



A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN...

Dear Friend,

As another Remembrance Day approaches on 11th November and Australia prepares to honour our brave fallen heroes. I ask you to please support the families of those veterans who have given their lives or health in service of our nation.

Currently Legacy assists 90,000 widows and 1,900 dependants nationally, after they have been deprived of the person who is often a family's sole breadwinner. Legacy needs your help to keep providing everyone who looks to us with our promise of unconditional lifelong support, ranging from advocacy, protection of basic needs and financial aid for children's education.

Importantly your kind donation will mean Legacy can be there for older widows facing a very difficult and vulnerable time alone. But perhaps the most urgent need you can help meet is that of young families. Their financial and emotional situation is so precarious. Your gift will provide them with the vital assurance that someone will be by their side – now and into the future, whenever they require it.

Here are just a few of the stories of families helped by your support for Legacy:

Jacky Gavin simply wrote “our hearts are broken” after her husband and “best friend” Lance Corporal Luke Gavin was killed by an Afghan National Army soldier at his base camp in Kandahar, Afghanistan in October 2011.

His death left Jacky and their three young children – Josh, then 7, Holly, 5, and Olivia, 7 months – extremely vulnerable. In the acute stage of her grief, Jacky joined Legacy's 'Explorers Club' group for widows which gave the constant emotional support she relied on to cope with her loss.

When she relocated from Luke's base in Townsville so the children could be closer to male family members in the absence of their dad, they were helped to settle into their new home with Legacy's guidance, advocacy and financial relief. The children also have received financial assistance to join in after-school sport which they would have missed out on otherwise. This has been a rare chance for fun and to let off steam as well as develop their abilities.

“Legacy was so good to us,” says Jacky. “I feel blessed. They were there when I needed them ... There's no other word to describe them except awesome. They've treated me like a friend, not like a job.”



Josh, Holly and Olivia

Please turn over...

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Young Jack Gallagher never met the dad who adored him even before he was born. Special Forces soldier Private Nathanael 'Nate' Gallagher's last goodbye to his son is a particularly emotional memory for Jack's mother, Nate's partner Lance Corporal Jessie Feeney.

Jessie says: *"I was holding on to Nate and I didn't want him to walk away. Just before he did, he gave my belly a kiss and he said, 'I'll see you when I get back, big boy.' We'd named him Jack already. Nate had come to all the scans with me. When we found out we were having a boy he was just over the moon."*

Tragically two months before little Jack's arrival, Corporal Gallagher was killed in a helicopter crash in August 2012 during a mission in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. Since then help from Legacy has given more stable life to Jessie and Jack – who is about to celebrate his 2nd birthday without his dad. Their loss can never be eased but the practical assistance means a lot to both.

"Our Legatee Phil was a great help in filling out and understanding all the paperwork for things like the Department of Veterans' Affairs," Jessie says. *"Thanks to this now Jack and I get a fortnightly DVA payment. That income has been very much appreciated. Jack will also get Legacy's ongoing assistance for his schooling and education. It's definitely a sense of security knowing they'll be there to help for the rest of our life and for Jack's life."*

Rachael Sprigg-McKinnie will always cherish her "beautiful and gentle" Lance Corporal Mervyn 'Merv' McDonald. His death alongside Corporal Gallagher on his sixth tour to Afghanistan stole their dreams to have a family and the wonderful future they'd planned together. *"If Merv was alive now I guess I would have been Mrs McDonald and I would have been pregnant,"* she says. *"We were both really keen to have kids."*

From support with the "confronting" paperwork surrounding Merv's death, to a hand to get back on her feet after her grief through assisting her to enrol in a cooking course, help from Legacy was "amazing," she says. *"It helped me get back into the living and functioning world."*

Rachael faithfully commemorates the anniversary of Merv's passing. She also has his name tattooed on her wrist to permanently honour his memory. Of her feelings on Remembrance Day, she says through tears: *"Now unfortunately it's really close to home. It's the love of my life who is up on that board as well."*

Once a year, Australia remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. But for the ones who have lost the person they loved and relied on most, the memories and difficulties will live on indefinitely.

Seeing the difference your contributions can make and in recognition of the debt of gratitude we all owe, please send a donation to Legacy this Remembrance Day... and thank-you for being part of a happier and more hopeful future for these deserving people.

Lest we forget.

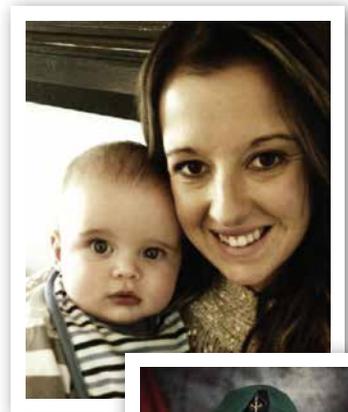
I am hoping you will be able make a donation and help Legacy today. Thank you.

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P.S. Your donation can make a huge difference to the lives of Legacy families so please dig deep this Remembrance Day.

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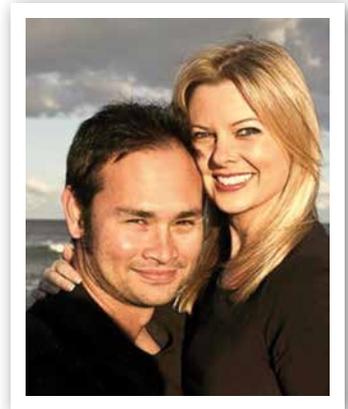
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Jessie with baby Jack



Private Nathanael Gallagher



Mervyn and Rachael