



**ShelterBox**  
Disaster relief


## SHELTERBOX CANADA

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A photograph showing the interior of a tent. The tent's structure is made of wooden poles and white fabric. In the foreground, there is a bed with a patterned blanket and a pink blanket. A clear plastic baby bottle with a pink cap is lying on the bed. The background shows the tent's interior walls and poles.

***“ This tent is not a small [gesture]. For us, it’s a huge support. It makes us feel safe. Even if the inspectors told us that our house was safe to live in, we would still live in fear of going back. I don’t know if I can ever sleep comfortably in there again. We lived that fear once, I don’t know how I could sleep comfortably in my home again.***

***– Aleu, Türkiye Earthquakes***





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***Front cover:***

*Aleu and her children in front of their new ShelterBox tent.*



# WHO WE ARE

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## *Our vision*

No one without shelter after disaster

## *Our mission*

We provide shelter, essential items and technical assistance to help some of the world's most vulnerable people recover and rebuild their homes after disaster. We listen and adapt our support to the needs of each community, working together with those affected by disaster, alongside our supporters and partners.

## *Our values*

Integrity  
Flexibility  
Participation  
Learning

## *What we believe*

Everyone deserves a place to call home. It is a human right and the first step towards recovery after disaster.

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Shelter is so much more than just a roof. It's the foundation for life, families, and communities. It is a place to feel safe after days or weeks of fear. It offers privacy and protection from harsh weather. It helps to preserve dignity. It's a space to heal from trauma.

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Shelter and other essential items help people protect themselves from diseases like coronavirus and malaria.

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Emergency shelter can also prevent communities from scattering. This means people stay connected and build resilience together.

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When you don't have to keep moving or worry about where to sleep at night, you can think about tomorrow. Items like tents, tarpaulins, solar lights, tools, blankets, mosquito nets, cooking sets and water filters help to meet the most urgent needs, so you can start to earn a living, send children to school and rebuild your home.

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Recovery doesn't happen overnight, but a dry and warm place to sleep, prepare meals and be with your family is the vital first step.



Emergency shelter items are unloaded in Vanuatu after Cyclone Harold.





## CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STATEMENT

*Marni Rabasso, Stephanie Christensen*

*Dear Friends,*

Every year when we write this report, we wish we could say the number of people being displaced around the world is declining. Unfortunately, the demand for our support has only grown. But ShelterBox's ability to reach more people each year with customized emergency shelter and support has also grown and we are incredibly grateful for your support in making this possible.

Over the last year, our teams have responded to flooding in Pakistan, a typhoon in the Philippines, famine in Somalia, the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, and conflict in seven other countries. With your help, whether it was headline news or not, we were there.

Last year, ShelterBox launched a new strategy for the International network with some big goals.

With more people than ever before in urgent need of emergency shelter, we need to further

grow our reach – and that will only happen if we form new partnerships and build on existing ones. We must also grow sustainably and think of new ways to achieve greater impact and improve the quality of shelter assistance, without harming the planet. We must also work more closely than ever with the communities we support, strengthening local and national organizations so they can guide our work and take it forward when our expertise is needed elsewhere. In this way, we can use our role to address power imbalances within the global shelter system. In short, we need to do more, do it well, and do it together. You can read more about our new strategy on page 10 and 11 of this report.

We continue to learn and grow to improve our responses around the world. Over the last year, we have procured more items locally. Where items are available and of high enough quality, local procurement allows us to save money on shipping, support the local economy, and reduce our environmental footprint. It also allows us to provide locally-appropriate items for each community as needed.

We also still have prepositioned warehouses around the world stocked and ready to go with our core aid items so we can respond quickly when disaster strikes. In each of our 11 responses over the last year, we worked directly with affected communities to understand their specific needs and then provided a fully customized aid package to help people begin their recovery. As shelter experts, we have a wide range of shelter options to ensure people receive a solution that will work for them.

Here in Canada, we had another strong fundraising year which has allowed us to fully rebound from the challenging pandemic years. Canadians very generously donated nearly 1.5 million dollars which allowed us to provide tailored emergency shelter and customized aid packages to meet the needs of disaster-affected communities around the world.

We welcomed new donors and saw continued support from so many wonderful individuals, Rotary Clubs, foundations and corporate partners across the country. When we all come together, we can truly help change the world.



