SIR BOBBY CHARLTON
FOUNDATION

For Victims of Conflict

WELCOME TO . . .
THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

"It was a very emotional visit. Seeing youngsters without limbs just getting on with their life is hard to take. Coming from our world, it is difficult to come to terms with the idea that you could be in danger just walking down the street.. It is awful to think that so many years after the fighting has ended, people are still being crippled by landmines".

Sir Bobby Charlton

These were the words of Sir Bobby Charlton, following an emotional visit to landmine-stricken communities in Cambodia, impelling him to set up his own charity. He was particularly struck by young people, whose futures were compromised through blast injuries and disability - the legacies of past wars.

In 2011, his new charity focused on research projects into de-mining, bone graft technology and post-traumatic stress disorder, to help prevent and alleviate the pain of war. It partnered with agencies to care for civilian victims by the provision and fitting of prosthetic limbs, art therapy programmes and landmine education in schools.

But who knew this Sir Bobby? He was a legendary footballer, one of the greatest. He was a gentleman – an ambassador for the game. But he was also quietly working behind the scenes to make the world a better place for so many people living challenging lives.

This story is for us **all** to tell. This legacy is for us **all** to preserve and grow. Please help us to do both by supporting The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation.

Footballer.

Gentleman.

Humanitarian.

CAMBODIA

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Cambodia: where it all began, where Sir Bobby Charlton witnessed the devastating legacy of explosive remnants of war.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation partnership with Exceed Worldwide provides crucial funding to support those with disabilities - many as a result of accidental landmine blasts.

Together with Exceed, we have funded 800 prosthetic limbs and supported the training of 30 technicians to make and fit limbs to enable people to regain their mobility and improve their access to education, training and employment.

This year, we are funding business start-up grants and vocational training for 15 young people, helping them to start a career, support their families and to lead fulfilling lives.

We are proud to continue Sir Bobby's mission through our ongoing work in the region today.

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UKRAINE

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The conflict in Ukraine continues to have a devastating effect on innocent children and young people.

We work with FC Shakhtar's United Together project in three conflict-ridden locations in Ukraine, where children meet up for weekly football sessions in safe spaces. They face unimaginable challenges in their daily lives: routines are disrupted, homes are lost, family members have left to fight, knowing they may never return. Many are orphans.

Through training and playing, supported by regular sessions with psychologists to support emotional resilience, they socialise with other kids, and rediscover the joy of simply having fun.

This year we will fund art therapy to help the children most traumatised by war, and table football games to provide distraction in the bleak underground bomb shelters.

Sir Bobby fought passionately for the well-being of young people. This project is aligned to his belief in the right of children to lead healthy, fulfilled and empowered lives, safe and free from fear.

MANCHESTER

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Home to Sir Bobby's beloved football club and the city where he established his revolutionary Soccer Schools, our work in Manchester is very special.

Sir Bobby and Lady Norma kicked off the Manchester United Foundation Street Reds in Moss Side in 2016. Based at Manchester Academy, it was renamed Sir Bobby's Street Reds last year in his honour.

The twice-weekly football sessions give 8–18-year-old girls and boys an opportunity to gain new skills and qualifications. The 180 participants have 30 different nationalities, and include children who have fled the war-torn countries of Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan and Yemen. Many live in deprived areas of Manchester where crime and anti-social behaviour is rife. Football is their saviour.

In Moss Side, Sir Bobby's Street Reds gives these youngsters a safe and inclusive space to play, where they can make new friends, learn new skills and build their confidence. They are particularly encouraged to reflect Sir Bobby's values in the way that they play - to be leaders on the pitch, to look out for their teammates, and to demonstrate fair-play.

SIR BOBBY'S
STREET REDS

HOW YOU CAN HELP US . . .

Sir Bobby supported thousands of charities during his lifetime, famously modest about all the amazing things he did for others.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is committed to continuing the work he did to improve the lives of people living with war, or still facing challenges in a life affected by conflict.

For this, **we need your help**.

DONATE NOW

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Your donations make the world of difference to the young people that Sir Bobby most wanted to help.

Your donations fund training equipment for safe-play football in Ukraine, or games for the desolate bunkers where the children can be trapped for hours.

Your donations fund business start-ups for young people with disabilities in Cambodia.

Your donations can help fund another year of Sir Bobby's Street Reds in Manchester.

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