



ShelterBox
Disaster relief

SHELTERBOX CANADA

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*As for now, the sun rises. One goes to the farm,
one stays at the house and the children go to school.
Life is getting restored. Now we are living without
worries. I feel at home, without any hesitation.*

— Mary, Malawi



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Front cover: ShelterBox response in Vanuatu following Cyclone Harold with local partner CARE Vanuatu.



SHELTERBOX EXISTS BECAUSE NO FAMILY SHOULD BE WITHOUT SHELTER AFTER A DISASTER.

Shelter means a place to feel safe, often after days or weeks of fear. It means having somewhere to call home again, where you can find shade from the midday sun and warmth when winter comes.

It means having somewhere to be with friends and family, and to have time to yourself. It's a place to cook, to play, to study, to laugh. It's a place to start again.

When disaster or conflict devastates your life, shelter is the first step towards being able to rebuild. It is the first step of recovery until permanent housing solutions are available.

We do everything we can to provide what people tell us they need – items like tents and tarpaulins, along with tools, blankets and other essentials – so they can start shaping the future they want to create.

*When you have a place to call home, hope follows.
That's why we exist.*



ShelterBox is honored to have been nominated for the 2018 and 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for our work to keep families together during a time of unprecedented displacement. Learn more about how we work in response to conflict at www.shelterboxcanada.org/building-peace

IN 2020

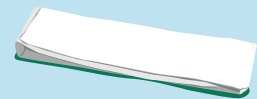
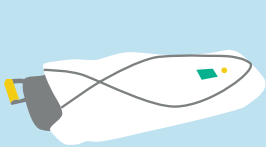
THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORTERS



103,585

PEOPLE IN 13 COUNTRIES

RECEIVED EMERGENCY SHELTER
AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS FROM SHELTERBOX



(from tarpaulins and tool kits to cooking sets and solar lights).

\$751,846
DONATED BY
CANADIANS

7,518
LIVES CHANGED BY
CANADIAN DONORS

7
ACTIVE CANADIAN
RESPONSE TEAM
MEMBERS



CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Patricia Matthews, Tess Widdifield

Dear friends,

At ShelterBox we believe in a world where no family is left without shelter after disaster or in times of conflict.

This mission has remained true during our 20 years of disaster relief but this year the need has been greater than ever. More than 104 million people were forced from their homes by conflict and natural disaster last year, more than any other time in history. Families around the world are facing repeated weather events, prolonged conflict and now, the deadly threat of coronavirus.

While the world around us continues to change we know one thing always remains true, having a shelter to make a home can kick-start entire communities on their road to recovery. At ShelterBox we take our role in this process very seriously, and in 2020 we reaffirmed our focus to help as many families as possible during these unprecedented times.

At ShelterBox our mission and values are what drive us to make a lasting difference:

We can't do it alone

We make a tangible impact

We do the right thing

We plan for tomorrow



Families in the Philippines received tarps, rope, solar lights, mosquito nets and other essential household items after Typhoon Vongfong caused destruction in Eastern Samar.

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and natural disasters.

As ShelterBox marks 20 years of disaster relief this year it is important to consider how we have grown over these years. Through the support of our global network, partners, volunteers and supporters we have helped more than 1.5 million families around the world.

This year has been busier than ever, responding to disasters in 13 countries, some that cut through busy media headlines and some that go unrecognized.

Coronavirus has brought new challenges in how we fundraise and how we are able to safely deliver our aid. Despite these challenges we are so heartened to see how our community here in Canada has come together to make a lasting difference in the lives of families around the world. We know that this pandemic is not over until its over everywhere and while we all stay at home and physically distance the importance of warm, dry and safe shelter has never become more clear.

Through your ongoing support we have been able to support families like 16-year-old Busharoo from Somaliland. She is the sole carer of her six younger siblings living in a camp for internally displaced people in the north-west of the country.

Prolonged drought in Ethiopia forced the family to move east to Somaliland in search of water and safety. ShelterBox and our partner ActionAid provided Bushaaro (pictured right) and her family with a ShelterBox and essential items to support their recovery.

A home is more than a physical structure. It's a place to spend time with family, to get a good night's sleep, to play, to work, to feel safe and secure. It's a place to find privacy and time to yourself. Again and again last year, the families we supported told us that having a home helped a sense of normal life to return.

- **In the Philippines**, 83% of people we spoke to said they had more privacy after they built a shelter or repaired their home
- **In Paraguay**, 84% of people we spoke to said having emergency shelter gave them the confidence to return home
- **In Bangladesh**, 77% of people we spoke to last year said our tarpaulins would be ideal for sheltering livestock.

