

In the Shelter

E-newsletter for the Rotary Clubs of District 5180 - November 2017

ShelterBox Response Underway Across Caribbean

Barbuda devastation so massive tents are used to house initial clean up crews.

Here are the recent developments from ShelterBox responses worldwide. This information is gathered from the weekly Operations Update streamed live on Facebook and other social media outlets every Tuesday at 6:30 am.

Monitoring the weekly update is a great way to keep your club informed of ShelterBox global deployments. — Bill Tobin

CARIBBEAN - Hurricanes

Dominican Republic-



ShelterBox and partner Habitat for Humanity are supporting 800 households in the Dominican Republic. ShelterBox will provide the

equipment (ShelterKits) required for the first phase. Habitat for Humanity will then follow up with more long-term support for the recovery of the most vulnerable households.

Dominica- Distribution of 3000 solar lights, water containers and 500 ShelterKits to begin.

Barbuda- A two phase project is underway. The island's population of ~2,000 residents have been evacuated after the hurricane left the island in devastation. Phase 1 provides tented shelter for the teams arriving to perform debris removal from ports, airstrips and roadways, followed by phase 2, supporting the rebuild after the return of the island's population.

St.Kits & Nevis- So far, 200 families have received ShelterKits to help patch up and repair their homes.

British Virgin Islands-



Working across two islands, ShelterBox response teams helped two dozen families this week with tented shelter, heavy rains are hampering relief efforts.

BANGLADESH - Flooding

A ShelterBox Response Team is on the ground, working with Rotary contacts, authorities and other aid organizations to distribute aid to 3000 families, 1000 who have had to be relocated and 2000 in areas where flood waters are receding. Further assessments are taking place to identify families in need.

A second team is also responding to the needs of Rohingya refugees, around 600,000 have arrived in Bangladesh since late August to escape conflict in Myanmar. Early assessments have defined the need for tarpaulins, water containers, solar lights and blankets. Plans are to initially support 4000 families.

SYRIA - Conflict

Over 10,000 families have received ShelterBox aid so far in 2017, including 998 families in October. There are 12 trucks currently in transit to continue to supply shelter and other essential needs to Syria.

IRAQ - Conflict

ShelterBox has so far provided essential aid and shelter to more than 6,000 families in 2017 working with several partner organizations.

ShelterBox support includes ShelterKits and mobile essential aid kits. These kits include blankets, mattresses and solar lights.

SOMALILAND - Drought

The first distribution, supporting ~500 families with ShelterKits, including tarpaulins water filters and kitchen sets is complete and an assessment and coordination of a second phase of aid distributions is currently planned to assist 2000 families.

LAKE CHAD BASIN-Conflict

Since 2009, Boko Haram has been waging an insurgency in Northern Nigeria. The violence has since spread to the neighboring regions of Niger, Chad and Cameroon, affecting around 30 million people.

Cameroon – ShelterBox continues supporting the shelter needs in the Minawo refugee camp, and assessing the needs of internally displaced citizens further north.

Chad – ShelterBox continues to partner with the local aid agency ICAHD to support vulnerable families in Chad.

Niger – 448 families supplied with modified Shelterboxes with 896 more arriving soon.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT
DISTRICT 5180**



Shine for ShelterBox, change lives around the world.

Join communities all over the country this fall, host a candlelit dinner for disaster relief

As Rotarians, we are **people of action**. The actions we take today create lasting change when we come together as a community in support of the common good.

In this year of unprecedented disasters, one of the ways you can take action this winter is by hosting a Shine for ShelterBox dinner with your Rotary Club.

By hosting a fundraising candlelit dinner for friends and family, you can brighten the lives of families affected by disaster.

Shine for ShelterBox is also a powerful way for you to show other community members how your Rotary club is supporting families across the globe, in a way that is easy to understand and fun to join.

When disasters strike and power lines go down, families are left vulnerable, wrenched away from comfort and light. This is why our ShelterBox aid includes solar lights that bring light and immediate safety to those who have lost everything.

It's simple 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





Oak Ridge High School Interact Club held a ShelterBox fundraiser which raised enough funds to help families in the Caribbean and refugees of Syria. GREAT JOB!



www.shelterboxusa.org
Learn more and donate

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:
www.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:
<http://tinyurl.com/5180sbox>

ShelterBox Hero Club

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

Presentations and Events:

November 2 Passport Rotary

November 11 D5180 Interact Conference

November 13 River Valley High Interact

November 15 Citrus Heights Rotary

**November 30 Roseville Rotary (Streamed on Facebook Live) **

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

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