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In April, ShelterBox marked a powerful milestone: 25 years of delivering emergency shelter and transforming lives.

What began as a simple idea has grown into a global movement reaching over 3 million people in more than 100 countries.

To honor this legacy, nearly 100 supporters from across the country—Ambassadors, Board Members, Donors, and Response Team members—gathered in New Orleans for the 25th Anniversary Supporter Conference.

It was a weekend filled with stories of impact, bold ideas, heartfelt connection, and profound gratitude.

"This community is the beating heart of our mission. Every shelter delivered, every life changed—it starts with you."

- Kerri Murray, President, ShelterBox USA

As we celebrate 25 years of impact, we celebrate your compassion and action that make it all possible. Here's to the journey ahead.

Want to be part of the next ShelterBox celebration? Visit ShelterBoxUSA.org/Volunteer or contact Libby Faus at LFaus@ShelterBoxUSA.org.











WELCOME

Celebrating 25 years of lifesaving humanitarian work by ShelterBox

ShelterBox was founded 25 years ago on a powerful belief: no one should be without shelter after disaster.

Since then, we've supported more than 3 million people in over 100 countries, families forced from their homes by earthquakes, hurricanes, and conflict. The circumstances may change, but the need remains the same: a safe place to begin again.

We see not just loss, but resilience, time after time. A mother rebuilding after floodwaters swept everything away. A father reinforcing his damaged home with a ShelterKit. Children returning to school because they finally have a safe place to sleep. These aren't stories of victims; they're stories of survivors, and you are part of their journey.

This first U.S. edition of Beyond the Box is a window into that journey. You'll see where ShelterBox is responding, including right here in the United States, and how your support travels from a gift given to a shelter delivered. You'll meet families rebuilding and discover new ways to deepen your impact through monthly giving, fundraising, or legacy planning.

As we celebrate 25 years, we look ahead, with hope, with urgency, and with a renewed commitment to ensuring that no one is left without the foundation for life: shelter.

Thank you for being part of this global community.

With gratitude,

KERRI MURRAY
President, ShelterBox USA



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This winter season or on any special occasion, consider giving a gift that gives back with the ShelterBox gift catalog.

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Because you are part of a global community that makes our work possible.

This issue's cover image: Your donation is helping local people in Bangladesh rebuild their homes in bright and life-affirming ways, including colorful corrugated iron shelters.



EVERY RESPONSE, EVERY SHELTER, AND EVERY LIFE CHANGED HAS BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU.



The ShelterBox Response Team is formed. ShelterBox responds to the Boxing Day/Indian Ocean Tsunami.

2004



ShelterBox marks half a million people supported.

ShelterBox responds to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti.

2007

2010



ShelterBox marks a new milestone: one million people supported.

2015



ShelterBox responds to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in the U.S. and Caribbean.

2017



ShelterBox responds to Cyclone Idai in Malawi.

2019



ShelterBox responds to the war in Ukraine.

2022



ShelterBox supports 18,800 people in Türkiye and Syria following the devastating earthquakes.

2023



ShelterBox supports thousands of people fleeing violence in Gaza and Lebanon.

2024



ShelterBox is founded by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, United Kingdom.



ShelterBox's first deployment after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Gujarat, India.

2001



ShelterBox USA formed by the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch in Florida.

2002







First ShelterBox deployment in response to the Syrian crisis. ShelterBox becomes the official project partner of Rotary Int'l in disaster relief.



ShelterBox responds to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

2013

2012





ShelterBox responds to the global COVID-19 pandemic with shelter and hygiene kits. In 2020, ShelterBox marks a new milestone: two million people supported.



ShelterBox supports over 100,000 people in the Philippines after Typhoon Rai.

2021

2020





ShelterBox marks a new milestone with three million people supported. ShelterBox is recognized on its 25th anniversary at a special reception by King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

2025

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY. HERE'S TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS OF IMPACT!