Thank you for making this possible.

As the new year starts and so much still remains unknown and unprecedented we will continue to support the most vulnerable, continue to innovate to ensure families receive the best aid possible and continue to listen and learn from those we support.

The work of ShelterBox is only possible because of your generosity, and we are incredibly grateful for your continuous support. ShelterBox Canada remains as committed as ever to ensure no family is left without shelter because we know that when you have a place to call home, hope follows.

Thank you.



Patricia Matthews
Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Tess Widdifield
Acting Executive Director



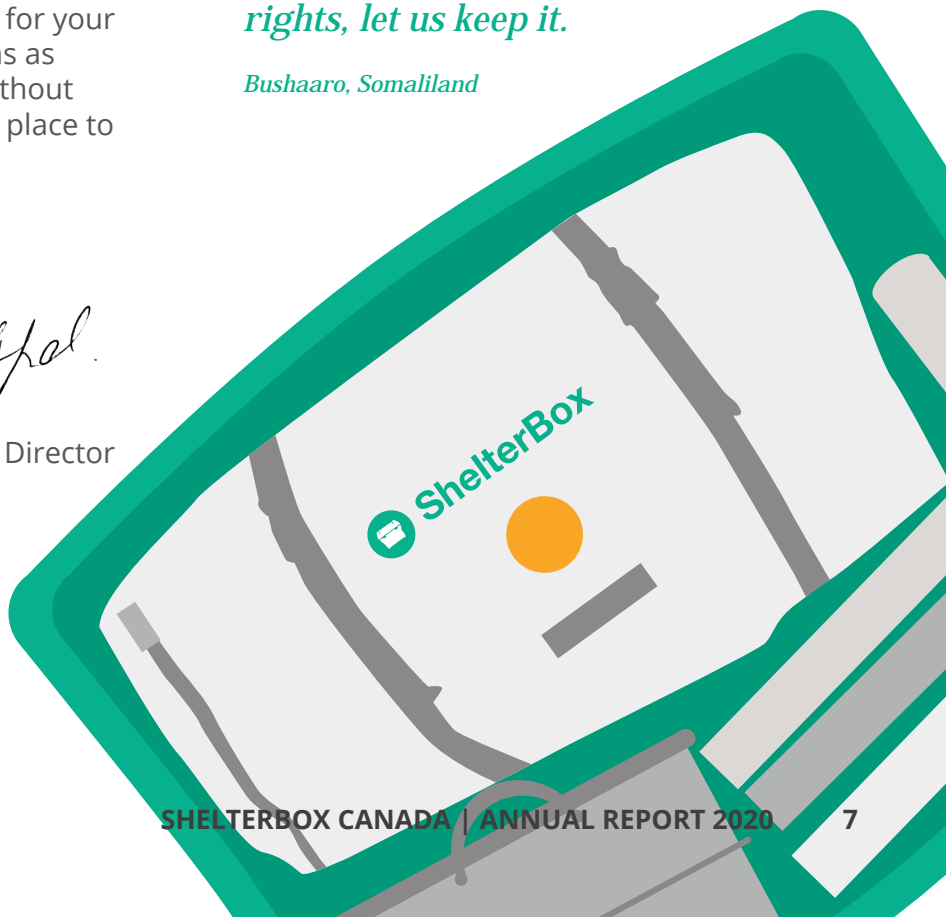
"Leading a life without shelter is life with no hope", says 16-year-old Bushaaro from Somaliland.

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Now I have a green box containing emergency shelter and other items... I was very happy when I saw a lorry carrying the green boxes.

Thanks to ShelterBox support, we wish to have many more from them.

A soul with no shelter is the most vulnerable in the community, shelter is one of the basic human rights, let us keep it.

Bushaaro, Somaliland



KUNYUMBA

'Home'

How can we demonstrate our impact in the most meaningful, honest and compelling way? We asked ourselves that question again and again – and, through the Kunyumba project, we moved closer to finding the answer.



Photography by award-winning
photographer, © Siân Davey

‘Kunyumba’ – which means ‘Home’ in the Chichewa language – is a short film that tells the story of Stephano and Mary, who lost their home and everything in it when Cyclone Idai hit Malawi in 2019. But, it’s also much more than a film.

It’s the result of a unique collaboration between our monitoring and evaluation team and our brand and content team. Using unstructured interviews, with no set questions, we asked Stephano and Mary’s community to share their experiences and emotions in their own words. We wanted to understand what recovery really meant to people, and to identify ShelterBox’s role without asking leading questions. Working with filmmaker Benn Berkeley and photographer Siân Davey, we focused on Stephano and Mary, but their story represents what the community as a whole told us.

