



BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
BENEFITING BRITS SINCE 1858



**Financial assistance, aid and support
for British citizens in need.**



The British Benevolent Society of California provides aid and relief to British Citizens in need. This all started in 1858, during the gold rush, when the British Consulate partnered with local Brits to assist destitute fortune seekers.

Today, the BBS helps British citizens who find themselves in difficult life situations. In recent years, we have helped British ex-pats who found themselves homeless, supported Brits affected by the 2017 North Bay wildfires, and we have worked closely with the British Consulates in SF and LA to safely and compassionately reunite Brits with family in the UK.

We need your help to connect with Brits that would benefit from our assistance. We know there are Brits in need of a hand but they may not know that we exist. We hope that we may provide support to your clients who qualify for our assistance.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions about how we can assist.

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Who we help

Jonathan

Jonathan contacted the BBS after he lost his job at a factory which threatened his ability to make rent. Without a home, he would risk losing shared custody of his twins.

He asked the BBS to cover 2 months rent which allowed him to secure a new job, maintain a relationship with his children and not feel so much pressure.

“Without the kindness of the BBS, I would not have been able to pay my rent and would have no doubt lost custody of my children. With their help and compassion I was able to pick myself up and find work.”

Jonathan

How we can help

The objective of relief is to provide the best and most appropriate support to British Nationals in distress. Intervention and assistance are determined in instances when a chance of intervening will lead to a positive outcome.



Repatriation

Partnering with the British Consulate, we help Brits in urgent need of returning home.



Senior Advocacy

Welfare visits to Brits, living on their own and in senior living facilities, providing emotional support and companionship.



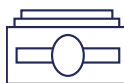
Document Assistance

We assist with re-applying for British passports, US passports and US Green Cards.



Housing Assistance

We work closely with partner organizations to help homeless Brits find somewhere safe to stay.



Financial Aid

For qualifying cases, we can help with financial support to help get Brits back on their feet.

Gladys

The BBS provided emotional, financial and advocate assistance to Gladys, an elderly Brit living alone. She had been evicted from her apartment following a rent increase, and was living in a homeless shelter, with her cat, when she came to the BBS.

"I am very grateful for the help of the BBS. They were very kind to me when I needed help."

Gladys

Gladys expressed interest in moving to an area where the cost of living was more sustainable. The BBS found an apartment for her, and her cat, and helped her to relocate to Reno, NV.

Gladys is now living in a rent controlled apartment and has signed up for government supported programs. Always a private person, Gladys now lives independently and has begun rebuilding her life in Reno.



Gladys moving into her new apartment.

Marcus

Marcus was working as a musician and caregiver when he was diagnosed with colon cancer. When he contacted the BBS, he was in remission. Because of a treatment error, Richard was physically unable to work. His disability and unemployment had run out and he was running out of options.

"The generous assistance from the British Benevolent Society has allowed me to keep living independently and with hope."

Marcus

Marcus was waiting to learn about a role as a social worker and was asking the BBS for help in covering 2 months rent and basic necessities.

The BBS provided him with his requested aid and after 6 months, he was back on his feet and on his own again. The support and assistance provided Marcus the opportunity to live confidently and independently once again.

Richard

Richard was attempting to restore and sell a small boat so that he could return to the UK. The work was expensive and challenging. He had suffered a head injury when working for the BBC as a cameraman and subsequently found it difficult to hold a job.

"Without the British Benevolent Society, I quite literally would have had no one else to turn to."

Richard

During a strong rainstorm, the boat sunk causing Richard to lose all of his belongings, his passport and his home. He came to the BBS and asked if we could help him return to the UK.

After a little over two months, Richard returned to the UK and moved in with old family friends. With the help of the BBS, he registered with the NHS and began receiving regular medical attention to address his needs and ensure his independence.

If you have a British client or know of a Brit in need, please contact the BBS to see how we can help.

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