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Dear Chris

As we approach the end of a challenging year for everyone, I wanted to send my own personal thanks to you, for all the hard work and effort you put into the annual Inter-Livery Target Rifle Shoot. The £5,500 raised this year alone, will help to provide life-changing practical, financial and wellbeing support to members of the RAF Family going through the toughest of times such as 8-year-old Dylan and his family.

Dylan is in renal failure due to a rare and life-threatening reaction to his pre-school inoculations. There is no cure for Dylan's condition and the life-prolonging treatment required is only offered by one hospital in London. This means that Dylan and his mother have to travel from Doncaster to London twice a week, costing Dylan's family £300 a week. This is an expense the family cannot afford as Dylan's father, an RAF veteran, is unable to work due to PTSD, anxiety and depression as a result of his time in service.

It is only because of organisations like yourselves and events such as the Inter-Livery Target Rifle Shoot, that we have been able to step in and provide the family with enough funds for three months travel. In addition, the Housing Team are working with London local authorities to see if we can get them a house so they can move to London and we have signposted them to, and are helping them with, an application to a medical trust that specialises in funding rare treatment like Dylan's.

It is my great pleasure let you know that the Fund's 2020 Impact Report is available via our website <https://www.rafbf.org/about-us/our-publications>. The report reflects the very broad range of support that the fund provides for RAF Family members in times of desperate need. This includes financial assistance for families like Dylan's to Telephone Friendship Groups, providing socially isolated and lonely elderly veterans with vital, weekly, human contact.

Last year, we were able to reach out and help over 63,700 members of the RAF Family. This included over £216,000 awarded through 206 individual grants to veterans and their dependents in London alone. Whilst we are proud of what we have achieved over the last 20+ difficult months, there are still current and former members of the RAF, their partners and dependents who have many difficult challenges in their lives. We will continue to strive to meet the needs of our beneficiaries in what continues to be a challenging fundraising environment. Nevertheless, we simply could not make the difference to the RAF Family that we do without your kind and continued support through the organisation of the Inter-Livery Target Rifle Shoot.

My sincerest thanks once again for all your support and we wish you, and all your loved ones, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "CElliot".

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