We found out what life was like before the disaster, and how parents lifted their children into trees as the floodwaters came. We heard how livestock were dragged away in the waters, and how families were separated in cramped, makeshift camps.

But we also heard how the promise of help from ShelterBox encouraged people to leave the crowded camps and start again. We heard how people began building and growing crops and looking to the future. We learned how the community recovered together – providing each other with emotional support. We saw what happens, to quote Mary, when “life is restored”.



© Siân Davey



© ShelterBox

**“
What gave us the strength
to move from the camp to this
place were the tarpaulins that
we received. When we came
here, we had space, we could
live freely.**

Mary, speaking in Kunyumba

If you haven't
already seen the short
film Kunyumba please
do go online at
[shelterboxcanada.org/
kunyumba](https://shelterboxcanada.org/kunyumba)



BEYOND SHELTER

Shelter is more than just tents and tarps. It's a process of recovery, a way of keeping communities and families together and allowing them the space to focus on the future. Through discussions with our beneficiaries, we've found that shelter helped to provide or enhance four pathways to recovery.

1. CREATING A HOME

A home is more than a physical structure. It's a place to spend time with family, to get a good night's sleep, to play, to work, to feel safe and secure. It's a place to find privacy and time to yourself. For the people we support, it's a place with a future.

TYPHOON KAMMURI, PHILIPPINES

In early December, Typhoon Kammuri, known locally as Typhoon Tisoy, devastated coastal communities with many homes washed out to sea.

NELIE'S STORY

Nelie lived with her husband and nine children, in a house near the beach in the Philippines, before it was destroyed by Typhoon Tisoy. The family had moved into a school which was used as an evacuation center. Upon receiving a ShelterBox tarpaulin and other essential aid items, Nelie and her family built a home in a safer location. With the privacy and protection of their new home, they were able to relocate from the evacuation center and come together again as a family under one roof.



2,500 FAMILIES
SUPPORTED



Left: Nelie's family. Above: Nelie holding her youngest child in the doorway of her new home, Philippines, typhoon, 2019

PHILIPPINES



2. BUILDING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

We are committed to lasting change, and that includes training people to build homes that last. A hammer does not build a home, but a hammer in the hands of someone with the knowledge, desire and motivation to build a home will.

By working with communities to showcase both local techniques and construction methods we've tested around the world, we can help families to build and repair reliable, weatherproof homes. We also train people to pass that knowledge on, so families can continue to benefit for generations to come.

FLOODING IN PARAGUAY

In Paraguay, months of torrential rain caused severe flooding in Asunción, forcing entire communities to move to higher grounds to escape the floodwater.

CECILIO'S STORY

Cecilio had to abandon his home in search of higher ground when rising flood-waters damaged his home. He was one of the first to receive ShelterBox aid items and, along with some of his neighbours, he received training on how to repair his home. When it became safe to return, Cecilio used the hammer and nails to repair his old roof and build the frame for another section of his house.

PARAGUAY

“I paid close attention during training to ensure that I could make the appropriate repairs to my home, and so that it lasts longer and remains stronger the next time the floods come.”



Paraguay, flooding, 2019



3,000 FAMILIES SUPPORTED

3. HELPING PEOPLE RETURN TO WORK

Emergency shelter is deeply connected to livelihood. When you have a place to call home, you can shift your focus to earning a living. We often help people settle close to places where they can tend crops or keep livestock, and we provide the tools people need to work the fields or support trades. As communities rebuild and return to normalcy, we often find that homes double as shops or workshops.

LAKE CHAD BASIN CRISIS

Reaching across Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger and Chad, the Lake Chad Basin Crisis is a huge and complex humanitarian crisis with many causes. Extreme poverty, underdevelopment and climate change are just some of the factors at play, alongside growing insecurity caused by Boko Haram attacks.

ESTHER'S STORY

After witnessing the horrific murder of her family by Boko Haram fighters in 2014, Esther fled from her home in Nigeria seeking refuge at Minawao refugee camp in Cameroon where she received shelter and essential household items. Esther, now 23, has learned to sew, and has started her own business as a dressmaker. It hasn't been an easy journey for her, but she has regained her independence and is now able to provide for her young family.

“Anytime I see somebody wearing something that I sewed, it makes me happy. I can now take care of some family needs, like cooking and other things.”



