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An Important Message from the BBS

The past few days and weeks have been heartbreaking ones and are painful to witness. We mourn for all of the families who have lost someone they loved due to racism and send our deepest sympathies to the families and businesses impacted by the tragic events. We stand in solidarity with everyone advocating for change and equality. The BBS believes there is value and power of diversity, equality and inclusion.

Do you have questions about the Coronavirus? Send them to us!

During this difficult time, the British Benevolent Society continues to drive our mission of providing support and practical information to our community. We are hosting a question and answer session with a California based British doctor who is working closely on the Covid19 pandemic. Please submit any healthcare questions about the Coronavirus that you would like answered. We will share the full interview in the coming weeks as a BBS podcast.

Submit your questions today on this [Google form](#).

BBS Coronavirus Relief Program

The Relief Committee continues to receive daily requests for assistance from British citizens. The majority of applicants have been financially impacted by the shut downs related to the Coronavirus. They face difficult decisions such as keeping current with car payments, affording essential medication and maintaining their health insurance. In addition to facing loss of income, some applicants suffer from pre-existing conditions that make life particularly challenging. A simple trip to the market can be very risky for someone with lupus or diabetes, for example, of which two relief applicants had.



The BBS have provided 20 Relief Grants of \$1,500 in addition to the standard relief requests that have been approved. Since March, almost \$43,000 in aid has been provided throughout the Western United States to British citizens in need.

BBS Events

25 June: BABC & BBS Pub Quiz

Mark your calendars for the next pub quiz!

We are delighted to announce that we will be partnering with the [BABC Northern California Young Professionals](#) for their annual 'Great British American' Pub Quiz.

Organize your team together and register today!

Date: Thursday 25 June

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: The comfort of your own home



Questions? Contact [Jenn Baker](#).

[Register Here Today](#)

Past Events

First Ever BBS Virtual Happy Hour!

Thank you to all of the members, new members and friends of the BBS who joined our first virtual happy hour! It was wonderful to see so many faces, meet new people and be able to share more about the BBS and its mission as well as current relief efforts. Watch out for the date of our next happy hour and, of course, we would love to see you and any of your friends then!



Fundraising

Solo San Francisco Marathon in aid of the BBS

New BBS member, Tim Dawkins, recently joined the BBS after moving to the Bay Area in December with his work at the World Economic Forum. Originally from West Dorset, England he moved to the US in 2015.

“As soon as I learned about the BBS, its mission really resonated with me – having been an expat for a little while now, I know it can be incredibly tough at times living abroad without a safety net. I hope this run can raise awareness of the support available and

funds to help those in need.”

Tim had been training to run the SF Marathon this summer. Though the marathon was postponed, Tim is not allowing his training to go to waste. He has chosen the BBS as his charity of choice to raise funds and awareness of the organization. All at the BBS are keen to get behind Tim.

Take a moment to visit his [justgiving](#) page. All donations will go toward the BBS dedicated Covid19 relief fund. These funds will be used to continue to support our community during this exceptionally difficult time. Please consider making a donation. All contributions are more valuable than ever right now.

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