In January 2025, wildfires swept across Los Angeles County with devastating speed, forcing more than 200,000 people to flee their homes. The Palisades and Eaton fires—now among the most destructive in California's history—claimed at least 29 lives and destroyed more than 18,000 homes and structures. Entire neighborhoods were reduced to ash. Thousands remain displaced.

Among those who lost everything was René Amy, a longtime Rotarian and ShelterBox USA Ambassador.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, ShelterBox USA mobilized quickly—this time in our own backyard.

In partnership with Rotary Districts 5280 and 5300, Amazon Disaster Relief, and local volunteers, we provided essential aid to hundreds of families facing unimaginable loss.

Solar lights, warm thermal blankets, cook sets, personal bags, and air purifiers donated by Intellipure. These items did more than meet basic needs—they offered a path forward.

Remarkably, despite his own loss, René joined ShelterBox staff and Rotary partners at the Pasadena Convention Center to help coordinate the distribution of essential relief items.

"René's resilience reflects who we are," explained ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray. "We show up with aid, compassion and hope."

In addition, ShelterBox USA matched \$100,000 of donations made to Rotary Districts 5280 and 5300 to support the shelter and household needs of families in the hardest hit areas.

This isn't ShelterBox's first response in the United States, but it is a powerful reminder: Disasters don't just happen far away. They happen here, too. And when they do, ShelterBox is ready.

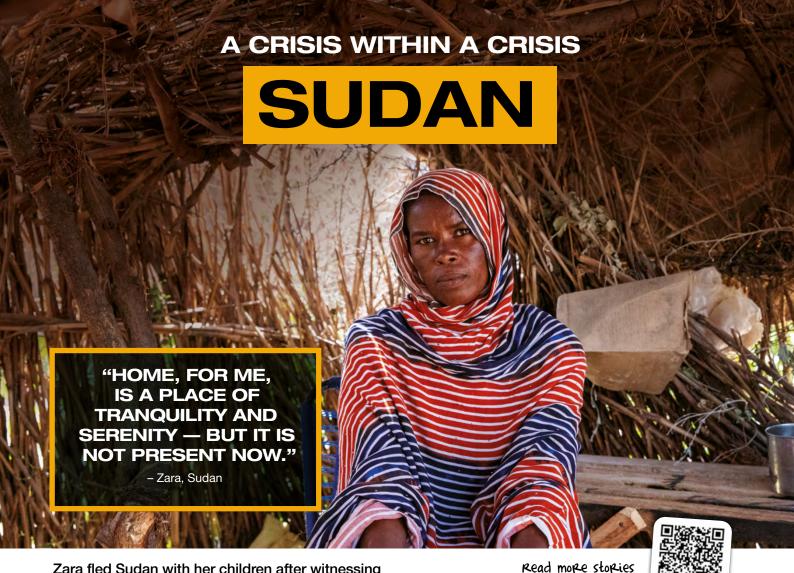
Take action

The next disaster is not a matter of if, but when. You can help ShelterBox be ready. Visit ShelterBoxUsa.org/Take-Action to contribute, start a fundraiser, or volunteer.



AND HELP EACH OTHER"

- René Amy, a ShelterBox USA Ambassador.



Zara fled Sudan with her children after witnessing unimaginable violence. "We saw our loved ones killed and fled to take refuge in Chad," she shared. "It was the only way to survive."

She's one of over 123 million people forcibly displaced around the world. When fighting broke out in Sudan in April 2023, millions were uprooted. Zara and her young family walked for three days across scorching terrain to reach the safety of Chad.

"Life was good in Sudan," she remembers. "There was peace, water, and the children's lives were good. We had food, we had neighbors — we had everything."

Now, safety comes with struggle. "We must travel 6 to 12 miles for water. Most women don't have money for business. The children no longer go to school, and I myself do not work."

like Zara's

Despite the uncertainty, Zara remains hopeful.

"I advise women like me to have patience and courage for a better future — for themselves and their children. For me, having shelter is a good thing, but what I want most is to live in peace with my children here in Chad, and for there to be peace in Sudan too."

Refugees like Zara are not economic migrants. They are families forced to flee life-threatening situations. And while many cross borders, 55% remain displaced within their own countries.

