Court  Tetbury  Gloucestershire  GL8 8EH</p>
<p><b>NewstrAid Benevolent Fund aka Old Ben</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.newstraid.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> oldben@newstraid.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01371 874198</p>	<p>NewstrAid helps people and their immediate dependents who have been employed in newspaper and magazine distribution in the UK. Distribution means people who deal with newspapers and magazines from the time they leave the printing press until they reach the reader. NewstrAid provides financial help, advice and residential care.</p>	<p>NewstrAid  Barnetson Court  Braintree Road  Great Dunmow  Essex  CM6 1HS</p>
<p><b>Officers Association</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.officersassociation.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> bensec@oaed.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 7 808 4175/4176</p>	<p>The Benevolence Department of the Officers Association coordinates requests for advice, information and support from ex-officers and their dependants. It offers advice, information materials and financial support to those in need. The charity supports ex-officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the Army and the Royal Air Force (including Reserves Auxiliary Forces and the Women's Services), their widows and dependants.</p>	<p>Officers Association  First Floor  Mountbarrow House  6-20 Elizabeth Street  London  SW1W 9RB</p>
<p><b>Rainy Day Trust (Housewares/Hardware)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> http://www.rainydaytrust.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> rainyday@brookehouse.co.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 01604 622023</p>	<p>The Rainy Day Trust was established to help those who have devoted most of their lives to working in manufacturing, distribution or retailing in the DIY, Hardware, Housewares, Ironmongery, Builders Merchants or Brushware industries. The Trust provides an essential source of financial and other support to its beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Rainy Day Trust  Brooke House  4 The Lake  Bedford Road  Northampton  NN4 7YD</p>
<p><b>Rowland Hill Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.rowlandhillfund.org  <b>Email:</b> rowland_hill_fund@royalmail.com  <b>Phone:</b> 0800 688 8777 (Free)</p>	<p>The Rowland Hill Fund exists to alleviate financial distress of people who are employed by Royal Mail, Post Office Ltd, Parcelforce Worldwide or General Logistics and have completed 6 months service, either on a part time or full time basis. The fund is not able to help casual workers. It also helps retired employees who receive an occupational pension, either in their own right or as a widow/widower. If someone left the organisation before retirement age they must be a deferred pensioner to be eligible for help. The fund also helps any dependants of such persons as listed.</p>	<p>Rowland Hill Fund  Royal Mail House  148 Old Street  London  EC1V 9HQ</p>



