



ShelterBox

CANADA



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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2024-2025

OVERVIEW

Reaching communities with vital aid is only made possible with help from our partners, volunteers, and supporters across Canada. We have created this report to say thank you and show how this support has helped so many families rebuild their lives following disaster or conflict.

- KEY:**
- Conflict
 - Drought
 - Flooding
 - Tropical cyclone
 - Hurricane



This year, ShelterBox reached the milestone of supporting **OVER THREE MILLION PEOPLE** SINCE SHELTERBOX WAS FOUNDED IN 2000.

CANADIANS HELPED:

8,190 PEOPLE

1,638* FAMILIES

*Assuming 5 people per family

THANKS TO OUR GLOBAL SUPPORTERS, SHELTERBOX HAS BEEN ABLE TO WORK IN 13 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OR REGIONS, AFTER:



Front cover: After violence in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, ShelterBox distributed emergency shelter and vital supplies to help families rebuild.



CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Marni Rabasso, Stephanie Christensen

Dear friends,

Over the last year, we have seen seemingly endless negative news – increased displacement, larger disasters, and immense humanitarian needs around the world.

While the situation seems dire, we have also seen an incredible community of supporters come together to continue to provide life-saving aid. We have also seen local communities building resilience, partners strengthening their capacity, and lots of positive change as well.

For ShelterBox, this year marked our 25th birthday, and an exciting milestone – over 3 million people helped. This is something that we can all be proud of – every donation to ShelterBox has made an incredible difference to millions of people. Thank you.

For 25 years, ShelterBox has been there when disaster strikes. While a lot has changed, and we

have grown and professionalized our organization, one thing remains at the heart of everything we do – providing emergency shelter and the ability for people to recover after disaster.

We are seeing how the challenges people face after disaster are becoming more relentless. Communities are being hit repeatedly by larger and more frequent disasters. Sea levels are rising, conflicts are spreading, and more people are displaced than ever before.

While it can seem overwhelming, we know without a doubt the incredible difference shelter and emergency aid makes. We know that your contributions transform people’s lives, and that something as simple as a tent can be the catalyst for recovery.

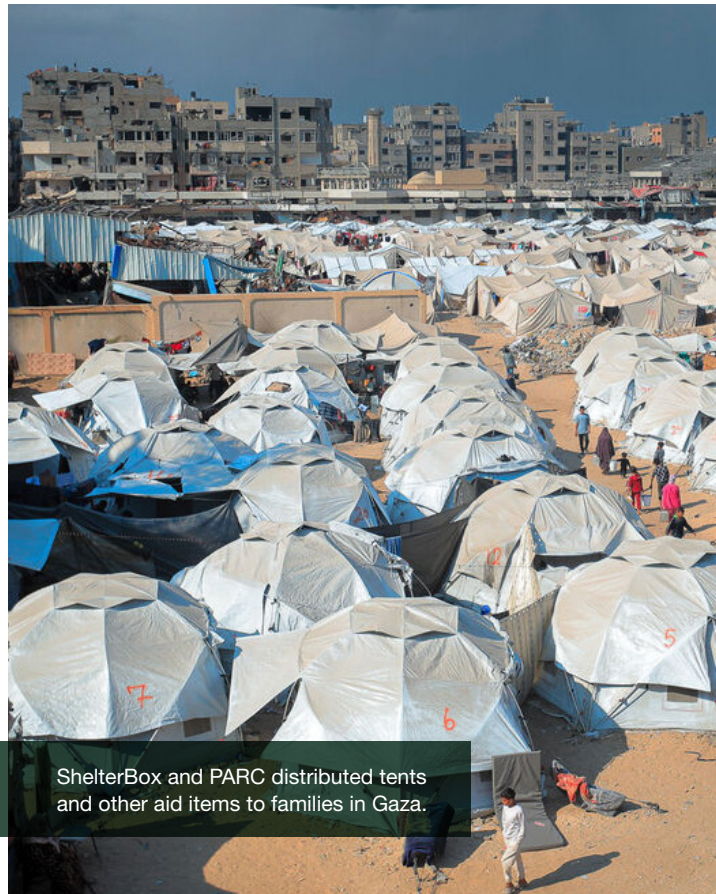
It was a challenging year economically for so many of us, and we did see a fairly substantial decline in giving. This trend has been felt across the Canadian charity sector. As a result, our team has been working hard to continue to spread the word about ShelterBox’s work and diversify our funding sources. With that said, we are so grateful to our Canadian supporters who came together and donated \$813,611 last year.