Due to increasing violence in Burkina Faso, Marie and her four children were forced to flee to a displacement camp. Thanks to our global supporters, they received a Sahelian shelter and items like sleeping mats, mosquito nets, blankets, and cooking utensils.



This year our volunteers were also able to get back out in their communities, participating in events across the country and spreading the word about our work around the world.

We were also able to attend a number of Rotary District conferences and Club events. The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox is incredibly special. Not only do Clubs across Canada generously support our work – donating over \$750,000 this year – but we work closely with Rotary on the ground too. Local Rotarians were vital in helping us gain access to Türkiye and Pakistan this year. Rotarians also provide community knowledge to help ensure our response is locally led, and support our teams with finding warehouse space, distributing aid, running trainings, and more.

We are so grateful to be able to share our journey with all our amazing supporters, partners, and volunteers. We began 23 years ago with a simple idea – a box that could transform the lives of people who were left without shelter after a disaster.

In many senses we have moved a long way since then. Our supporters' generosity now enables

us to reach hundreds of thousands of people each year. There are many times when our iconic ShelterBox itself is no longer the most effective way for us to respond because people need customized support, and a wider variety of shelter solutions. The impact we have, and the legacy we leave, has continued to grow in our responses to crises around the world.

But the mission that drives us – no one without shelter after disaster – has never changed, and we are clear on the next steps we now need to take to deliver on it. I can't thank our supporters enough for helping us to reach this stage, and I can't wait to share our future progress as we continue to work to make our mission a reality.

## THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US,



Marni Rabasso  
Chair, ShelterBox Canada



Stephanie Christensen  
Executive Director



Samira from Ethiopia. After six failed rainy seasons, families like Samira's are taking drastic measures to survive, with many leaving their homes in search of food and water.

IN 2022-23

# THANKS TO OUR UNSTOPPABLE SUPPORTERS



● Countries supported in 2022-23

## 414,850 PEOPLE IN 11 COUNTRIES

RECEIVED EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS  
FROM SHELTERBOX. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!

### YOU HELPED PEOPLE FIND SHELTER AFTER



TYPHOONS



FLOODING



DROUGHTS



CONFLICT



EARTHQUAKES

## \$1,499,140

DONATED BY CANADIANS

## 15,000

LIVES CHANGED BY CANADIAN DONORS



# HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

## WHY WE ARE NEEDED

Increasing numbers of people are unable to meet their own shelter needs after crisis.



## WHAT WE DO

- ShelterBox is an expert in emergency shelter.
- Our teams, in partnership with Rotary and other local partners, conduct needs assessments to understand what is needed most. We then provide locally-appropriate, high-quality emergency shelter and vital supplies, customized for each situation.
- We also provide training to ensure people get the most out of their aid, and go back and learn from people to ensure we are always improving.



## WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

- Quality shelter supports self-recovery. Having shelter increases personal safety, helps families stay together, increases physical and mental wellbeing, provides space for education and learning, and allows people to start rebuilding their livelihoods.
- As a result of our response, crisis affected people are healthy and resilient and no longer require assistance related to their displacement.

## HOW SHELTERBOX WORKS



- We work with our suppliers to source sustainable, high-quality aid products.
- We prepare for disasters ahead of time by storing aid in prepositioned, strategic locations.
- We work with local partners to ensure we are providing locally appropriate aid, and provide technical training to our partners to increase their capacity to respond in future.
- We coordinate with other organizations, governments, local disaster management etc on the ground to more effectively provide emergency relief.



## WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF OUR WORK

- After receiving support, people have emergency shelter and the supplies they need to begin to recover.
- Our local partners have increased knowledge and capacity to respond to future disasters.



# WHERE SHELTERBOX IS HEADED

*Learn about how we are adapting to meet the growing need around the world*



Aid distributions in Cameroon with the help of our partner Public Concern. Project 11 has built on our previous learnings and will support people with locally-procured shelter items.

Building on 22 years of experience in disaster relief, last year ShelterBox headquarters launched its strategy for the next five years. This strategy for the international organization provides clarity on how we will operate in the face of the climate crisis and the rapidly growing need around the world. The ShelterBox Canada team fed into the planning process and are working towards these objectives along with our colleagues around the world.