Understanding these realities brings us closer to a more compassionate world where everyone has a place to call home.



1 IN 67 PEOPLE ON EARTH ARE FORCIBLY DISPLACED BY DISASTER, CONFLICT, OR CLIMATE CRISIS. AND THREE OUT OF FOUR ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BEARING THE HEAVIEST BURDEN OF DISPLACEMENT.

Each year, June 20 marks World Refugee Day. On this day – and every day—ShelterBox raises its voice to honor the strength of over 123 million people who are without a safe place to call home. Join us in standing with refugees and internally displaced people.

Share their stories. Support their future. Deliver the shelter that saves lives.



On March 28, a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar, followed by a second major quake on April 13. Before the earthquakes, over 3.5 million people in Myanmar were already displaced by conflict.

The need for safe shelter is more urgent than ever as families are now sleeping outside and monsoon rains increase the risk of disease and hardship.

Delivering aid into this traditionally closed-off country is complex. Without your support this work would not be possible. Thanks to pre-existing Rotary connections and trusted local partners, ShelterBox was able to move quickly.

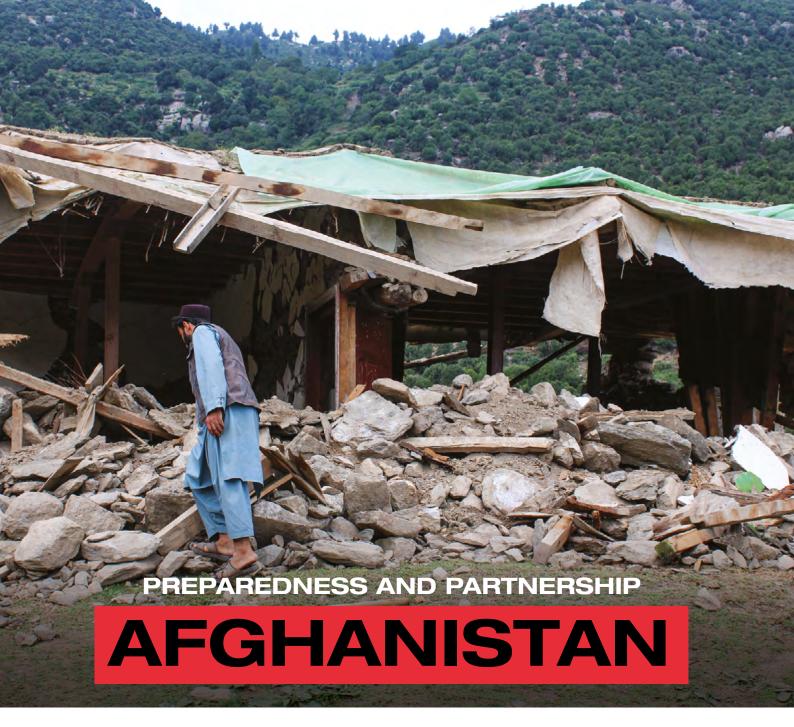
ShelterBox has launched a five-month project to support 1,000 earthquakeaffected households with shelter repair assistance.

Thanks to your support, we've begun a five-month project to repair homes in 36 rural villages across Mandalay state and Southern Shan state. With our local partner, we are working to ensure family homes will last longer and can withstand the rainy season.

Your support is helping families in Myanmar take the first steps toward recovery with safe shelter, trusted local leadership, and the dignity of rebuilding stronger homes.



ShelterBox is actively providing shelter to communities within the region. Scan here or visit ShelterBoxUSA.org/Where-We-Work for latest updates including videos of our work.



Two powerful earthquakes struck eastern
Afghanistan within days of each other, killing
more than 2,000 people. In the hardest hit areas,
98% of buildings are damaged or destroyed.
Hundreds of thousands are now homeless,
and families are forced to sleep in the open as
freezing temperatures set in.

Shelter is essential. ShelterBox is responding with a trusted partner on the ground. Together, we are providing locally sourced shelter, thermal blankets, winter clothing, kitchen sets, buckets and solar lights, as well as considering basic repairs to homes that are still standing.