11,000 FAMILIES SUPPORTED

CAMEROON

Cameroon, conflict, 2019

“I needed to fix the broken fences, flatten the ground, and continue living. I called people from the community and they helped me, as I can't do it by myself and my husband was not able to help.

BANGLADESH

4. REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

A strong community is crucial to building resilience and lifting the spirit of the people living in it. Living with friends, family and neighbours around you provides the physical, material and emotional support needed to recover.

We help keep communities together by carrying out training sessions with community members, teaching them to use aid items like the tarpaulins and tool kits to build a shelter. Those community members then train the rest of the community, making sure that every family that receives aid is trained on how to fix their home using the tools provided.

BANGLADESH, FLOODING

Heavy monsoon rains triggered severe flooding in Bangladesh. Water levels rose to their highest in 100 years, leaving a large part of the country underwater and destroying over half a million homes.

BEHULA'S STORY

In 2019, heavy rains severely damaged the home that 32-year-old Behula shared with her disabled husband and four children on an island in the Brahmaputra River in Bangladesh. Behula received a Shelter Kit and was trained on how to use the tools inside. With the support of ShelterBox and her community, she was able to rebuild her home and regain a sense of normalcy.

Bangladesh, flooding, 2019



3,000

FAMILIES
SUPPORTED



Somaliland, prolonged drought, 2019

DROUGHT IN SOMALILAND

Somaliland is experiencing the worst drought the country has seen in years, with 2.6 million people forced to leave their homes and 85% of livestock dying off as a result.

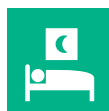
POST-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING AND EVALUATION

At ShelterBox, we're determined to help families affected by natural disaster or conflict. But our work doesn't stop once we've delivered aid. We make sure that our aid has made a significant impact on the livelihoods of the families we've reached. And we do that by conducting post-distribution monitoring in the areas we've helped.



4,500 FAMILIES
SUPPORTED

POST-DISTRIBUTION FEEDBACK



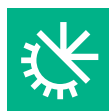
IMPROVED SLEEP

88% of respondents said they had slept better since receiving our aid.



INCREASED PROTECTION

100% of respondents said the items protected their personal belongings, using the ShelterBox as storage.



INCREASED PROTECTION FROM THE WEATHER

100% of respondents said that the shelter items had protected them from the weather.



INCREASED ACCESS TO POTABLE WATER

97% of respondents said that water carriers helped them to access clean water.



IMPROVED DAYTIME COMFORT

100% of respondents said the items provided kept them at a comfortable temperature during the day.



IMPROVED NIGHTTIME COMFORT

98% of respondents said the items provided kept them at a comfortable temperature at night.

“Thank you very much to all those that gave everything to give to us. You made our lives easier.”



CYCLONE HAROLD, VANUATU

On April 6, Cyclone Harold made landfall in Vanuatu as a Category 5 cyclone, bringing devastation to communities in the north.

It was the strongest cyclone to hit the islands since Cyclone Pam in 2015. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, access to the country was extremely difficult. We were not able to send a response team, so we partnered with CARE Vanuatu to get much-needed aid to the most vulnerable families.

Families received tarpaulins and rope, solar lights and kitchen sets. The tools and fixings contained in the shelter kits are considered as community tools, which is a usual practice in Vanuatu.

During the deployment, CARE held a meeting with village chiefs in South Pentecost, who specifically asked CARE to convey their deep appreciation to ShelterBox. Many of the community members said they had almost given up hope of receiving support.

SHELLEY'S STORY

Shelley, her children, and several other families sheltered together in their neighbour's house after Cyclone Harold tore through their community. Together, the adults held on to the roof to keep their families safe.

Pentecost is an island rich in traditional culture. The village of Hotwota where Shelley lives rests between the foothills and the sea. Hotwota, like most villages in Vanuatu, depends on community.

During and after the cyclone, the cooperation of communities like Shelley's ensured the safety and survival of people across the island. Together as a community they agreed to temporary sleeping arrangements and a strategy for rebuilding their lives.

“Thank you to those that have saved us, for using your time to look out for us.”



2,000

**FAMILIES
SUPPORTED**

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

ShelterBox's role in flattening the global curve of the coronavirus pandemic.

Early 2020 brought unprecedented circumstances as a result of the global coronavirus pandemic. As a global organization, we needed to react fast, use our experience and expertise in new ways, and adapt how we work.

During this new humanitarian disaster, the vital importance of shelter has been made clearer than ever.

The virus is a deadly risk for vulnerable families who have lost their homes. The impact in places like crowded camps and makeshift settlements in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Burkina Faso could be more devastating than anything we have seen so far.

