

Mr A Alsop
Emailed

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Dear Mr Alsop,

WE WON'T WAIT. WE'LL USE YOUR £1,180.00 STRAIGHT AWAY.

Sat here in our HQ in Cornwall, I'm finding it hard to visualise wind speeds of 185 miles per hour. I simply can't imagine the sheer horror of experiencing a category five hurricane – the highest level possible. Worse still, for anyone in the path of Hurricane Irma the disaster won't stop once the wind dies down.

I've watched the satellite imagery and expected trajectory in utter silence, as a swirling mass the size of France cuts a path through Haiti, Cuba and possibly Florida too. For thousands of families, that digital storm on my screen has already wiped out everything they once knew as home.

Over the last two weeks we've seen unprecedented extreme weather phenomenon like this bringing devastation all across the world. More than 1.7M people have been affected in Nepal, while a third of Bangladesh is under water. Huge areas of India and Myanmar are also in need of support. We already have a ShelterBox Response Team in Nepal assessing the damage, another team in Bangladesh and four ShelterBox Response Teams planning activities in the Caribbean.

I can't imagine what all these people are living through right now, but I can imagine the relief and hope that your support will bring. The generous donation from The Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock for £1,180.00 will help place the right tools and equipment in their hands to rekindle hope and ensure that they can begin the process of rebuilding their lives.

On behalf of everyone here in the office, and our teams on the ground – 'Thank you' for being the difference.



Tom Beaumont
Supporter Care Officer

P.S. To keep up to date with our active ShelterBox Operations visit www.shelterbox.org/operations-update or tune in to our weekly Facebook Live updates, every Tuesday at 2.30pm @ShelterBox