Access is difficult. Mountain roads are blocked and damaged. Some families walk three hours to reach the nearest health clinic. Coordination is also a challenge as needs shift daily. "With houses completely flattened, the emergency shelter we provide will need to last for months," explained Jonty Ellaby, ShelterBox Emergency Coordinator.

Preparedness is key. ShelterBox had already been planning winter support for remote families returning to Afghanistan after being displaced by conflict. That groundwork meant partners were in the affected provinces within 24 hours. Being ready before disaster strikes allows us to act quickly and help families face the harsh winter with dignity.

Gift shelter, today





BY MAKING A DONATION TO SHELTERBOX, YOU WILL HELP ENSURE NO ONE GOES WITHOUT SHELTER AFTER DISASTER.



Your support is helping families in eastern Bangladesh rebuild after the devastating floods and mudslides of 2024. More than 500,000 people lost their homes and livelihoods.

ShelterBox is working with our partner Uttaran to help families regain stability. Supporters like you have given people the freedom to choose their own building materials-restoring both dignity and control in the recovery process.

Families are using local resources in creative ways. Some are building with bamboo and wood, while others are choosing new floral-patterned corrugated steel sheets that bring color and individuality to their shelters. These patterns are deeply rooted in the region's culture, helping families feel their houses are not just rebuilt, but truly homes again.











With ShelterBox and our partners, communities are preparing for the future. Through practical workshops, families are learning to build new houses on mud plinths three feet above the ground.

These raised foundations provide long-term protection against extreme weather and keep homes safe from rising floodwaters. Families are also strengthening their defenses by building brick walls around their homes.

Thanks to you, recovery is about more than survival—it's about resilience. Families are not only rebuilding their houses, but also restoring a sense of hope, pride, and long-term security.

IMPACT FIGURES:



5.8 MILLION PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS IN AUGUST 2024



334,434 HOUSES WERE DAMAGED ACROSS 11 DISTRICTS



View photos and a video of our work in Bangladesh

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FROM A GIFT GIVEN TO A SHELTER **2024 RESPONSE KEY:** DELIVERED. THE JOURNEY OF YOUR Conflict Drought Flooding Tropical cyclone Hurricane **OUKRAINE** US SYRIA LEBANON PAKISTAN **OBANGLADESH** YEMEN GRENADA PHILIPPINES (**O ETHIOPIA** CAMEROON SOMALIA **OMALAWI O**MOZAMBIQUE

Over the past 25 years, ShelterBox has worked in over 100 countries, adapting to fast-changing conditions to ensure people most affected by disasters are not left behind. More than 3 million people have now received ShelterBox aid since our founding. In 2024 alone, your support helped deliver emergency shelter, essential tools, and long-term recovery 270,000 people in 17 countries..

Like you, we believe the most vulnerable should be the first to receive aid. But in a world where emergencies strike without warning, flexibility is critical. Unrestricted giving fuels this adaptability. That's why, unless otherwise designated, your gift supports our general fund. It enables us to move fast and deliver aid that meets real, on-the-ground needs.

But how does a gift from someone like you turn into a family's first safe night after disaster?

This year, we have reached the milestone of supporting

OVER THREE MILLION PEOPLE

SINCE WE WERE FOUNDED IN 2000.



HERE'S A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES — AT HOW YOUR DONATION BECOMES ACTION, AND HOW SHELTERBOX DELIVERS HOPE WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST.



YOUR DONATION HELPS US DECIDE OUR RESPONSE

We're always on standby. Every two weeks, a member of our global response team steps in as the "watchkeeper". This watchkeeper is responsible for monitoring global news, weather patterns, humanitarian alerts, and government updates 24/7.

When a disaster strikes, the watchkeeper alerts the wider Emergency Response team who then initiate what is called a 'Go/No Go' meeting.

Together, we evaluate if ShelterBox aid fits the situation and whether it is safe to deploy a team considering the political and security situation in the affected region. Each decision balances urgency with care.