Emergency shelter can save lives by slowing the spread of coronavirus.

Tents and shelter kits can provide a private space for families to isolate and keep distant from others while trying to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

Water filters help give families access to clean water and allow them to follow proper hand-washing precautions to help protect them from the virus. Other items like blankets and sleeping mats keep people warm and dry, cooking sets allow families to have warm meals and reduce sharing.

We are looking to provide emergency shelters for healthcare organizations in camps and temporary settlements, so front-line staff have a safe place to rest and recover as we join forces to save as many lives as we possibly can.

Disasters don't stop

During this pandemic, we will keep working in new disaster areas to help slow the spread of coronavirus and save lives.

We will continue to provide emergency shelter so families can recover more quickly, stay healthy and be less exposed to the risks of the coronavirus. We'll support families to drink clean water, cook nutritious food and build secure shelters a safe distance apart, so they are in a stronger position if coronavirus does start to spread.

Global travel restrictions are making it tougher for us to undertake all of this vital work. But our links with local partners worldwide, combined with our storage of shelter materials and tools in multiple locations globally, means we are still able to get shelter to the families who need it most – and we're doing everything we can to make sure that happens. Now we urgently need additional funding to provide more shelter in more places.



DISASTERS AND CORONAVIRUS

Four things to know about coronavirus and families living through disaster.

Coronavirus will **impact the hospitals and health care systems in less developed countries far more severely** than in developed countries like Canada.

When you lose your home after a disaster or in a conflict, **your ability to stay safe and healthy is already compromised.**

Over-crowded conditions, lack of access to sanitization, and little to no health care means families living in these settlements are at even greater risk during this global pandemic.

84% of the 70.7 million people driven from their homes by conflict live in the least developed countries in the world, where support is already limited.

Government-run displacement centers are overcrowded and under-resourced. Many do not have the capacity to support families during a coronavirus spread.

Tents and other emergency shelters will give families privacy and a place to isolate, and water carriers can provide much-needed access to clean water and sanitation.

Providing emergency shelter and other essential items after disaster not only helps families recover but can also offer a place where families can be together away from others in the midst of a coronavirus outbreak.



ROTARY PARTNERSHIP

A cornerstone partnership, ShelterBox is Rotary International's only project partner in disaster relief.

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 groups 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.



GET INVOLVED

Connect with your community and families around the world.

INSPIRATION

ShelterBox can help attract new members and inspire your community through raising awareness of the impact of our partnership around the world. Share stories of hope and resilience from the communities we reach together every year.

PEOPLE OF ACTION

There are so many ways Rotarians support families who have lost everything, from raising awareness and funds at home to providing a valuable point of contact for Response Teams through first-hand knowledge, introductions, logistical assistance, and vital links into communities.



ShelterBox Head of Operations Alf Evans with Immediate Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin.



Learn more at
ShelterBoxCanada.org/ActionToolKit

ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

DEPLOYMENT FOCUS

Thousands of families in Paraguay's capital city, Asunción, were driven from their homes after devastating flooding in 2019.

Torrential rains had been battering the area since March, causing the overflow of the Paraguay River. The unusually heavy rain was linked to the climate pattern El Niño, and it displaced nearly 20,000 families in need of shelter and essential aid. The devastating effects of the disaster could be seen everywhere— from the roofs of mud-swamped homes where some families were camping to survive, to the makeshift shelters that were starting to crumble down after months of exposure to the elements.

Working with the local Rotaract club, we provided 2,925 families that were affected the most with essential aid items like solar lights, mosquito nets, blankets and shelter kits.



2,925 FAMILIES
SUPPORTED

SHELTERBOX CANADA HERO AWARD WINNERS

Each year, Rotary helps us to go further, support more people, and access that which would otherwise be impossible to reach.

A ShelterBox Canada Hero is a Rotary Club that has identified through a yearly gift the continuing need to prepare for disasters and respond at a moment's notice.

Thank you to our 2020 Rotary Club Hero Award winners!

