

In the Shelter

Newsletter for the Rotary Clubs of District 5180 and beyond - December 2017

Give the Gift of Shelter this Holiday Season

ShelterBox Global Gifts deliver the items you choose to disaster areas worldwide.

Imagine the difference you could make to a family who is living in rubble, whose drinking water comes from unclean sources and with children so chilled at night they must huddle together in an effort to stay warm.

ShelterBox Global Gifts program enables you to pick specific items for delivery to disaster areas around the globe.

Whether you gift a complete Shelterbox or any of these essential items, there is a Global Gift to fit any budget. Donate for yourself, or print a card as a gift for a friend.

You always get a good feeling when the gift you give is put to good use. The ShelterBox Global Gifts you provide will help families through the worst times in their lives, I can't think of a better way to share the meaning of the season. Have a blessed holiday.

— Bill Tobin

**GLOBAL GIFTS
HOLIDAY CATALOG**
TO ORDER GLOBAL GIFTS:
tinyurl.com/globalgifts



Safe Water- \$100

When disasters devastate the landscape and force families far from home, it can be hard to access safe, clean water.

By providing families with water containers and purification equipment, safe drinking water becomes one less thing to worry about.

Child's Education- \$25

When disaster strikes, all a family's possessions may be

destroyed and the children, who may have had very little to begin with, are left with nothing.

By simply providing children with some pencils, crayons, coloring books and other basic supplies, we can remind them that life isn't only about survival. Our children's activity pack help children affected by conflict

or disaster forget about the trauma and be a kid again. Give the gift of an education.

A Home- \$500

Our disaster relief tents are custom-designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall. They provide families with the shelter they need to survive and live in dignity and safety after a disaster. Above all,

our tents give families a place to call home, where they can start rebuilding their lives and communities. This giving season give the gift of a shelter to call home.

Solar Lighting- \$40

After a disaster, darkness can be a dangerous and persistent challenge for families and loved ones. LuminAID is a solar-rechargeable light that is waterproof, lightweight, and inflates to diffuse light like a lantern.

With a LuminAID, families can see exactly who or what is around them for up to 16 hours on one charge. Access to light not only increases safety within communities struck by disaster, but also gives them a light to cook by and allows women and children to move safely through the night. Give the gift of light.

Cooking Gear- \$250

The kitchen is often called the heart of a home. Our stainless-steel cooking equipment provides families with a heart to their shelter home, where water can be boiled, food can be cooked,

and a family can gather together to share a meal.

Mosquito Netting- \$40

Malaria kills an estimated 3,000 people every single day across the world. This deadly disease can be prevented by simply avoiding mosquito bites. We send mosquito nets to areas of the world where malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases are prevalent. Each net is treated to keep mosquitoes away, providing families with a safe place to sleep. This giving season give the Global Gift of safety.



Warmth- \$75

Nights can get cold and in certain parts of the world, staying warm is essential to survival. Our thermal blankets, insulated groundsheets, as well as the hats, gloves and scarves we provide in colder climates give families the warmth they need to endure the harsh conditions they may

be living in and protection from plummeting nighttime temperatures. This holiday season give the gift of warmth to families displaced by conflict and disaster.

Tools - \$50

When disaster strikes, families lose their homes, possessions and livelihoods. Basic Shelter tool kits are equipped with a hammer, saw, rope and pliers to provide families with the supplies they need to salvage their possessions, make repairs, and start rebuilding their homes and lives. Your donation will support a family's path to recovery.

A ShelterBox - \$1000

When disaster strikes, families lose their homes, possessions and livelihoods. Every day they are faced with a battle for survival.

Each ShelterBox provides a family with emergency shelter and other vital equipment, such as blankets, water filtration, cooking utensils and mosquito nets; to use while they are displaced or homeless. This holiday season give the gift of a new home to a family who has lost everything dear to them.

The Spice of Life — Yolanda Enriquez's story.

An inspirational story for your "Shine for ShelterBox" meal

In early 2017, all but one of Peru's 25 regions were hit by the sudden flood that overwhelmed and gutted whole villages.

After the horror of the huayco, a flood of mud and rock that thundered down the mountains, the people of Peru have come together over food to help rebuild their communities.