The strategy sits on three pillars: Do More, Do it Well, Do it Together. We know we need to scale up and diversify our funding to meet the growing needs around the world – but we also want to prioritize growing the capacity of our local partners. By sharing technical expertise and humanitarian best practices, they will be able to better respond in future without us.

We are also prioritizing diversifying our organization and amplifying the voices of those we serve to remove power imbalances. We have a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and are working to implement best practices throughout our organization.

Our supply chain is also changing to reduce our environmental footprint and better support local economies. Where we can procure aid locally that is of high quality and appropriate for the situation, we are doing so to cut back on shipping and reduce our carbon footprint.

All of this is happening while we continue to provide high-quality emergency shelter and training to those that need it most, which is the core of our mission. It is an ambitious strategy, but it is also the right thing to do.



ShelterBox will continue innovating, growing, and adapting to ensure no one is left without shelter and we are incredibly grateful for your support in achieving this mission.

You can see our strategic priorities below, and read more about how we are implementing them in our responses on the following pages.

	DO MORE	DO IT WELL	DO IT TOGETHER
Strategic Objectives	Scale up to meet humanitarian need	Innovate to improve quality of shelter assistance	Address power imbalances in the global shelter system
Sub-Objectives	Grow programmatic capacity through partnership	Grow our expertise in emergency shelter delivery through innovation and knowledge creation	Support local and national shelter responders to strengthen their capacity through skills and knowledge sharing
	Achieve sustainable, flexible funding growth	Minimise our environmental impact	Build a diverse, global ShelterBox, representative of the populations we work with
	Expand emergency response capacity through emergency preparedness	Measure what we do and learn for the future	Listen to and amplify the voices of affected communities

# TÜRKIYE

## *Supporting recovery after the Earthquakes*

On February 6, 2023, two earthquakes measuring 7.7 and 7.6 on the Richter Scale struck Türkiye and northern Syria, followed by thousands of aftershocks. Two weeks later, another powerful earthquake struck southern Türkiye. Millions were affected, and over 50,000 people tragically lost their lives.



Destruction following the earthquakes that hit Türkiye and northern Syria.



Turkish Airlines provided a free flight to get our aid into country.

Thanks to your support, we were able to reach vulnerable families with vital aid to protect them from the winter weather, prevent the spread of disease, and provide some privacy as they began to rebuild their lives.

ShelterBox provided 12,549 people with a package of assistance including: family tents, stoves, mattresses, high thermal blankets, solar lights, and family hygiene kits.

Our community of established partnerships enabled us to respond quickly, and gain access to affected areas, playing a critical role in a hugely complex humanitarian effort. The project was designed in collaboration with Rotary and the local government. Rotary provided a vital link by helping with the necessary permissions to operate.

ShelterBox was able to use a 'gift in kind' flight on Turkish Airlines to import tents from our warehouse in Panama. We strategically pre-position aid all over the world to help get crucial supplies to disaster affected communities as quickly as we can. The rest of the aid we were able to locally procure from our manufacturing contact in Gaziantep. Working closely with Rotary, we conducted needs assessments to determine the most vulnerable communities, provided training and distributed aid, and then followed up to make sure people had what they needed and gathered feedback.

Before our distributions, upwards of 70% of people were either living in overcrowded centers or damaged homes, while many more were sleeping outside with no protection. Your support helped us reach these families to provide safe shelter that helped protect people from the elements and dangerous aftershocks.

## 79%

*of families said their living conditions had improved because of the support they received from ShelterBox.*

## 79%

*of families said they were now living in safe, dignified and adequate shelter after the distributions*

## 70%

*of families said they were now well protected from the wind and rain*





## NURGÜL'S STORY

Nurgül and her husband, Imam, live in the Kahramanmaraş region of Türkiye. They lost their home the night of the earthquakes. Woken abruptly by the sound of shaking, they had only minutes to spare before their home fell to the ground.

They ran outside as their house was falling on them, into the streets filled with other people who had also just lost their homes. People were in nightgowns; children, women, and elderly people.

Thankfully, their two sons were also able to get to safety with their children.

Since the earthquakes, Nurgül has been living in a temporary tent settlement with her husband. It is here that she received a tent from ShelterBox, along with other household items.