BRONZE (\$1,200+)

*Fort Saskatchewan Interact Club
Rotaract United
The Interact Club Of Char-Lan District High School
The Rotaract Club of Ottawa South
The Rotary Club of Ajax
The Rotary Club of Bathurst
The Rotary Club of Blind River
The Rotary Club of Bolton
The Rotary Club of Bracebridge- Muskoka Lakes
The Rotary Club Of Brampton-Heart Lake
The Rotary Club of Brandon
The Rotary Club of Brighton
The Rotary Club of Brockville
The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park*

*The Rotary Club of Cambridge (Preston-Hespeler)
The Rotary Club of Campbellford
The Rotary Club of Camrose
The Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak
The Rotary Club of Centre Wellington Centennial
The Rotary Club of Chesley
The Rotary Club of Chestermere
The Rotary Club of Collingwood and South Georgian Bay
The Rotary Club of Cranbrook
The Rotary Club of Creston
The Rotary Club of Dartmouth
The Rotary Club of Dresden
The Rotary Club of Duncan Daybreak
The Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona
The Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue
The Rotary Club of Englehart
The Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora
The Rotary Club of Flamborough A.M.
The Rotary Club of Fort McMurray
The Rotary Club of Fort Nelson
The Rotary Club of Fort Saskatchewan
The Rotary Club of Gananoque
The Rotary Club of Goderich
The Rotary Club of Guelph
The Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium
The Rotary Club of Hawkesbury
The Rotary Club of Kamloops Aurora Centennial
The Rotary Club of Kapuskasing
The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise
The Rotary Club of Kemptville
The Rotary Club of Lacombe Daybreak
The Rotary Club of Lake Country
The Rotary Club of LaSalle-Centennial
The Rotary Club of Lethbridge Sunrise
The Rotary Club of Meaford*



The Rotary Club of Mission
 The Rotary Club of Moncton
 The Rotary Club of Neepawa
 The Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak
 The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise
 The Rotary Club of New Westminster-Royal City
 The Rotary Club of Nipigon
 The Rotary Club of Nisku-Leduc
 The Rotary Club of North Scarborough
 The Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar
 The Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood
 The Rotary Club of Parkdale-High Park-Humber
 The Rotary Club of Peachland
 The Rotary Club of Penetanguishene
 The Rotary Club of Penticton Sunrise
 The Rotary Club of Perth
 The Rotary Club of Perth-Andover
 The Rotary Club of Petawawa
 The Rotary Club of Petrolia
 The Rotary Club of Picton
 The Rotary Club of Pictou
 The Rotary Club of Port Elgin
 The Rotary Club of Portage La Prairie
 The Rotary Club of Powell River
 The Rotary Club of Prince Albert
 The Rotary Club of Quesnel
 The Rotary Club of Red Deer
 The Rotary Club of Red Deer East
 The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview
 The Rotary Club of Renfrew
 The Rotary Club of Saint John
 The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
 The Rotary Club of Saskatoon North
 The Rotary Club of Sechelt
 The Rotary Club of Selkirk
 The Rotary Club of Sept-Îles
 The Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea
 The Rotary Club of Slave Lake
 The Rotary Club of Southampton
 The Rotary Club of St. Albert
 The Rotary Club of Stettler
 The Rotary Club of Sudbury
 The Rotary Club of The Pas
 The Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg
 The Rotary Club of Thunder Bay Port Arthur
 The Rotary Club of Toronto West
 The Rotary Club of Trenton
 The Rotary Club of Watrous

The Rotary Club of West Ottawa
 The Rotary Club of Whitecourt
 The Rotary Club of Windsor - Roseland
 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg East AM
 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg St. Boniface - St. Vital
 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood
 The Rotary Club of Wolfville

SILVER (\$3,600+)

The Rotary Club of Barrie
 The Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron
 The Rotary Club of Calgary North
 The Rotary Club of Dryden
 The Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview
 The Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside
 The Rotary Club of Hamilton A.M.
 The Rotary Club of Kenora
 The Rotary Club of Lionsgate
 The Rotary Club of Medicine Hat Saamis
 The Rotary Club of Orangeville
 The Rotary Club of Stony Plain
 The Rotary Club of Terrace
 The Rotary Club of The Battlefords
 The Rotary Club of Walkerton
 The Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise
 The Rotary Club of Whitehorse Rendezvous

GOLD (\$6,000+)

D5360 Youth Exchange
 The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
 The Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek
 The Rotary Club of Kimberley
 The Rotary Club of Melfort
 The Rotary Club of Montague
 The Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake
 The Rotary Club of Toronto
 The Rotary Club of Woodstock Ontario



GIVE A HOME

Shelter is more than just a roof—it's a home. It's the foundation for life, for families, and for communities.

As a member of ShelterBox's **Buy a Home, Give a Home** program, real estate professionals inspire their clients and give them a sense of purpose by donating the cost of a home for each home sold. Each donation to ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and life-saving supplies to families who have lost their homes and belongings to disaster or conflict.

