

Deployment in Arkansas, USA



ShelterBox has responded to the devastating tornadoes that swept through Etna and Denning, USA earlier this month.

Fierce storms, floods and tornadoes hit the southern states hard, requiring ShelterBox to deliver emergency aid to families displaced by the disasters.

"There are reports from our team on the ground that many homes in the tornado zone have been reduced to rubble," said Craig Tobler, General Manager of ShelterBox Australia.

48 ShelterBoxes were sent to the worst affected areas, providing shelter, warmth and dignity to those families who had lost everything. This much needed aid provided families with the tools to survive and recover within a safe, stable environment as they begin an arduous and lengthy recovery process.

According to NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), 2011 is preliminarily ranked 7th among the deadliest tornado years in US history, with the tornado that struck nearby Joplin just days before the worst to hit American soil in more than 60 years.

The SRT members have been working closely with authorities to seek local expert advice in choosing the location of distribution sites.

The Boy Scouts of America assisted ShelterBox Response Team members to set up the tents and distribute supplies to families who lost everything in the disaster.

This is the second time ShelterBox aid has been sent to the US, with 1,320 ShelterBoxes being previously distributed to families following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



The ShelterBox Youth Exchange Challenge



The Rotary Youth Exchange Challenge is our newest initiative to help spread the word and raise funds for ShelterBox Australia.

ShelterBox Australia provides crucial relief to countries affected by disaster all over the world. The ShelterBox Youth Exchange Challenge allows participants to experience life in one of these countries and develop a broader understanding of our global community while making life long friends and contributing to a worthwhile cause.

This program will enable participants to discover more about ShelterBox and the culture that they visit, develop life skills, support a Global Rotary Club Project and make a real difference to communities across the globe.

The initiative requires participants to successfully complete two simple steps; 'spread the word' and 'fund a box'.

Spread the word requires participants to give a presentation to their host Rotary Club, a school, organisation or a group such as Scouts to raise awareness about ShelterBox.

Fund a box requires participants to raise donations to fund a ShelterBox. Every donation of \$1000 will allow ShelterBox to deliver emergency shelter and other life saving equipment to families that have lost everything in the wake of a disaster.

On completion of the challenge, applicants receive a limited edition ShelterBox Youth Exchange Pin Badge and a certificate to acknowledge their achievements, as well as a lifetime of unforgettable memories.

By supporting ShelterBox as part of the exchange program, participants are spreading our important message around the globe and contributing to the future success of the organisation.

Rotary Youth Exchange students are equipped with the skills to inspire their host community and create awareness for this project.

If you would like to embark on this life-changing journey and help transform the lives of others through this inspiring and rewarding experience, visit www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au and search for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program under the 'about us' tab.

Taking ShelterBox to the public



In the last 16 months, ShelterBox has responded to over 16 natural disasters, providing shelter to more than 500,000 people.

As an opportunity to relay this information to the general public, Australian ShelterBox Response Team Leader Peter Pearce and wife Sheryl, were guest hosts at Agfest in Launceston, to spread the word about the incredible work and assistance that ShelterBox provides.

Agfest offered an excellent opportunity to showcase ShelterBox to thousands of people over a short period of time.

With a prime position and constant flow of traffic it was encouraging to see so much interest displayed by festival patrons in our organisation, as ShelterBox relies entirely on public donations.

Donate Now

We are now urgently appealing for donations to assist with replenishing stock following our recent deployments in Japan, Madagascar, Colombia and currently in the United States of America. In order to respond immediately to future natural disasters, we must ensure sufficient stock is available. To make a donation please call our donation line on **1300 996 038** or visit the website www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au



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Our goal is to help 500,000 people every year. So far we have sent out this many ShelterBoxes.

Golf Challenge Cambodia

Attention all Rotarians and friends of Rotary! You are invited to the first ShelterBox Australian Golf Challenge, situated in beautiful Cambodia from October 30 to November 5 2011. Play three rounds at the luscious Championship courses to test your skills against fellow Rotarians from across the globe.

Over this week-long charity event, you'll enjoy luxurious accommodation at the 5 star Victoria Angkor Resort and Spa, experience one of the world's most impressive UNESCO cultural heritage sites, win great prizes and make lifelong friends.



Non golfing partners are also encouraged to attend, as you will have the opportunity to enjoy the daily champagne buffet breakfasts, lunches and memorable dinner parties all for the amazing price of US \$2,080 for golfers and US \$1,920 for non golfers. Included in this incredible price is a donation of US \$200 to ShelterBox Australia.

For more information on this amazing event or to book, visit www.enjoythehit.com or contact Tim Ireland at tim@enjoythehit.com



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