

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Rotary International Service Committee

Water and Sanitation Project - Nigeria:

Members of the Summerside Rotary Club spearheaded funding 80 fresh water wells in Nigeria ranging in price from \$2600 to \$10,000.

After leading a small group of young professionals on a Rotary International - Group Study Exchange - (vocational and cultural exchange) to Nigeria, Rotarian Derek Key returned home to the Island and shared with the Rotary Club of Summerside Rotary Club and other Rotary Clubs in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland his experience regarding the lack of clean fresh water in many of the communities he had visited while in Nigeria.

Total cost of the project came in just over \$250,000. Through the construction of simple wells and holding tanks almost 1,000,000 residents in the Lago and Ogun States of Nigerian now had access to a safe, clean water source.

A small group of Rotarians returned to Nigeria following construction of the final wells to see firsthand the impact these wells were making to the lives in the many communities. Many of the wells were located in proximity to schools. Rotarians became aware that many schools had no



washrooms and in an effort to improve sanitation, male and female washrooms were added to 11 schools, directly impacting over 33,000 students.

Total project costs of the sanitation project were \$225,000.

Shelter Box Canada:

Following the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti, funds were raised by the Rotary Club of Summerside to purchase 25 shelter boxes, at \$1,000 per shelter box, which included a ten person tent, blankets, utensils, a stove, pots, etc. This box of supplies can be transported easily when and where need arises to provide shelter for those who have been displaced from their

homes due to natural disasters or unrest.

The Rotary Club of Summerside annually supports Shelter Box Canada with purchases of Shelter Boxes for when disaster strikes there will be Shelter boxes available to be deployed around the world.

Polio Plus:

Since 1985 Rotary International, with the help of their Local Clubs like the Rotary Club of Summerside, have partnered with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to eradicate the world of the polio virus.

Since 1995 this initiative has



reduced polio cases by 99.9 %. To date Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 Billion US to the cause and have immunized more than 2 Billion children. Members of the Rotary Club of Summerside have personally over the past two years donated in excess of \$22,000 to this cause.

Container Shipments of Surplus Medical Equipment:

The Summerside Rotary Club has been funding shipping costs



for containers of surplus medical equipment to Africa, the Caribbean and South America. This past year the Club shipped a container to Uruguay and is planning on another being shipped out latter this March to Uruguay. These last two containers were in partnership with Rotary World Help.