

Cookbook for Wounded Wins Gourmand Award

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Food for Heroes (<http://www.foodforheroes.co.uk>), the official cook book of the Help For Heroes charity (<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk>), has won The UK's Best Fund Raising Book Award in the international Gourmand Competition to find the world's best food publications.

The celebrity cook book, which was created by a group of RAF servicemen and women to raise money for their war-injured military colleagues, has been voted the UK's top charity cook book and will now go on to the world finals.

The winner of these will be announced at The Paris Cookbook Fair in Paris on February 11, 2010, when the first World Exhibition of Charity and Fund Raising Cookbooks will take place. Food for Heroes (<http://www.foodforheroes.co.uk>) will be up against the best charity cook books from 73 different countries.

Published by independent UK publisher Accent Press (<http://www.accentpress.co.uk>) and written by Squadron Leader Jon Pullen, Food for Heroes (<http://www.foodforheroes.co.uk>) features contributions from more than 100 celebrities, top chefs, sporting heroes, politicians and military heroes. They were asked the question 'Who is your hero and what would you cook for them?' Contributors included Ewan McGregor, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Sir David Jason, Fern Britton, Ainsley Harriott, Dame Vera Lynn, Bruce Forsyth, Flight Lieutenant Michelle Goodman (the first woman to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery) and the last Tommy, Private Harry Patch.

Squadron Leader Pullen, who is based at Abbeywood, Bristol, said: "It's a real honour for the team to win this award. To be recognised on an international scale can only be good for sales and ultimately it will mean we can raise more money for Help For Heroes charity (<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk>)."

Managing director of Accent Press (<http://www.accentpress.co.uk>), Hazel Cushion, said: "The Gourmand Awards are well known among the world book trade. For an independent publisher like Accent Press to be competing alongside some of the world's major publishing houses is a great achievement."

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