<p><b>Royal Medical Benevolent Fund</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.rmbf.org  <b>Email:</b> seniorcaseworker@rmbf.org  <b>Phone:</b> 020 8540 9194</p>	<p>The RMBF was set up by doctors to help colleagues and their dependants in need. Support available ranges from specialist information and advice to financial assistance. To be considered for help you will need to be a GMC registered doctor or bona fide dependant, resident in the UK, unable to work, with little in the way of income or savings. The RMBF also provides extensive advice and support services.</p>	<p>Royal Medical Benevolent Fund  24 King's Road  Wimbledon  London  SW19 8QN</p>
<p><b>Seafarer Support</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.seafarersupport.org  <b>Email:</b> enquiries@mnwb.org  <b>Phone:</b> 0800 121 4765</p>	<p>The Maritime Charities Funding Group has just launched a new service and telephone advice line for active or retired seafarers, or their family members who require welfare or financial advice. The group represents hundreds of seafaring charities who help people with a background in either fishing, the merchant navy or the royal navy, covering all aspects of seafaring.</p>	<p>SeafarerSupport  C/O The Merchant Navy Welfare Board  30 Palmerston Road  Southampton  SO14 1LL</p>
<p><b>Solicitors Benevolent Association</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.sba.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> Bensec@sba.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 020 8675 6440</p>	<p>The Solicitors Benevolent Association helps solicitors who are or who have been on the Solicitors Roll for England and Wales and their dependants. Membership of the SBA, whilst welcome, is not necessary. It offers financial support in times of need, either in the form of grants, or of loans.</p>	<p>Solicitors Benevolent Association (SBA)  1 Jaggard Way  London  SW12 8SG</p>
<p><b>St Monica Trust</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b>  www.communityfund.stmonicatrust.org.uk  <b>Email:</b> community.fund@stmonicatrust.org.uk  <b>Phone:</b> 0117 949 4003</p>	<p>The St Monica Community Fund provides grants to people who are over 16, Have a physical or sensory impairment or long-term physical health problem. Live in Bristol or the surrounding area (South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire) and have a low income and limited savings. The fund is part of the St Monica Trust which provides high quality accommodation, care and support services for older and disabled people in the Bristol area.</p>	<p>St Monica Trust Community Fund  Cote Lane  Westbury-on-Trym  Bristol  BS9 3UN</p>
<p><b>Sweet Charity (Confectioners)</b></p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.sweetcharity.net  <b>Email:</b> info@sweetcharity.net  <b>Phone:</b> www.sweetcharity.net</p>	<p>Sweet Charity is the charity for the confectionery industry. It provides practical and emotional support to past and present employees from the confectionery industry and aims to help make their lives a bit easier. It covers all aspects of business where confectionery is a core part of the business such as in manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing (including independent retailers, CTN stores, convenience stores, and ice cream sellers.</p>	<p>Sweet Charity  19-20 Hatton Place  London  EC1N 8RU</p>

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<b>Timber Trades Benevolent Society</b> <b>Web:</b> www.ttbs.org.uk <b>Email:</b> info@ttbs.org.uk <b>Phone:</b> 0121 705 5686	The aim of the Timber Trades Benevolent Society (TTBS) is to help those in reduced circumstances who have been employed in the UK by a qualifying business for 10 years or more. Qualifying businesses include timber merchants, timber importers, timber exporters and agents.	Timber Trades' Benevolent Society 31 Chelthorn Way Solihull B91 3FW
<b>UBA (nuclear industry) Benevolent Fund</b> <b>Web:</b> n/a <b>Email:</b> info@ubabenfund.com <b>Phone:</b> 01925 633005	UBA Benevolent Fund exists to relieve poverty of employees of the UK Atomic Energy Authority and its successor organisations, such as BNFL, AEA Technology, GE Healthcare and their subsidiary companies. This includes all employees, past* present and future, and their families and dependants. Help can take the form of one-off grants, regular allowances or interest free loans, which can be repayable if circumstances improve, or set-off against property.	UBA Benevolent Fund Unit CU1 Warrington Business Park Long Lane Warrington WA2 8TX
<b>Unison Welfare</b> <b>Web:</b> www.unison.org.uk/welfare <b>Email:</b> welfare@unison.co.uk <b>Phone:</b> 020 7551 1620	UNISON Welfare is the registered charity for current members of UNISON, the public service trade union, and their dependants. Apart from help for members, the charity also provides assistance to bona fide dependants or partners of members and past members of NALGO or to dependants or partners of deceased members or past members of NALGO at the time of such member's death. The charity provides financial grants and other support and advice services.	UNISON Welfare 1 Mabledon Place London WC1H 9AJ

Disclaimer: All contact details are correct at the time of publishing. Office hours vary, but most charities are available during the core business hours of 9.30-4.00.

If you try to contact one of these charities and experience specific problems please email [info@benevolencetoday.org](mailto:info@benevolencetoday.org) and report and problems, which we will attempt to resolve for you.

**If none of the charities above match the background of your customer or patient, you can find more sources of help on the following websites**

[www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) Offers a benefits checker and searchable directory of more grant-giving charities

[www.aco.uk.net](http://www.aco.uk.net) Offers has a list grant-giving charities in its membership which is also searchable by occupation

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*People need a helping hand in asking for help.  
Could you be the one to encourage them to do so?*