

Haverhill Rotary Club has committed itself to aiding victims of the Haitian earthquake by providing shelter and essential needs through the ShelterBox program. Shelter is a critical need. It was recently reported that more than 1,000,000 Haitians are without shelter.

The ShelterBox program is a creation of Tom Henderson, a member of the Helston-Lizard Rotary Club in Cornwall England. In April 2000, the club adopted ShelterBox as a millennium project. It has grown into an international program and has become the largest Rotary club project in the world.

A ShelterBox is designed to provide immediate shelter and essential living items to disaster victims during the weeks and months that are needed to rebuild their lives.

The following are some ShelterBox facts:

Shelter Box: *Fast Facts*



- A Shelter Box provides immediate shelter and essential items to disaster victims.
- Shelter needs result from floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunami, volcanic eruption, etc...
- 10 person tent, 10 blankets, bags and ponchos, cook utensils, dinnerware, stove, tools, water purification, mosquito netting, children's activity pack, and more.
- The contents enable a family/group of 10 people to survive for 6 months or more as they rebuild their destroyed home.
- Boxes are sent to where the need is greatest.
- Can be shipped anywhere in the world, typically within 48-72 hours of the disaster event.
- Request for boxes is made by recognized humanitarian organizations.
- Each Shelter Box is sponsored (paid for) by organizations or by individual donations.
- A Shelter Box costs \$1000.00 for the contents and for the transport worldwide.
- A Shelter Box Response Team accompanies the deployment of boxes to ensure they do not fall into the wrong hands.

- Boxes are never turned over to governments or military. They are not sold on the black market. Rotary ensures that.
- Boxes are assembled in the UK by a Rotary Club who founded the project.
- Since 2002, nearly 60,000 boxes have been distributed in over 60 countries for more than 100 disaster events.
- More than 20,000 boxes alone were needed in 2005 for: the Southeast Asia tsunami, Pakistan earthquake, Hurricanes Rita & Katrina.
- More than 5000 boxes are committed to Haiti earthquake relief.
- Shelter Box is a 501 (c) (3) registered charity.

Disasters happen and cannot be avoided... but they can be planned for! Shelter Box is the fastest responding emergency shelter program in the world. Can you help?

www.shelterboxusa.org

If you would like to participate in Haverhill Rotary's Haitian Relief Project, please send to tax deductible donation to

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Please make your checks payable to

Haverhill Rotary-Haitian Relief project or
ShelterBox USA