We have continued to find ways to procure more aid locally to save costs and be more environmentally friendly. We have also continued to provide capacity strengthening training to our local partners so they can respond without us in future. The following pages will outline just some of the ways our teams have been hard at work over the last year ensuring no one is left without shelter after disaster. You make all of this possible.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US

Marni Rabasso
Chair, ShelterBox Canada

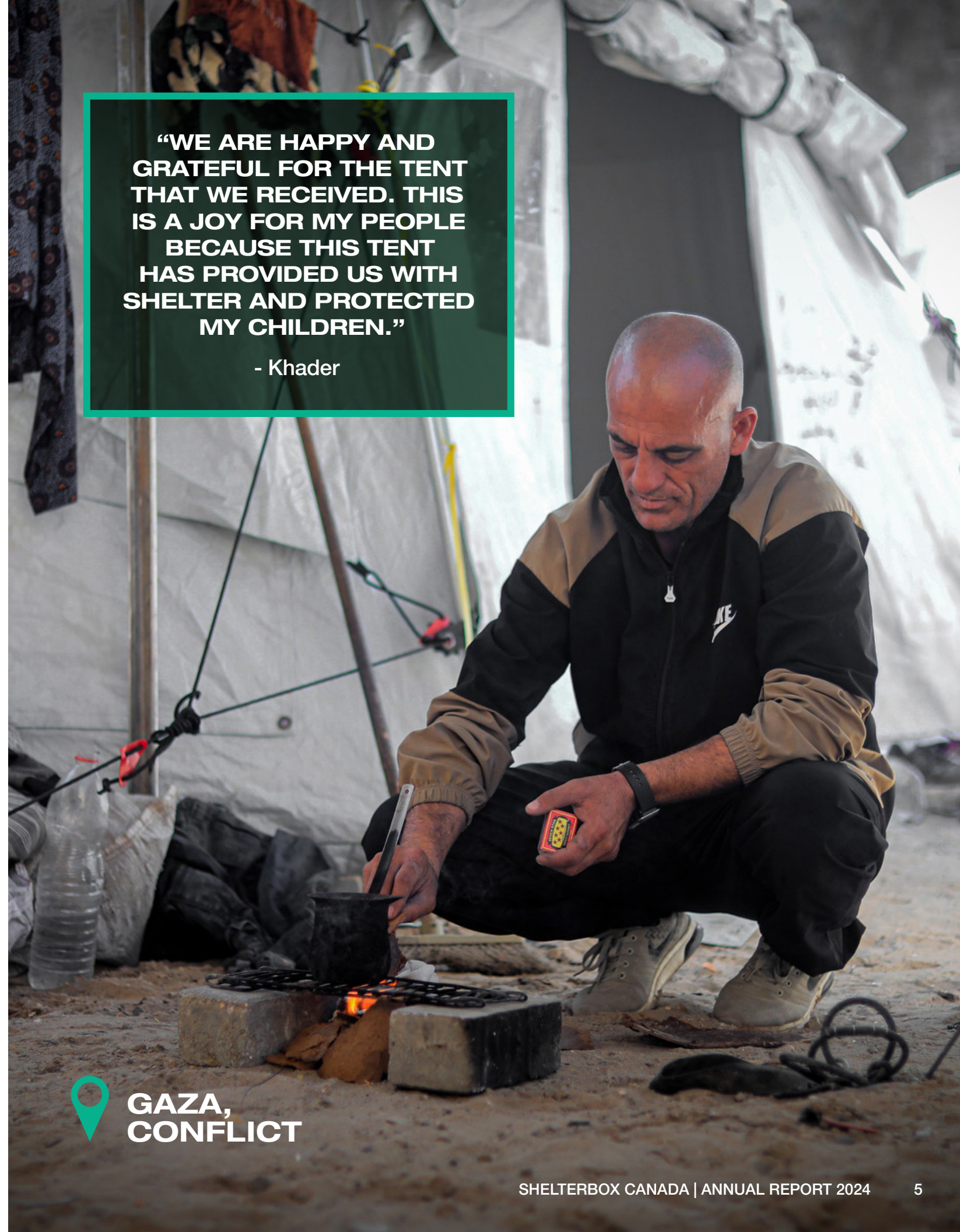
Stephanie Christensen
Executive Director