*Thank you to our 2020
Give a Home members:*

*Per Dhalstrom, The Peer Group
Stephanie Winger*



Fiji, Cyclone Winstone, 2016



Are you or do you know a real estate professional who would be interested in becoming a member of ShelterBox's Buy a Home, Give a Home Program? Learn more at ShelterBoxCanada.org/giveahome

LEGACY SOCIETY

A legacy gift will help ShelterBox build toward a future where no family is left without shelter. Your thoughtful and generous support enables us to build up supplies and prepare for catastrophes, whatever the scale.

Leaving a planned gift can help you give more to the ongoing work of ShelterBox than you may have thought possible—providing continued support long after your lifetime.



For information on becoming a member of ShelterBox's Legacy program, visit ShelterBoxCanada.org/legacy



“ It was a big help for us, in our work in the garden and on the house.

When [the tool kits] came, we shared them with individual families, they took them and went and rebuilt their kitchens and their houses, when they had finished with their houses, I said, ‘now our houses are finished we must go to our gardens and work’.

They were so happy, they told me to pass on a huge thank you!

- Susan, Vanuatu, Cyclone Harold

REVIEW OF 2019-2020 FINANCES

Our Commitment

ShelterBox Canada is committed to using our supporter’s funds as effectively and efficiently as possible. We ensure your donation makes the biggest impact possible for families who have lost everything. We have cautiously invested in growing and professionalizing our fundraising which has allowed us to reach more families every year and improve our operations.

A Note on the Audited Financial Statements

The financial statements for the fiscal year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 were audited by Grant Thornton LLP, an independent audit firm. The financial statements are available on our website.

ShelterBox Canada received \$751,846 in donations in the year ended June 30, 2020. Of these donations \$404,702 were restricted for the purchase and distribution of ShelterBox aid. It should be noted that the Distribution Agreement with ShelterBox Trust (UK) fixes the price of each aid item and requires ShelterBox Trust (UK) to invoice ShelterBox Canada once the aid has been deployed, thereby ensuring that all funds directed to aid are traceable, consistent with ShelterBox Canada’s high standards of transparency and governance.

The impact of this is that there is a lag between the time that funds are received and when they are ultimately expensed in the statement of operations, resulting in an amount held in ‘Restricted Funds’ at the end of the fiscal year.

The lag in processing does not reflect a delay in the delivery of aid.

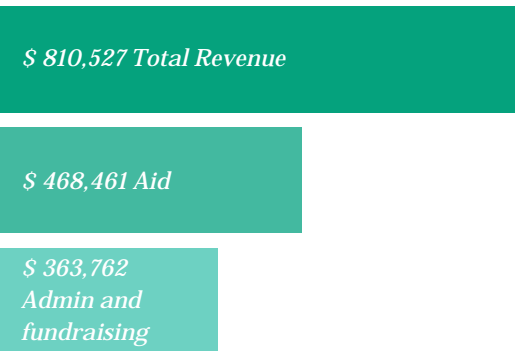
ShelterBox Canada also receives unrestricted donations for our fundraising, marketing, administrative, or mission activities.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, ShelterBox Canada paid \$468,461 to ShelterBox Trust (UK) for the purchase and distribution of delivered aid. At the end of the period, ShelterBox Canada held \$270,027 funds restricted for the purchase and distribution of aid that will be paid to ShelterBox Trust (UK) once distribution of aid has been confirmed.

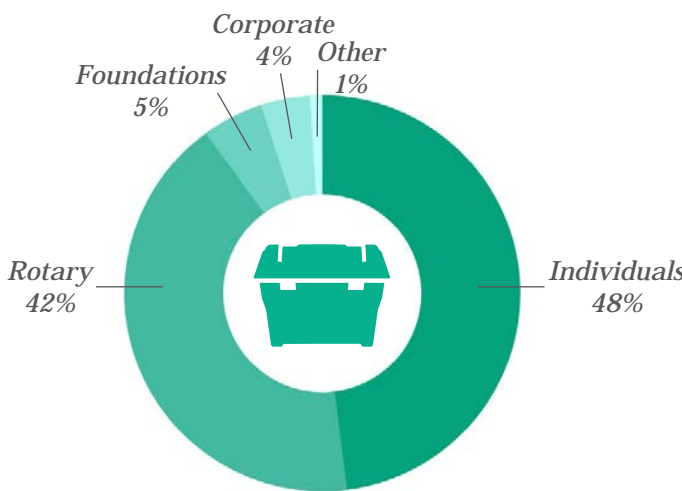
ShelterBox Canada is committed to operating as efficiently as possible. As we continue to grow and expand, we are smartly investing in other fundraising methods which will ultimately allow us to achieve our mission and help more people in need. With these changes, we remain committed to ensuring our supporter’s hard earned funds make as big of an impact as possible.

