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IMPACT REPORT

Nürgül from Türkiye

Rotary Club of Wiarnton

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CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Now more than ever, the partnership between ShelterBox and Rotary is fundamental to ensuring no one is left without shelter after disaster. The need for emergency shelter is growing every day. Over 113 million people have been displaced from their homes by disaster and conflict around the world. The scale of our responses over the last year reflect this.

Over the course of the 2022-2023 Rotary Year, we have seen extreme weather events in the Philippines and Pakistan, combined with massive earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, and rapidly escalating crisis in Ukraine, which have all created an unprecedented need for emergency shelter. ShelterBox has been well placed to respond to all of these events, and more, in part because we have been well prepared.



Having large quantities of aid pre-positioned in our Cebu warehouse, along with unique, established connections with Rotary, enables us to respond immediately after a storm has passed in the Philippines. Donations from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians across Canada ensure we have stock ready to go whenever something happens, and our vital partnership allows us, together, to get aid to the hardest hit areas in Türkiye, in Pakistan, and in so many other communities around the world.

To adapt to a changing world, we are continually thinking about new ways of responding to the increasing needs worldwide. We are balancing our ability to respond to long-term conflict and climate-related disasters, and we are evolving and innovating as an organization to influence the humanitarian sector in reducing our impact on the environment. We continue to

aid in high risk regions, while also strengthening our ability to procure high-quality appropriate items locally in our responses. We are also providing training to our local partners to help grow their capacity to respond in future, all while continuing to provide customized high-quality emergency shelter, supplies and training to some of the hardest hit communities around the world.

You make this all possible. We hope that the stories in this impact report show you what a difference you, and our partnership, have made for people recovering from disaster. Rotary has been with us every step of the way, whether that's supporting our mission through awareness and fundraising, helping us get aid into countries, or introducing us to important local government contacts. It is thanks to you that hundreds of thousands of people have a safe place to sleep and the supplies they need to recover. From all of us at ShelterBox, thank you.

Patricia Matthews
Chair, ShelterBox Canada

Stephanie Christensen
Executive Director



Habon from Ethiopia

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

We know shelter is more than just a roof over your head. It is a basic human right and necessary for survival, but shelter also helps kick start the recovery process. Learn more about the impact of ShelterBox's responses, and the difference the [Rotary Club of Wiarton's](#) donations made below:



UKRAINE

Your club's donation went towards supporting displaced families in the eastern region of Ukraine where homes and livelihoods have been destroyed. Thanks to your donation, families received items such as [winterized shelter repair kits](#), [winter supplies](#), [stoves](#) and [firewood](#).



Irina from Ukraine

UKRAINE

We are now in the second year of the war in Ukraine, which has left 17.6 million people in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Buildings and infrastructure have been destroyed, critical social services have been disrupted, and swaths of land have been contaminated with remnants of war.

As of June 2023, it is estimated that 8 million Ukrainians are living as refugees across Europe, and 5 million remain displaced within Ukraine.

As the fighting continues, people may return to their homes only to have to flee again when violence re-emerges. **Thanks to your donations, we have been on the ground since the war started, providing vital aid to some of the most vulnerable people.**



Svetlana and Sergiy

Svetlana and Sergiy (pictured left) are among those who were internally displaced within Ukraine. They had to flee their newly built home in North-East Ukraine as their city was destroyed. Missiles blew out their windows and doors, and damaged the roof and electrical system. After living with their daughter for a time, donations like yours meant they were able to return home. The most important factor in their safe return was the wood-burning stove that they received – not only does it heat the house and prevent pipes from freezing, they are also able to cook with it.

Your support has provided more than just vital supplies, you have given people hope.

“Winter aid brings warmth and hope.” - Sergiy

Your support provided winterized shelter repair kits, winter supplies, stoves and firewood, which ensured that people could survive the winter and have a place to call home. **Over the course of the war, with your help, ShelterBox has been able to provide aid for 35,329+ individuals – thank you for making this possible.**



Distributions, 2023



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ROTARY PARTNERSHIP

A cornerstone partnership, ShelterBox is Rotary International's only project partner in disaster relief. Thank you for putting the partnership into action through your advocacy and financial support for ShelterBox Canada.

This partnership has been showcased this year with an incredible 193 Hero Clubs and over one million dollars raised by Rotary and Rotarians. The impact you had on people in Ukraine goes beyond numbers and metrics. Your club's donations helped inspire hope in communities - a priceless and vital component to a successful recovery.

Thank you for trusting us and helping us work towards a world where no one is left without shelter after disaster. We are proud to be project partners with Rotary International, a global community of 1.2 million people of action. By working together with Rotary, we collaborate and combine resources to ensure that we can support more communities in desperate need of shelter after disaster.

Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the world support us in a variety of ways, from raising funds and awareness to providing support on the ground during our response to a disaster. Aided by the local knowledge and community connections Rotary provides, ShelterBox can move faster and more safely to identify the most vulnerable families.



Huseyin from Türkiye



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