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What better way to implement Rotary's motto of "Service above Self" and to promote world understanding, then by trying to help the earthquake victims in Haiti?

Currently there is an enormous need for safe drinking water and shelter. A way to join efforts and be of great assistance is to consider contributing to "ShelterBox USA". Several clubs throughout the Rotary world including some in District 640 have started raising money for this purpose. However, the cost for one ShelterBox is \$1000 and raising this amount may be a challenge for some clubs.

Consider combining with other clubs and leverage your efforts. Clubs that want to participate in raising funds for one or more ShelterBoxes can contact the district chair for ShelterBox Verne Seehausen verne@seehausencpa.com. Verne can direct you to how and where the funds can be sent. See the article in this issue of "Keynotes" for the effort put forth by the Michigan City Rotary Club. The Angola Rotary Club deserves a mention as well. During a recent meeting when the hat was passed to contribute to ShelterbBox the Angola club of 32 members raised over \$1000. Congratulations to these clubs and to those not named, but have had similar successes.

What is a ShelterBox?

A 49 gallon box containing a 10-person tent, including 2 fabric interior privacy partitions; vinyl insulated sleeping mats with lightweight thermal blankets; water purification for clean drinking water (enough for a family of 10 to last for up to 3 months); 2 water carriers; one shovel; rope; mosquito netting; 10 ponchos; a tool kit; cooking stove; eating utensils; plates and cups; and children's activity kits.

For this effort ShelterBox has established 3 separate operational three-person Rapid Response Teams in Port-au-Prince. With the assistance of local Rotarians people will be trained to put up the tents etc. Over 3,300 ShelterBoxes have been committed thus far-- enough to help 33,000 people. It's estimated that a million people are homeless and without shelter. Your support is still needed. There are other ways to help... Rotary International has established the "Donor Advised Fund" for Haiti. You can contribute to this fund as well. Established organizations such as UNICEF, the Red Cross etc. are reaching out as well. How you contribute is not as essential as if you contribute

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