



## About Scotty's Little Soldiers

Scotty's Little Soldiers is a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people (0 to 25 years) who have experienced the death of a parent who served in the British Armed Forces.

Inspired by the experience of Army widow Nikki Scott, following the death of her husband Corporal Lee Scott in Afghanistan in 2009, the charity, which was set up in 2010, provides support and guidance to hundreds of bereaved military children and young people throughout their childhood.

Scotty's currently supports over 670 members and services offered include access to child bereavement support, guidance to parents and carers, personal education and learning assistance (including grants), and fun activities such as holiday respite breaks and group events. These are all designed to remind the children and young people supported by Scotty's that they are not alone.

Scotty's services are delivered through four Family Programmes:

The **SMILES** Programme is all about *fun and engagement* and includes activities, gifts, respite breaks and group events to help bereaved military children and young people smile again and remind them they are part of a supportive community.

The **SUPPORT** Programme looks after *emotional health and wellbeing* and includes 1:1 bereavement support.

The **STRIDES** Programme focuses on *education and development* needs and promotes a positive attitude to learning.

The **SPRINGBOARD** Programme provides support to *young adults ages 18-25* and assists with opportunities to develop their education and learning, build a career and enhance life skills.

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