

# Give the "Gift of Shelter"

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Typhoon Goni rips through the Philippines on November 1<sup>st</sup> causing destruction, landslides and extensive flooding resulting in 350,000 people being evacuated.

Hurricane Eta batters Central America making landfall as a category 4 hurricane on November 03, causing extreme damage tearing down homes in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala.

Escalating conflicts in the northern Tigray region of Ethiopia force families to flee their homes, all possibly resulting in a major humanitarian crisis.

Heavy rains, starting in July and intensifying in the following months, the worst flooding in decades, destroys homes, livelihoods, and key infrastructures in Sudan.



These are only several major devastating natural disasters and conflicts that have occurred just within the past six months resulting in millions of people being displaced and without shelter and basic needs.

## How can we help?

Each year, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise recognizes the valuable humanitarian service provided by ShelterBox Canada by purchasing and providing at least one ShelterBox which will be employed in a devastated area within the world. During the club's Christmas Zoom Meeting on December 18, 2020, the club agreed to designate US\$1000 for one ShelterBox.

A ShelterBox kit provides a family with a family-sized tent specially designed to withstand the elements and provide people with temporary shelter until they are able to start the process of rebuilding a home, essential tools people need to start repairing and rebuilding homes straight away, and the items that help transform shelter into a home – like cooking sets, solar lights and activity sets for children.

*Shelter Saves Lives*

*In 2019, over 104 million people were forced from their homes.*

*You can give Shelter and save lives.  
Give the 'Gift of Shelter' this Christmas*



We can also share these stories with our neighbours, friends and family and encourage them to make an investment in a lifesaving ShelterBox for a family in desperate need. Together we can help provide the emergency shelter and tools that families need to self-recover, thus transforming despair into hope.