



*The Gift of Clean Water. A Gift of Life.*

October 11, 2021

Dear Aquabox Supporter;

The phrase "May you live in interesting times" comes to mind for this last year. 2020-21 has definitely been interesting.

Firstly, I am sad to report the death, on September 1, 2021, of Past District Governor Jim Scott. Jim was instrumental in the creation of the Aquabox program here in Stratford. It was an idea he had after sharing a drink with a fellow Rotarian who advised him of a program operated by The Rotary Club of Wirksworth, England to provide clean drinking water during emergencies. Jim's idea and your support have supplied more than more than 61 million litres of clean water. We thank him and we will miss him.

Secondly, we have not been resting on our laurels. Over the past year we have re-designed the Aquabox. We have managed to maintain the output but have drastically reduced the cost. This is great news because we can now offer **TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE** meaning your \$50.00 dollar donation will now supply two families of four with clean drinking water for up to a year.

As you know, natural disasters have continued in 2021, including heat waves, floods, wildfires and hurricanes – to say nothing of the earthquake in Haiti or the volcanic eruption on St. Vincent. Covid-19 has made all of these disasters worse. It is our intention to build 500 of our new Aquaboxes at the end of November, health and safety and Covid-19 allowing. We would like to build more but our income this past year has not been great. So, as we enter this season of giving, please go to our website <https://rotarystratford.com/SitePage/aquabox> to donate to Aquabox.

Remember Aquabox – a gift of clean water – a gift of life!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Bathe".

Walt Bathe  
Chair, AQUABOX Committee  
The Rotary Club of Stratford Charitable Foundation

This map shows some of the countries throughout the world that have received AQUABOX water purification units.



Honduras • Nicaragua • Cuba • Haiti • British Virgin Islands • Turks & Caicos • St. Maarten  
Ecuador • Peru • Bolivia • Senegal • Pakistan • Nepal • Philippines • Vanuatu

*Your donation to **AQUABOX** will help save lives.*



For every donation of \$50, we will send one AQUABOX water purification units each to 2 families hit by disaster.

We issue receipts for income tax purposes for donations over \$20.

*To donate by cheque:*  
Fill out this form and mail it to the address below with your cheque made payable to *The Rotary Club of Stratford Charitable Foundation*.

Here is my gift of Q \$20 Q \$50 Q \$100 Q \$500 Q Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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