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'Rotary Partnership Renewed'

Rotary International have announced a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

What began as a local connection with one Cornish Rotary Club has led to an international movement that's provided 140,000 ShelterBox family tents or 390,000 ShelterKits worldwide to date.

[Read more about the Partnership here >](#)

SYRIA

Over the last 10 days, planes have bombed more towns and villages in Syria, forcing thousands of families to flee unimaginable danger.

Many civilians have been killed in these latest attacks on hospitals and schools, and over 300,000 people have fled their homes. Some parents and their children are sheltering under trees. They are stuck, driven from their homes but unable to leave the country.

The UN Human Rights chief has said the rising death toll had been met with 'a collective shrug'.

But we won't turn away. Working with our trusted partners, we have provided aid to 250,000 people across Syria and its neighbouring countries - but it's not enough.

With your support, we can help more people.

Syria is not the only country affected by brutal conflict like this. We are responding to conflicts around the world – like the [Lake Chad Basin](#), where thousands are fleeing violence associated with Boko Haram.

Please, help us to support families in crisis around the world.



'2019 Rotary Partnership Video'

Rotary has extended its partnership with ShelterBox for up to 3 years as our Project Partner in Disaster Relief. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster. Learn more about our work. Watch our latest video which was shown at the 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg.

[Read more here >](#)





'RI CONVENTION - HAMBURG 2019'

Many of you must be wondering what has happened to our June and July ShelterBox Newsletters?

Unfortunately, after the RI Convention whilst making my way home I was taken ill at Heathrow Airport and rushed into hospital in the UK. After spending time in hospital I then had to recuperate for 4 weeks before being declared 'fit to travel' and allowed to fly back home. We eventually arrived back home last Saturday.

I am now on the mend and making good progress towards my recovery. I should like to thank our Fundraising Manager, Gabriela who managed to keep the ShelterBox media side of things afloat whilst I was away.

My wife Margaret and I would also like to thank the many well wishers who have passed on their best wishes, which have all been greatly appreciated by us both.

Mike





'ROYAL VISIT: Prince Charles and Camilla to visit New Zealand'

The Prince of Wales and Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, will come to New Zealand in November at the invitation of the New Zealand Government.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in a statement: "I know that the couple have greatly enjoyed New Zealanders' warm hospitality and manaakitanga when they have visited previously.

"The Prince of Wales has been a strong advocate for the environment, conservation and sustainability for many years. This visit will provide opportunities for him to engage with New Zealanders on those subjects, and to learn more about the ways in which New Zealand is preparing for the future."

ShelterBox is excited to welcome our president The Duchess of Cornwall back to New Zealand. The Duchess was first introduced to our work whilst visiting in Pakistan, where she saw first hand families affected by the Kashmiri earthquake. Clarence House have been great supporters of our work ever since.





'Bombing of Towns in Syria'

This week, warplanes have bombed more towns and villages in Syria. Families have suddenly lost everything, targeted in their own homes where they should feel safe.

We've supported over 250,000 people in Syria and its neighbouring countries so far – but it's not enough. With your support we can help more people:

[Read more here:>](#)





"Flooding in Paraguay"

This is what families in Paraguay are facing right now after months of heavy rain has caused severe flooding and widespread damage.

We currently have a team on the ground talking with local partners to understand if our aid would be suitable to help families begin the road to recovery. ShelterBox has teams on the ground supporting affected families.

ShelterBox New Zealand Response Team Member Jimmy Griffith will shortly be leaving New Zealand to join the team in Paraguay and we wish Jimmy safe travels!





'ShelterBox - Hamilton'

This is Bon, one of our ShelterBox New Zealand interns from the Philippines. During the recent New Zealand Volunteer Week she told us about how she and her family were caught up in Typhoon Haiyan.

Bon said: "The most horrifying calamity that my family encountered was the tragic Typhoon Haiyan, also known as Super Typhoon Yolanda. It was the first time that a flood had reached the inside of our home. The typhoon was one of the most tragic things that happened in the country. It took days after the flood was cleared, but it also took a very long time for those who were heavily affected to recover fully.

"I choose to volunteer for ShelterBox because I believe that with a green box we can not only give temporary homes, but also hope."

Thank you Bon and thank you for all your good work and support here at ShelterBox New Zealand. We wish you safe travels back to the Philippines.



'Earthquakes strike Philippine islands'

Two strong earthquakes hours apart struck a group of sparsely populated islands in the Luzon Strait in the northern Philippines early Saturday, killing at least eight people, injuring about 60 and causing substantial damage.

The quakes collapsed houses built of stone and wood, arousing residents from sleep, said Roldan Esdicol, who heads the Batanes provincial disaster-response office.

ShelterBox has an Operational office in the Philippines and is monitoring the situation closely. Watch for updates on our Facebook page.





'Shine for ShelterBox - Wellington'

Here are a few pictures from our recent 'Shine for ShelterBox' fundraising dinner held in Wellington with our ShelterBox Chair Guy and Vice Chair Claire ☆☆☆

A Big shout out and THANK YOU goes to our lovely hosts at the [Pravda Café and Grill](#) and to everyone who took time to join us for a great evening

If you or your Rotary Club would like to host a fundraising dinner or if you would like to learn more about Shine for ShelterBox or to request one of our free fundraising kits, please visit: <https://www.shelterbox.org.nz/shine/>





'ShelterBox - Nelson'

Nelson Building Society has kindly provided shop window space for ShelterBox in Trafalgar Street, Nelson. Jimmy Griffith and Charles Lambert set up the space early on Monday morning.

If you are visiting the Nelson area please drop in and let us know what you think. ShelterBox is a Disaster Relief partner of Rotary International.





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