Many people were lucky to escape with just the clothes on their backs. After sheltering on higher ground, many families returned to find homes heavily damaged or destroyed.

In the district of El Porvenir, so many families had lost everything that the local leaders have organised community kitchens. In these kitchens, different groups cook meals each day and the whole of the community eat together.

Yolanda Enriquez is one of the community cooks. She

and her husband Santos work in shoe making – the main industry in this area.

Yolanda tells us her story while preparing the day's menu, which consists of rice, split peas, fried beef with peppers and onions, and a spicy sauce made of rocoto chillies with aubergine and sour cream.

Yolanda said, "We grabbed a mattress and ran to a building across the road that had a second floor. We waited for hours for the waters to go down, but we had to spend the night on the roof as the first floor was completely flooded.

Because our house was made out of adobe bricks, everything was lost. We came back here to rebuild the house. We didn't have much, but this is our land.

A member of the community told us about ShelterBox.

"We received a ShelterKit, along with instructions on how to build shelter, and household items like mosquito nets and solar lights."

Using the tools and materials, Santos was able to make the shelters that



they are currently living in, and the household items have made life more comfortable.

Yolanda said, "I like the lights best – you just put them up in the sun and they charge. I really like the type of illumination you get from them too."



The close-knit community is making sure that everyone is looked after following the disaster. The community members have not only helped to make sure that everyone gets ShelterBox aid, but that everyone is fed too.

Yolanda said, "The community kitchens have really helped us and have helped everyone as no one

has any money for any food.

We keep a list of everyone who is coming to eat, so that we know how many portions we need for each family. We tick them off, to make sure everyone has eaten and there is enough to go around for everyone.

Today we are cooking lunch for 100 people in the local community. We are making rice, beans and beef steak with onions and peppers. We take it in turns to cook, so each day a different family cooks for the rest of the community, today it is our turn, we are very proud of our sauce and our seasoning."

SHINE FOR SHELTERBOX

It's easy to get involved in "Shine for ShelterBox".
You or your club can:



Host a Shine for ShelterBox dinner as a club, or as a multi-club or family activity. The tools you need to get started are all right here:

www.shelterboxusa.org/shine



At your existing holiday Rotary, family or office party, adopt a Shine for ShelterBox theme and cast light on disaster relief.



Change one of your upcoming Rotary Club or business meetings to include a Shine for ShelterBox theme and raise donations and awareness for ShelterBox disaster relief worldwide.

As you dine, you'll be raising money to provide emergency shelter for families who have lost everything in the blink of an eye. Whether you already have a party planned for the festive season, or are looking to attract new members to your club through a compelling event, you can make a difference. By holding a heart-warming meal, you can bring light to families in their hour of darkness

Learn more and donate
www.shelterboxusa.org



ShelterBox

TODAY SHELTERBOX IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN:

Bangladesh:	Floods in Northwest Refugees fleeing Myanmar in Southeast
Barbuda:	Hurricanes
Cameroon:	Refugees fleeing Boko Haram (Nigeria)
Chad:	Refugees fleeing Boko Haram (Nigeria)
Dominica:	Hurricanes
Dominican Rep.:	Hurricanes
Iraq:	Refugees fleeing Syria / ISIS
Niger:	Refugees fleeing Boko Haram (Nigeria)
Somaliland:	Drought
Syria:	People fleeing Syria Civil conflict / ISIS



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Become a ShelterBox Liaison

Sign up to become a ShelterBox Rotary Club liaison and receive deployment updates and access to pertinent webinar trainings so you can be “in the know” and share disaster relief information with your club.

It's easy to sign up as a liaison:
shelterboxusa.org/volunteer

Create your fundraising page

An online ShelterBox fundraising page is easy to create and a great way to attract donors and showcase your Rotary club's commitment to ShelterBox.

Create your page today:
tinyurl.com/5180sbox

ShelterBox Hero Club

Make a 3-year pledge to help families in need when a disaster strikes. Heroes made here: tinyurl.com/5180hero

December Presentations and Events:

*December 6 South Placer Rotary
December 14 Star Wars Sneak Preview Fundraiser*

For a presentation or ShelterBox display at your event email: shelterboxbill@gmail.com

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