She said: *"After all this pain [we have felt], a tent made me very happy. It is very beautiful and keeps us warm. Whoever has made it, made it well."*

*“ [The tent] is very beautiful. You put together a roof over our heads; you have provided us with shelter, the most fundamental thing. I thank you for making this our home.*

# PAKISTAN

## *Moving fast after the floods*

The scale of destruction caused by monsoon rains and flooding in Pakistan in 2022 is hard to imagine. Over 110 districts were declared 'calamity hit' by the government. Around 33 million people were affected.

We moved quickly to first reach some of the most vulnerable people and then to scale up our response. Working with our partner, Islamic Relief Worldwide, we provided emergency shelter packages to 1,200 families in Sindh and Baluchistan, two of the worst affected provinces. As the extent of the damage became clearer, we then supported 5,000 families with essential shelter and aid items and provided cash grants so people could buy items that would make the biggest impact on their recovery.

By the end of 2022, our focus was on longer-term recovery. This included working on a durable, longer-lasting shelter design that will provide greater protection from future floods. These have been worked on through the first half of 2023 and are having a transformative impact on the communities we are working in.



**WE SUPPORTED 6,200 FAMILIES IN THE WORST AFFECTED AREAS WITH:**



tents



tarpaulin



rope



mattresses &  
ground mats



kitchen sets





*“Through no fault of its own, Pakistan is one of the world’s most vulnerable countries in the world to the climate crisis.”*

- ShelterBox CEO Sanj Srikanthan, speaking while visiting communities in the Sindh region in 2022



jerry cans



water filters & buckets



mosquito nets



solar lights



blankets



cash



# UKRAINE

*Continuing to respond to the devastating conflict*



Tatiana stands outside of her home in Ukraine, which is now in ruins.

The outbreak of conflict in Ukraine in February of 2022 shocked the world. Over 12 million people fled their homes as Russian forces advanced and critical infrastructure was destroyed. Our teams immediately travelled to Ukraine and neighbouring Moldova and Poland, working with partners to launch our multifaceted response which supported people in both Eastern and Western Ukraine, as well as in Moldova.

In the second half of 2022, the number of refugees in need of shelter assistance across European borders reduced, while the needs within Ukraine have remained widespread. Millions who had been uprooted during the first few months of war attempted to return to their home area. But with Ukraine in the grip of winter, heavy snowfalls and temperatures dropping well below zero meant the cold presented a new threat.

For project 4 and 5, we focused our efforts on communities within western Ukraine. Project 4 was initially intended to provide 2,000 families in rural and suburban communities with emergency kits, allowing them to make repairs to damaged houses that they were still living in. This would include a selection of winter specific aid items, like winter clothing, blankets, solar lights, stoves, and firewood.

However, due to the shifting context, challenges in access due to the winter conditions, and continued attacks on infrastructure, we had to adapt our approach. Winter clothing and stoves were vitally needed in Kyiv and Chernihiv by families who had a place to stay but no power, so we prioritized distributing those and diverted the shelter items to project 5 which we ran simultaneously.

The aid package for project 5 focused on winter aid items that would improve living conditions through the coldest months. It included blankets, sleeping bags, winter clothing, stoves, lights, and water carriers; and supported around 6,000 families.

Once weather conditions improved, our team focused more heavily on shelter provision for families on the move.

## 98%

*of people said our shelter kits meant they could make urgent repairs at home*

## 100%

*said our thermal blankets kept them warm and comfortable through the night*

## 98%

*said our water carriers meant they had enough water for their families*



# CAMEROON

## *Together with refugees in Minawao Camp*

Minawao camp rarely features in headlines, but at least 75,000 people have sought refuge there in recent years and our work in the camp this year was critical as ever.

Most people arrive after fleeing Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria. Many are traumatized, having lost loved ones, witnessed violence, or seen their homes torched. But shelter can offer a glimpse of hope.

When people first arrive at the camp, they stay at collective centres. These are often overcrowded, meaning diseases can spread fast. There have also been reports of violence against women.

ShelterBox is the sole provider of tented shelter in Minawao camp. Once people are processed through the collective center, they receive a ShelterBox tent. This provides a private place for them to begin to recover. We also provide solar lights, groundsheet, mosquito nets, hygiene kits and water filters and carriers too.

Our research found these boosted people's emotional and physical wellbeing. In total, since 2015, we have provided shelter and essential aid to 26,000 families in Cameroon.



