

ShelterBox Donation Proposal

Proposal: In response to last week's devastating cyclone in Myanmar (previously Burma), in which hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless, I propose that our clubs and members be encouraged to make tax deductible donations to the Rotary Club administered 501(c)3 *ShelterBox USA* to cover the cost of as many of their refugee camp boxes as we can. Each box is **\$1,000**.

The standard Shelterbox weighs 110 lbs. and has approximate dimensions 33" x 24" x 24", and is often able to get to the scene of a disaster – anywhere worldwide – within 48 hours of a request for help. The \$1,000 donation includes the purchase of new Box items, assembly, warehousing and their subsequent delivery to the site location, (covering transportation, handling, insurance) and standard administrative costs. Administrative time for Shelter Box USA is donated by the Rotarians of Lakewood Ranch, FL.

The entire contents of a Shelterbox:

They've gotten this down to a science thanks to 30,000 boxes being used across the world since 2001. The contents satisfy an immediate need, sustaining the ability for drinkable water for 3 months. The boxes in Pakistan have been used day after day for more than two years so far.

- One 49 gallon box (The Shelterbox) initially the container for delivery of the materials listed below. Once delivered, can be used as water tank, food store, cot, table, etc.
- One domed ten-person, tent complete (200 square feet of covered accommodation), including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered 'winter suitable' by international relief standards.
- Vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets. More compact than sleeping bags, these mats and blankets have multiple uses. The blanket can also be fashioned to catch water, as a tarp, etc. while the mat also serves as a ground 'table' for meals, or tent rugs.
- Ten envelope-type sleeping bags.
- One pack of 180 water purification tablets and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container (Each tablet will purify a full container of water providing 1,800 gallons of clean drinking water which should be sufficient for a family of ten for up to three months).
- Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers.
- One collapsible trenching shovel
- Rope, 164 foot
- Repellant-treated mosquito netting
- Ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags
- Tool kit in canvas bag: hatchet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe head etc.
- Multi-fueled cook stove
- Eating utensils: enamel plates/cups
- Children's activity kit-simple school supplies, stickers and coloring book



Rotary Recognition

Each tent and box are stamped with the Rotary logo and the name of the sponsoring club to be acknowledged all over the world.

Tracking the Box:

Every ShelterBox is individually numbered and we will be advised of our number. The final destination of boxes can then be tracked via their website www.shelterbox.org.

ShelterBox USA is a non-profit disaster relief program *administered by the Rotary Clubs of Lakewood Ranch, FL and Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, UK*. ShelterBox USA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.



ShelterBoxes have already gotten into Myanmar! The media is talking about the Myanmar government's refusal of visas and aid in the region. But ShelterBox USA staff told me Friday morning (May 9) that through their contacts there, they've secured 4 visas for their ShelterBox response team, *and there are 101 boxes in country already*. There are another 544 boxes in transit from staging areas in Dubai and Australia. Another 1,000 boxes are being packed in the UK today for shipment Monday.

HISTORY: The Shelter Box project was conceived and developed by Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall District, in Great Britain as their Millennium Service Project. Struck with the urgent world-wide need for a self-contained emergency shelter unit when disaster occurs, Tom designed a tent, researched suppliers and, through trial and error, developed the Shelter Box. The international relief agency Feed the Children, has called Tom's Shelter Box 'the best disaster relief tool they have seen in their 20 years of experience'. Working primarily through UK Rotary clubs, Tom and his Rotary club has succeeded in exposing the Shelter Box project to over 25 million Brits and, as a result, distributed provided shelter for approximately one-third of a million people in the last six years.



ShelterBox has sent out nearly 30,000 boxes worldwide – providing emergency accommodation for approaching 500,000 disaster victims. As of January 2007, ShelterBox has sent tents to:

- Afghanistan (war)
- Algeria (earthquake)
- Angola (war)
- Burundi (war)
- The Dominican Republic (flood)
- East Timor (war)
- Ecuador (volcano)
- Grenada (hurricane)
- Guatemala (landslide)
- Haiti (typhoon)
- India – Gujarat (earthquake), Bihare (flood),
Chenai (tsunami)

- Indonesia – Sumatra (tsunami), Java (earthquake, volcano and tsunami)
- Iran – Basra (war)
- Iraq – Bam (earthquake)
- Kenya (war and flood)
- Lebanon (war)
- Liberia (war)
- The Maldives (tsunami)
- Nepal (flood)
- Pakistan – Kashmir (earthquake)
- Palestine (war)

- Papua New Guinea (volcano)
- The Philippines (typhoon)
- Romania (flood)
- Serbia (flood)
- Somalia (war)
- Sri Lanka (tsunami)
- Sudan (war)
- Uganda (war)
- Ukraine (flood)
- United States – Louisiana & Mississippi (hurricane)

Tax deductible donations can be made to: ShelterBox USA and sent to 8374 Market St. #203, Bradenton, FL 34202.

For tracking purposes, please make sure you write “District 5000 – Myanmar” in the Memo field. Also, please email me with totals and updates from your clubs so I can track our success in this multi-club project.

To learn more, go to shelterboxusa.org

Mahalo for your consideration,
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