

## PATRON'S MESSAGE

It is a year now since I had the honour to become Patron of Veterans Aid - and what a rewarding year it has been. I have learned so much more about the charity and have developed deep respect for all the staff, especially CEO Dr Hugh Milroy and Hostel Manager Ms Pat O'Connor, for their tireless dedication.

This year I was privileged to contribute in a variety of ways. I visited New Belvedere House several times and organised a number of lunches for everyone. I especially enjoyed the barbecue we had in the courtyard, making use of the wonderful weather we had last summer! It is very important to me that I am able to be so personally involved with everyone there and to see for myself the remarkable and life-changing work that Veterans Aid does at the hostel. We were also able to present the cheque for Veterans Aid that was raised from the concert we held at St. John's Smith Square in January 2013, which was a huge success.

But there is one project that I am especially honoured to be involved in this year... and it is my most ambitious so far. This very special project is a concert to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and will be held on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2014 at 3.30pm at the Royal Albert Hall. All profits from ticket sales will go to Veterans Aid and I do hope you will be able to join us.

I would especially like to thank Colonel Christopher MacKenzie-Beevor CBE, Chairman of The Cavalry & Guards Club who most generously co-hosted a dinner in support of this centenary concert.

We are going to be very busy this year, but with your help, I know we can achieve so many things.

My deepest thanks to you all for your continued support, which means so much to us.



The Dowager Viscountess Rothermere  
Patron, Veterans Aid



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