# HORN OF AFRICA

## *Six consecutive failed rainy seasons*

In 2023, Somalia saw the worst drought ever recorded as a result of six consecutive failed rainy seasons. When rains finally came, they were irregular and in many cases caused further displacement with flash floods. It is estimated that 8.2 million people will need humanitarian assistance in 2023.

ShelterBox is piloting a new project in Somalia to address the fact that 700,000 displaced families have not received any shelter assistance and are in serious need of improved conditions, protection, and privacy.

Your generosity allowed us to construct locally-appropriate shelters made from timber frames and tarpaulins, with windows and lockable doors. Along with the construction of these shelters, we also provided kitchen sets, solar lights, mosquito nets, blankets and sleeping mats.



“[The tent] has really helped because for a week we slept in the car. It was cold and cramped. But now, we can sleep in our tent... we find comfort in this. Many thanks and much gratitude.

- Huseyin, Türkiye Earthquakes





# ROTARY PARTNERSHIP

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

We are so proud to be project partners with Rotary International. 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.

Rotary has been at the heart of every ShelterBox response since 2000. Across the globe, Rotarians fundraise, raise awareness, help us get aid items into countries, and introduce us to local government contacts. Aided by the knowledge and community connections Rotary provides, ShelterBox can move faster and more safely to identify the most vulnerable families.

Working with Rotary was crucial to our responses in Türkiye and in the Philippines. In addition to working with Rotary on the ground, our teams were proud to attend the Rotary Convention in Melbourne where our partnership film was played at the start of the general session. We also attended multiple zone institutes around the world, and many of the District Conferences here in Canada.

Rotary and ShelterBox are better together, and make an incredible impact around the world.

## 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.



Rotary helps with distributions in Türkiye following the earthquakes.



Learn more at [www.shelterboxcanada.org/actiontoolkit](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/actiontoolkit)

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



# 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 2022-2023 Rotary Club Hero Award winners!*

## BRONZE (\$1,200+)

James M Hill Interact Club  
Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron  
Rotary Club of Blenheim  
Rotary Club of Bowmanville  
Rotary Club of Brampton-Heart Lake  
Rotary Club of Brandon  
Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore  
Rotary Club of Calgary At Stampede Park  
Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial  
Rotary Club of Calgary East  
Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park  
Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee  
Rotary Club of Calgary West  
Rotary Club of Cambridge Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak  
Rotary Club of Castlegar  
Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston Inc  
Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty  
Rotary Club of Chase  
Rotary Club of Chatham  
Rotary Club of Chestermere  
Rotary Club of Chesterville  
Rotary Club of Clifford  
Rotary Club of Cranbrook  
Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Dawson Creek  
Rotary Club of Dieppe  
Rotary Club of Dryden  
Rotary Club of Duncan  
Rotary Club of Duncan Daybreak  
Rotary Club of Edmonton  
Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora  
Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast  
Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona

Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue  
Rotary Club of Edmonton-Urban Spirits  
Rotary Club of Englehart  
Rotary Club of Estevan  
Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora  
Rotary Club of Flamorough Am  
Rotary Club of Florenceville  
Rotary Club of Gibsons  
Rotary Club of Goderich  
Rotary Club of Golden  
Rotary Club of Grand Manan Island  
Rotary Club of Guelph  
Rotary Club of Guelph South  
Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium  
Rotary Club of Haliburton  
Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest  
Rotary Club of Hanover  
Rotary Club of Invermere  
Rotary Club of Jasper  
Rotary Club of Kalamalka  
Rotary Club of Kamloops Aurora Centennial  
Rotary Club of Kamloops Daybreak  
Rotary Club of Kelowna Morningside  
Rotary Club of Kindersley  
Rotary Club of Kingston Frontenac  
Rotary Club of Lake Country  
Rotary Club of Langley Sunrise  
Rotary Club of LaSalle-Centennial  
Rotary Club of Lethbridge Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Lloydminster  
Rotary Club of London East  
Rotary Club of Middleton  
Rotary Club of Minden

Rotary Club of Minnedosa  
Rotary Club of Mission Middy  
Rotary Club of Montague  
Rotary Club of Montréal Ville-Marie  
Rotary Club of Nakusp  
Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak  
Rotary Club of Napanee  
Rotary Club of Neepawa  
Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak  
Rotary Club of New Westminster-Royal City  
Rotary Club of Nipigon  
Rotary Club of Nisku Leduc  
Rotary Club of Orangeville  
Rotary Club of Orleans  
Rotary Club of Oshawa (Parkwood)  
Rotary Club of Ottawa  
Rotary Club of Parkdale-High Park-Humber





