

# In the Shelter



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

## *District 5180 ShelterBox Challenge*

How many families can we help?

I have often been asked, "How much do the clubs in our district donate to ShelterBox each year?", and that is a difficult question to answer. Historically, most clubs in 5180 donate after a major disaster. Clubs in 5180 donated over 20K in the aftermath of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, and over 30K after the Earthquakes in Nepal in 2015. However, in years without a large-scale disaster the support from clubs in 5180 usually drops to under \$10,000.

We must remember that for every headline leading disaster, there are dozens of others that are not reported globally by news outlets. Families affected by disasters all share similar needs for shelter and other items to help survive and begin to recover. That is why making

an annual contribution to help ShelterBox is so important.

The District 5180 challenge is simple; Rotary clubs in District 5180 raise \$51,800 during the 2017-18 year in support of ShelterBox.

Depending on the needs (tents, kits, water filters, mosquito nets, etc) up to 2000 families would be helped through the generosity of the Rotarians in District 5180.

ShelterBox has received a 4 out of 4 star rating from Charity Navigator.

I encourage all clubs in our district to participate in completing this challenge.

-Bill Tobin

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## *Become a ShelterBox Hero Club*

A ShelterBox HERO is a Rotary Club who has committed to making an ongoing impact in worldwide disaster response by pledging to support ShelterBox annually for three consecutive years. There are three HERO levels with commensurate levels of annual giving over three consecutive years:

Bronze (\$1,000)



Silver (\$3,000)



Gold (\$5,000)



District 5180 Hero Clubs:

Orangevale- Bronze  
Point West- Bronze  
Roseville- Bronze

Join these heroes  
<http://tinyurl.com/sbhero>

## Meet Yi Shun Lai - ShelterBox Response Team

Writer, Editor, ShelterBox Volunteer.



Q: What got you involved with ShelterBox?

A: I was training for a half ironman and needed something to fundraise for. Everything about ShelterBox immediately appealed to me. I interviewed for the response team at ShelterBox's warehouse in Cornwall, England. It's the single most moving warehouse you'll ever see. It helped make my decision to get involved a piece of cake.

Q: What is your most memorable ShelterBox moment in the field?

A: Every deployment has its moments. I'm always humbled by the way people pull together after a disaster.

Ordinary people step into extraordinary roles and leadership positions.

Everyone does the jobs they can do to move the community forward.

Q: How many disasters have you responded to?

A: I have been on ten deployments.

Q: Why should people support ShelterBox?

A: I'm attracted to ShelterBox for its transparency and its method of helping people in need. I like the measured approach to continuous evolution in terms of the aid we provide and how we operate. ShelterBox turns to

the families we

serve to improve and refine our mission. I have a great respect for that.

Q: What do you do when not responding to disasters?

A: I'm a writer and editor. My novel, *Not a Self-Help Book: The Misadventures of Marty Wu*, is in its fourth printing and is a semi-finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. I help people tell their stories, as well, as a writing coach. I've also been known to exercise occasionally.

Visit Yi Shun Lai's website  
<http://thegooddirt.org>

**Follow field operations updates each week on the ShelterBox Facebook page**

**Upcoming Presentations and Events**  
**Cameron Park Rotary (5190) July 6**  
**Pocket Greenhaven Rotary July 13**  
**Loomis Sunset Rotary July 18**  
**Vacaville Rotary (5160) August 3**  
**Lincoln Rotary August 10**  
**Roseville Rotary November 30**

**To book a presentation or have a ShelterBox tent displayed at your fundraiser email [shelterboxbill@gmail.com](mailto:shelterboxbill@gmail.com)**

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