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Founders' Day celebrations as veterans' charity marks 103rd anniversary

Residents enjoyed live music, food and drink as they marked Founders' Day at The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull.

It took place at the Home on Friday, 11 January, and marked the Charity's 103rd anniversary.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes was founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War, opening its doors to residents on 14 January.

The Hip Cats provided the entertainment, playing Big Band classics from the likes of George Gershwin and Glenn Miller, while residents were also treated to a celebratory glass of wine and canapés.

Among those entertained during the Founders' Day fun was Pat. She is a guest at the successful Star & Garter Club day care service, run from the Solihull Home. She said:

"It's a stunning charity, and the Home here is lovely. I'm in no doubt that if I need to, I'd like to come here to live. It's a fabulous place."



More than a century after it was set up, The Royal Star & Garter Homes cares for ex-Servicemen and women, and their partners, living with disability or dementia.

It also has a Home in Surbiton, Surrey, and a third will open this year in High Wycombe.

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Notes to editors:

- The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores.
- So far Bags of Help has awarded more than £63 million to over 20,000 community projects.
- For more information please visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2019.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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