When deployment is approved, a trained response team of staff and volunteers is mobilized within 48–72 hours to work with partners on the ground.

DID YOU KNOW?

We pre-position aid strategically located in warehouses across South America, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe. These stockpiles, combined with local Rotary connections and trusted local partners, allow us to respond faster and more efficiently.



2. YOUR DONATION REACHES COMMUNITIES IN NEED

When our ShelterBox team arrives, they connect with trusted local partners who open access to affected areas and share insight into the community's needs.

Together, we assess the scale of damage and determine the most effective aid — from tarps and toolkits to water filters, lights, mosquito nets, or cash assistance. We also provide shelter training, equipping community members and partners to build back stronger and safer, and prepared to lead future recovery efforts long after we leave.

Our aid is always shaped by local voices, local climate, and local infrastructure.





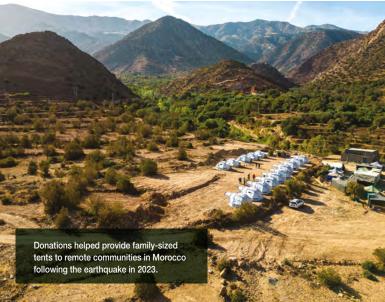
3. YOUR DONATION CHANGES LIVES AMID CRISIS

Every disaster is different and so is the right solution.

Sometimes, it's innovation. In Yemen, we deployed iron-net shelters for families displaced by years of conflict — a stronger, more durable option than the makeshift structures they'd relied on.

Sometimes, it's speed and simplicity. After the 2023 earthquake in Morocco, ShelterBox tents and tools helped families in the Atlas Mountains withstand bitter winter winds. We trained residents to secure shelters for maximum safety, helping restore a sense of normalcy.





And sometimes, it's rebuilding stronger. After Cyclone Remal struck Bangladesh in 2024, we partnered with Uttaran to deliver repair kits to 1,400 families — including corrugated iron, timber, rope, and bamboo — so they could strengthen their homes and safeguard their futures.

Thanks to you, ShelterBox delivers more than emergency relief. We help families recover with dignity, privacy, and the foundation for a better tomorrow.





After disaster, shelter is just the start. In many places, families also face economic hardship.

In Somalia, residents began transforming old ShelterBox tarpaulins and plastic waste into something new: woven mats, handbags, baskets, and vases. What started as a way to clean up their environment became an income-generating initiative. With minimal resources, families began producing and selling these handmade items to feed their children and rebuild their livelihoods

Training and shelter repairs allow families to return home faster and reopen businesses, send kids back to school, or resume farming.

Your donation doesn't just respond to crisis — it sparks recovery.



WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU

Your generosity fuels every step, from rapid response to long-term recovery. Together, we reach families faster, farther, and more thoughtfully — providing not just shelter, but stability, dignity, and hope.



Two ShelterBox Ambassadors turned Adventurers, Tom Deuson and Jane Lanford, launched the summer season with powerful feats of endurance — all to raise funds for ShelterBox programs.

In upstate New York, longtime Ambassador and Rotarian Tom Deuson led the 13th Annual Ride for ShelterBox, hosted by the Watertown Rotary Club. More than 100 cyclists took part in the event, pedaling through scenic farmland and lakefront roads.

"The cyclists in the Annual Ride for ShelterBox are the epitome of motivation in motion," said Kerri Murray, President of ShelterBox USA. "They're turning their passion into real-world impact for people who've lost everything." The ride reflects the power of community and a small town's belief that they can make a global difference.

Meanwhile in Alaska, humanitarian and Rotary Club of Fairbanks member Jane Lanford took on a deeply personal challenge: running 70 miles over three days across the rugged Denali Highway to mark her 70th birthday. Supported by her husband in a small camper, Jane ran roughly 23 miles each day — one for every year of her life.

"You can't help the whole world," Jane shared, "but you can mean the whole world to somebody."

Jane has completed marathons in all 50 states, but this run was different: a tribute to displaced families around the world, and a reflection of her enduring compassion. "The little bit of comfort and security I feel in my trailer — it's kind of the same when you give someone a tent," she shared. "It's their little piece of home."