As mentioned previously in this report ShelterBox Canada was impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The organization experienced a decline in donations relative to historical trends. While we saw a decline we also made concerted efforts to decrease spending and feel confident that ongoing cost mitigation efforts will provide the necessary support to sustain our organization in the face of this unprecedented event. ShelterBox Canada applied for all available federal subsidies as noted in the wage subsidy line in the statement of operations.

Revenue Breakdown



Where donations came from



AUDITED FINANCIALS FOR YEAR END JUNE 30, 2020

Statement of Operations

| | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Donations | \$ 751,846 | \$ 942,556 |
| Wage Subsidy | 52,677 | - |
| Interest | 6,004 | 7,379 |
| Operating Grant | - | 20,289 |
| Total Revenue | 810,527 | 970,224 |
| Expenses | | |
| Purchase of ShelterBoxes | 468,461 | 810,348 |
| Salaries and Benefits | 290,395 | 284,374 |
| Fundraising and Marketing | 28,995 | 37,497 |
| Occupancy | 15,623 | 13,831 |
| Office and Administration | 7,145 | 8,550 |
| Legal and Audit | 13,684 | 6,917 |
| Travel and Meetings - Staff and Volunteers | 6,894 | 3,887 |
| Amortization | 756 | 909 |
| Total Expenses | 831,953 | 1,166,313 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses | \$ (21,426) | \$ (196,089) |

Statement of Financial Position

| June 30 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash - unrestricted | \$ 417,006 | \$ 253,440 |
| Cash - restricted | 270,027 | 33,786 |
| Accounts receivable | 13,564 | 1,666 |
| Prepaid expenses | 9,912 | 8,260 |
| | 710,509 | 597,152 |
| Long-term | | |
| Capital assets | - | 756 |
| | \$ 710,509 | \$ 597,908 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 233,666 | \$ 99,639 |
| Fund balances | | |
| Invested in capital assets | - | 756 |
| Unrestricted | 75,991 | 32,902 |
| Restricted | 270,027 | 333,786 |
| Internally restricted | 130,825 | 130,825 |
| | 476,843 | 498,269 |
| | \$ 710,509 | \$ 597,908 |

THE SHELTERBOX CANADA TEAM

Board of Directors:

Chair, Patricia Matthews - Chestermere, AB
Vice-Chair, Marni Rabasso - Vancouver, BC
Secretary, Donelda Laing - Chestermere, AB
Treasurer, Tim Berry - Barrie, ON

Directors:

Kent Fraser - Calgary, AB
Ron Noseworthy - Kenora, ON
Khanh Ngo - Montreal, QC
Bryn Styles - Barrie, ON
Mark Hauck - Orangeville, ON
Steven Kicinski - Toronto, ON
Ashwin Singh - Oakville, ON
Michael Walsh - Moncton, NB

Canadian Response Team Members:

Dan Huisman
Dave Hallett
Jaret Thompson
Jennifer Kormendy
Per Dahlstrom
Shannon Carew
Ursula Geisler

Staff Team:

Acting Executive Director, Tess Widdifield
Executive Director, Maternity leave, Stephanie Christensen
Individual Giving Manager, JoAnna Black
Database and Donor Relations Coordinator, Heather Stevens
Volunteer Program Coordinator, Dani Bristow
Community Fundraising Coordinator, Allison Kingston

“ Volunteering for ShelterBox gives me the opportunity to help out in a cause that I truly believe in, making sure that no family goes without shelter.

- Ursula Geisler, Canadian SRT and Ambassador



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without the amazing support of our partners and incredible volunteers who go above and beyond to help families who have lost so much.

Our volunteers share our belief in a world where no family is without shelter when disaster strikes, and support us in making this a reality. Their support comes in many forms, including fundraising, volunteering and help in getting our aid to the

people who need it most. Whatever skills, knowledge or spare time you have, you can play a vital part in this process. All we need is your passion. Interested in improving the lives of displaced families? Find out how you can contribute below.

HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK



Ambassador

Engage and activate across every level—fundraising, awareness and action.



Changemaker

Organize a fundraiser—from marathons to school events—and make a difference.



Advocate

Use your voice to amplify ShelterBox's message on social media.



Club Champion

Share ShelterBox's message with your Rotary Club.



Learn more about becoming a ShelterBox volunteer at ShelterBoxCanada.org/volunteer



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