Rotary Club of Parry Sound  
 Rotary Club of Pemberton  
 Rotary Club of Pembroke  
 Rotary Club of Penticton Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Perth-Andover  
 Rotary Club of Petawawa  
 Rotary Club of Pictou  
 Rotary Club of Port Elgin  
 Rotary Club of Portage La Prairie  
 Rotary Club of Prince George (Yellowhead)  
 Rotary Club of Quesnel  
 Rotary Club of Renfrew  
 Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset  
 Rotary Club of Rossland  
 Rotary Club of Salmon Arm (Shuswap)  
 Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland  
 Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin  
 Rotary Club of Selkirk  
 Rotary Club of Sept-Îles  
 Rotary Club of Sherwood Park  
 Rotary Club of Sidney By The Sea  
 Rotary Club of Slave Lake  
 Rotary Club of Spokane Aurora Northwest  
 Rotary Club of Spruce Grove  
 Rotary Club of Summerland  
 Rotary Club of Summerside  
 Rotary Club of Thunder Bay - Lakehead  
 Rotary Club of Tilbury  
 Rotary Club of Timmins-Porcupine  
 Rotary Club of Truro  
 Rotary Club of Vancouver-Arbutus  
 Rotary Club of Vegreville  
 Rotary Club of Vermilion  
 Rotary Club of Walkerton  
 Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach  
 Rotary Club of Watrous

Rotary Club of Wellington  
 Rotary Club of West Ottawa  
 Rotary Club of Whitecourt  
 Rotary Club of Whitehorse Rendezvous  
 Rotary Club of Williams Lake  
 Rotary Club of Winnipeg St Boniface - St Vital  
 Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Transcona  
 Rotary Club of Wolfville-Mud Creek  
 Rotary Club of Woodstock  
 Vegreville Rotary Interact Club

### SILVER (\$3600+)

Rotary Club of Bathurst  
 Rotary Club of Belleville  
 Rotary Club of Bramalea  
 Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook  
 Rotary Club of Charlottetown  
 Rotary Club of Fenelon Falls  
 Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour  
 Rotary Club of Harrow  
 Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Melfort  
 Rotary Club of North Bay  
 Rotary Club of North Renfrew (Deep River)  
 Rotary Club of North Scarborough  
 Rotary Club of Penticton  
 Rotary Club of Picton  
 Rotary Club of Powell River  
 Rotary Club of Regina Eastview  
 Rotary Club of Salmon Arm  
 Rotary Club of Sarnia-Lambton After-Hours  
 Rotary Club of Saskatoon  
 Rotary Club of Sechelt  
 Rotary Club of Sioux Lookout  
 Rotary Club of Southampton  
 Rotary Club of Stettler  
 Rotary Club of Sussex  
 Rotary Club of Terrace  
 Rotary Club of Toronto East  
 Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood

### GOLD (\$6000+)

Carson Graham Interact Club  
 Ecole Windsor Interact Club  
 Rockridge Secondary Interact Club  
 Rotary Club of Ancaster AM  
 Rotary Club of Bracebridge  
 Rotary Club of Bracebridge - Muskoka Lakes  
 Rotary Club of Brampton  
 Rotary Club of Burnaby  
 Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek  
 Rotary Club of Canmore  
 Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Kelowna  
 Rotary Club of Kenora  
 Rotary Club of Kimberley  
 Rotary Club of Kingston Waterfront  
 Rotary Club of Lionsgate  
 Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge  
 Rotary Club of Medicine Hat Saamis  
 Rotary Club of Mission Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Niagara-On-The-Lake  
 Rotary Club of North Vancouver  
 Rotary Club of Ridgetown  
 Rotary Club of Salmon Arm Daybreak  
 Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg  
 Rotary Club of Toronto  
 Rotary Club of Vancouver  
 Rotary Club of West Vancouver  
 Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise  
 Rotary Club of Whitby  
 Rotary Club of Wiarton  
 Rotary District 5060  
 Rotary District 5360  
 Rotary District 7080





# OUR VOLUNTEERS

*How our supporters make our work possible*



*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 people who have lost so much.*

Our volunteers share our belief in a world where no one is without shelter when disaster strikes, and support us in making this a reality. Their support comes in many forms, including fundraising, organizing and supporting events, and helping 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 around the world? Find out how you can contribute below.

## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



### Ambassador

Support on every level—from raising funds to awareness.



### Adventurer

Turn your personal challenge into a fundraiser ShelterBox.



### Advocate

Amplify ShelterBox's message on social media.



### Club Champion

Share ShelterBox's message with your Rotary Club.

Learn more at [www.shelterboxcanada.org/volunteer](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/volunteer)



## 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 shelter 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 2022-23 Give a Home members:*

*Per Dhalstrom, The Peer Group  
Stephanie Winger  
Stacey Jones  
Karen Greene  
Mike Coffin*



*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](https://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](https://shelterboxcanada.org/legacy)*

# REVIEW OF 2022-2023 FINANCES

## Our Commitment

ShelterBox Canada is committed to using our supporters’ funds as effectively and efficiently as possible. We do everything we can to make sure your donation makes the biggest impact possible for families who have lost everything. Prior to the pandemic, we had cautiously invested in growing and professionalizing our fundraising which has allowed us to reach more families and improve our operations.

After two hard years through the pandemic, where we saw a significant decline in donations, we are very pleased to have had two very strong years coming out of the pandemic. Last year we raised over 1.8 million dollars and this year we raised just over \$1.5 million. We are so grateful to all of our supporters who gave incredibly generously to our Pakistan flooding appeal and Türkiye earthquake appeal, as well as all of those who made donations to fund our work around the world. The investments we made pre-pandemic really paid off in increasing our impact and ensuring we have enough operating funds so that the vast majority of your donation can go directly to aid.

This year, 77% of donations were spent directly on aid (last year 81% went directly to aid). We continue to work to ensure your hard-earned donations make the biggest impact for people affected by disaster possible. Our administration cost ensures your donation is professionally and safely managed

and ensures that the support you help provide is the right support at the right time for affected populations. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## A Note on the Audited Financial Statements

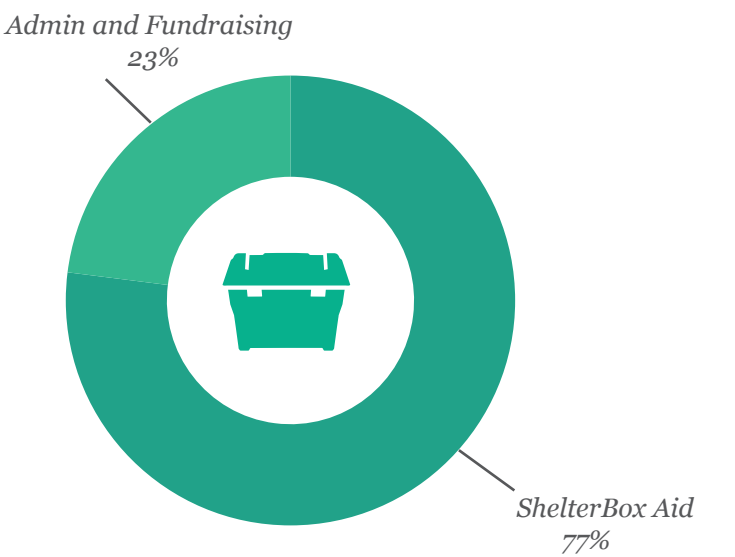
The financial statements for the fiscal year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 were audited by Grant Thornton LLP, an independent audit firm. The financial statements are available on our website.

ShelterBox Canada received \$1,499,401 in donations in the year ended June 30, 2023. In the same period \$1,154,140 was restricted for the purchase and distribution of ShelterBox aid. ShelterBox Canada purchases aid directly from our suppliers. We have a Restricted Funds balance on the statement of operations due to a lag between the purchasing time and when we are invoiced by our suppliers. This lag does not affect the timely delivery of aid.