ShelterBox Response Team volunteer Bruce Heller has spent years delivering emergency shelter to families after disasters. In 2025, he and his three adult sons-Jason, Ryan, and Collin-took on a new challenge closer to home: climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. The Heller family set out with a bold goal to raise a dollar for every foot of the 19,710-foot mountain. Enduring long days of steep ascent and thin air, they pushed forward together and ultimately reached the summit, raising more than \$39,000 to help families who had lost everything. For Bruce, who has seen firsthand the relief a ShelterBox brings to disaster survivors, the climb carried a special meaning.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a long time," Bruce shared. "When I realized I could combine it with supporting ShelterBox USA, the decision was easy."

For the Hellers, this adventure was about more than the climb. It was about uniting as a family to give other families hope.

TURN ADVENTURE INTO IMPACT WITH SHELTERBOX

As a ShelterBox Adventurer, you turn miles, mountains, and milestones into shelter for families displaced by disaster. Whether you're hiking a peak, running a race, or creating your own challenge, every step you take helps provide emergency shelter and hope to people who need it most.

Take on a challenge. Change lives. Become a ShelterBox Adventurer at ShelterBoxUSA.org/Adventurers



Travel Dates

Trekking 28 Miles

Learn more





Join us for an unforgettable 4-day trek through Yosemite National Park - a breathtaking landscape of towering cliffs, ancient sequoias, and stunning views - all while raising vital funds to help families rebuild their lives after disaster.

You'll be supporting ShelterBox USA, providing emergency shelter and tools to those who've lost everything - and helping build a world where no one is left without shelter or hope.









Fundraising

Participation \$2,860



SPACES ARE LIMITED - REGISTER NOW!

Scan here or visit ShelterBoxUSA.org/Yosemite-Trek to learn more and sign up

YOU'RE INVITED



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ANNIVERSARY

VIRTUAL BENEFIT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 5:00 PM PT | 8:00 PM ET

LIVE: SHELTERBOXUSA.ORG/VIRTUAL-BENEFIT

This live one-hour program will feature stories from families who endured disaster, as well as from ShelterBox teams serving communities worldwide.

Scan for program details, live viewing, and toolkits designed for Rotary clubs and families to host watch parties.

Have questions? Contact Jenna Garver, Events Manager, at jgarver@shelterboxusa.org or 805-724-2748.



LEAVE A LEGACY OF SHELTER AND HOPE

As we celebrate 25 years of impact, you can help ensure ShelterBox is here for the next 25—and beyond. A legacy gift, made through your will or estate plans, can include stocks, property, or other assets. It's a powerful way to provide lasting shelter to families facing disaster and displacement.

Join the ShelterBox Legacy Society, a community committed to building a future where no one is left without shelter: ShelterBoxUSA.org/Legacy-Giving







Virtual gifts are a great way to give personal and meaningful gifts to your loved ones, whilst helping families all around the world start the process of recovery after disaster.



Buy a virtual gift online and get an e-card to send to your loved ones. Visit: ShelterBoxUSA.org/Gifts

Browse the gift catalog





THANK YOU

YOU MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE

You are part of a global community that refuses to let disaster define a family's future. Thank you for showing up—with urgency, with compassion, and with the belief that everyone deserves shelter and the hope that comes with it.

From wildfires in California to earthquakes in Myanmar, your compassion reaches across continents. Every tent, every tool, every step toward recovery begins with you.

As we mark 25 years of delivering shelter, this first issue of Beyond the Box is a celebration of what

we've accomplished together—and a promise of what's to come.

The need for shelter is growing. Disasters are increasing. But so is our resolve. With your continued support, we'll be ready—for the next storm, the next conflict, the next family in need.

Thank you for standing with us today, and into the future.

To deepen your impact or take the next step, visit ShelterBoxUSA.org or reach out to us at info@ShelterBoxUSA.org.

TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING MORE THAN SHELTER. WE'RE BUILDING A FUTURE.



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