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An invitation from The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman David Wootton to attend The Lord Mayor's Diamond Jubilee Big Curry Lunch at Guildhall on Thursday 26th April 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today to invite you to join me on Thursday 26th April at Guildhall to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Sixty Years on The Throne and raise valuable funds for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, at The Lord Mayor's Diamond Jubilee Big Curry Lunch.

This annual Lunch, now in its fifth year, is a unique occasion and much loved by all who attend. As someone who is concerned about the welfare of our soldiers, I thought that it might be something in which you would be interested.

Tickets for the event cost £95 per person and entitle you to:

- Relax in the glittering surroundings of Guildhall, a magnificent medieval Grade I listed building and the City's powerhouse since the twelfth century
- Enjoy a delicious two course lunch, including a selection of different curries and unlimited wine and beer
- Meet and mix with Senior Officers of the British Army; the Ministerial Defence Team, recently returned soldiers from Afghanistan, Members of both Houses of Parliament, Olympic and Paralympic athletes
- Win Silent Auction 'money can't buy' prizes, such as a private tour of the State Apartments at Windsor Castle; a holiday in a private ski chalet in Val d'Isère, France or even dinner and an overnight stay at The Lord Mayor's official residence, the Mansion House.

Thanks to the generosity of the City's Livery Companies and Ward Clubs and other corporate sponsors, such as Noon Products, Corney & Barrow, Cobra Beer and the British Institute of Technology & E-commerce (BITE), all profits from the lunch will go towards The Soldiers' Charity's Current Operations Fund – a fund which is dedicated to helping soldiers who have been wounded in action in recent conflicts, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. Our aim is to raise £225,000 from the Lunch.

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Tickets are selling out fast so if you would like to attend, please return the attached form today or visit www.bigcurry.org to reserve your tickets online. Last year, the Lunch was a complete sell out, so I advise you to book now to avoid disappointment. The Lunch is divided into three serving times: 12.30pm, 1.15pm and 2.00pm. Please indicate the time you would like to eat on the enclosed form. The bar will be open from 12 noon and you are welcome to mingle there in between servings.

If you have any queries about the event, please contact Chi Kavindele, The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Event Co-ordinator at The Soldiers' Charity on 0845 034 7965 or ckavindele@soldierscharity.org

I very much hope to be able to welcome you to Guildhall on Thursday 26th April 2012 at this marvellous event. However, if you are unable to come, then perhaps you would consider giving a donation in lieu of attendance? Whichever you decide to do, I can assure you that your support will make a huge difference to the brave men and women of the British Army who need our continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor
Alderman David Wootton

PS. If you have already bought tickets or sent a donation for this event and this letter has crossed in the post, please accept my sincere thanks