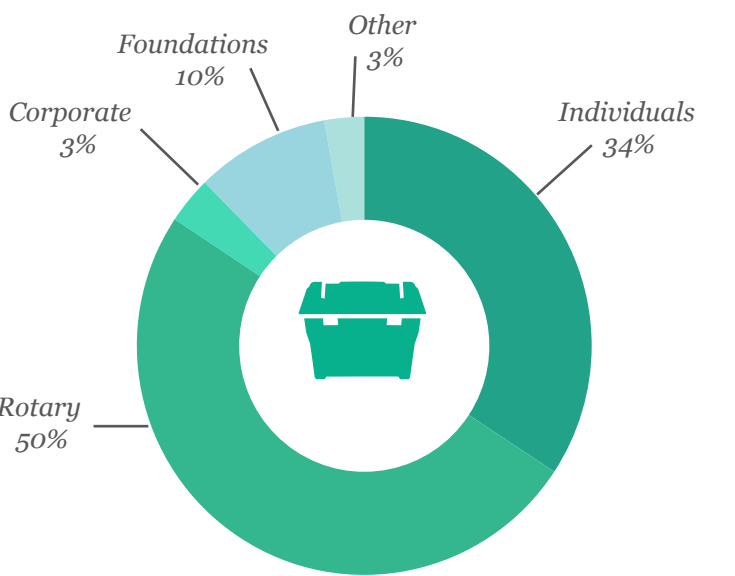
ShelterBox Canada also receives unrestricted donations for our fundraising, marketing, administrative, or mission activities.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, ShelterBox Canada purchased and distributed \$1,150,863 worth of aid. At the end of the period, ShelterBox Canada held \$323,911 restricted for the purchase and distribution of aid that will be paid to our suppliers upon invoicing.

## Revenue Breakdown



## Where donations came from





# AUDITED FINANCIALS FOR YEAR END JUNE 30, 2023

## Statement of Operations

	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	\$ 1,499,140	\$ 1,834,761
Emergency Wage Subsidy	0	12,061
Emergency Rent Subsidy	0	708
Interest	8093	890
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,507,232</b>	<b>1,848,960</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Purchase of ShelterBoxes	1,050,863	1,478,670
Salaries and Benefits	279,596	271,384
Fundraising and Marketing	40,628	54,563
Occupancy	7,038	16,284
Office and Administration	3,626	5,255
Legal and Audit	9,315	9,350
Travel and Meetings -	4,491	1,194
Amortization	2,746	2,746
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,498,304</b>	<b>1,839,446</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,929</b>	<b>\$ 9,541</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

June 30	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash - unrestricted	\$143,097	\$ 207,383
Cash - restricted	-	5,634
Short-Term Investments - restricted	400,000	315,000
Accounts receivable	2,069	2,533
Prepaid expenses	2,503	5,757
	547,669	536,337
<b>Long-term</b>		
Capital assets	5,549	5,295
	<b>\$ 550,218</b>	<b>\$ 541,632</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,535	\$ 9,878
<b>Fund balances</b>		
Invested in capital assets	2,549	5,295
Unrestricted	83,398	75,000
Restricted	323,911	320,825
Internally restricted	130,825	130,825
	540,683	531,754
	<b>\$ 550,218</b>	<b>\$ 541,632</b>

# THE SHELTERBOX CANADA TEAM

## *Board of Directors:*

Chair, Patricia Matthews - Calgary, AB  
(stepped down June, 2023)  
Vice-Chair, Marni Rabasso - Vancouver, BC  
(elected Chair June, 2023)  
Secretary, Bryn Styles - Barrie, ON  
Treasurer, Stephen Kicinski - Toronto, ON


Alex Draper - Montreal, QC  
Crystabelle Fobler - Calgary, AB  
Ebenezer Addei - Brampton, ON  
Fatima Ahmed - Vancouver, BC  
Kent Fraser - Calgary, AB  
Khanh Ngo - Toronto, ON  
(stepped down March 2023)  
Louisa Horne - Sambro Head, NS  
Nazia Shaikh - Orleans, ON  
Ron Noseworthy - Kenora, ON  
Thomas Gerstenecker - Ottawa, ON

## *Staff Team:*

Executive Director, Stephanie Christensen  
Manager of Fundraising and Development,  
JoAnna Black  
Database and Donor Relations Coordinator,  
Heather Stevens  
Community Fundraising Coordinator, Meg  
Schmieder

## *Canadian Response Team Members:*

Dave Hallett  
Jaret Thompson  
Per Dahlstrom  
Shannon Carew  
Ursula Geisler



“My tent protected  
my family from the rain,  
sun and the wind. We felt  
safe inside our tent.”

- Kaltoumi, from Cameroon



Thank  
you





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