ShelterBox and PARC distributed tents and other aid items to families in Gaza.

“WE ARE HAPPY AND GRATEFUL FOR THE TENT THAT WE RECEIVED. THIS IS A JOY FOR MY PEOPLE BECAUSE THIS TENT HAS PROVIDED US WITH SHELTER AND PROTECTED MY CHILDREN.”

- Khader



GAZA, CONFLICT

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Shelter is the foundation for life – for survival, stability and dignity. It offers a place to feel safe, stay together, stay healthy, earn a living and help children get an education.

Right now, over 120 million people worldwide have been forced from their homes by disasters, conflict and climate crisis – and that number is growing every day. So, we have to work in new ways.

Shelter is a human right and enables people to take steps towards recovery.



**ETHIOPIA
DROUGHT, CONFLICT**

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH SHELTERBOX

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 enables 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.



OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

We commit to the highest ethical standards and strive to be honest, straightforward, and fair. We hold ourselves accountable for doing the very best we can for those affected by disaster and for each other.

FLEXIBILITY

We adapt and overcome challenges to achieve shared goals. We approach our work with an open mind and the willingness to find the right solution.

PARTICIPATION

We put people and their needs at the heart of what we do. We work together with people affected by disaster, our volunteers, partners, and supporters. We support each other. We are inclusive.

LEARNING

We champion continuous growth and development. We are driven to keep improving and exploring what we could do differently. We ask ourselves how we can be better for the people we serve, our volunteers, supporters, and for each other.



MALAWI, FLOODING



ShelterBox and CARE Malawi distributed aid to villagers in the Nkhotakota District, including Katimbira, Mtupi, and Mdame.

OUR GLOBAL STRATEGY 2022-27

2024 was the third year of our current global strategy period, and the three strategic objectives below were at the heart of everything we did. On the following pages, you can see how these goals guided our efforts throughout the year.



DELIVERING ON OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

DOING MORE

RESPONDING IN GAZA

We continued to respond to the conflict in Gaza throughout 2024, in one of ShelterBox's most challenging responses to date.

Providing life-saving aid and shelter items in one of the most dangerous places on earth was exceptionally difficult. Challenges included unpredictable airstrikes and border closures, safety threats to aid workers, damage to infrastructure and supply routes, and time-consuming checks by Israeli military on aid moving into and around Gaza.

This complex and dangerous picture meant we often struggled to deliver life-saving aid, but we persisted as our work in the region was more essential than ever.

Together with our partners Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) and Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC), we supplied tents, water carriers, blankets, and other items to thousands of people in Gaza.

In October, Israeli airstrikes in Gaza targeted a safe zone where people were sheltering in our tents.

The safe zone was meant to provide refuge for families whose lives had been uprooted by the crisis.

We had spent months calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and protection for all civilians on every side of the conflict, and the

bombings underlined why lasting peace is critical. Thanks to our determined supporters, we continue to do more, to make sure that we are there to support people in Gaza and around the world.

AMANY'S STORY

Amany lives in a makeshift tent in a displacement site in the middle of the Gaza Strip. Her husband was a paramedic, but was killed saving others, and she now lives alone with her children.

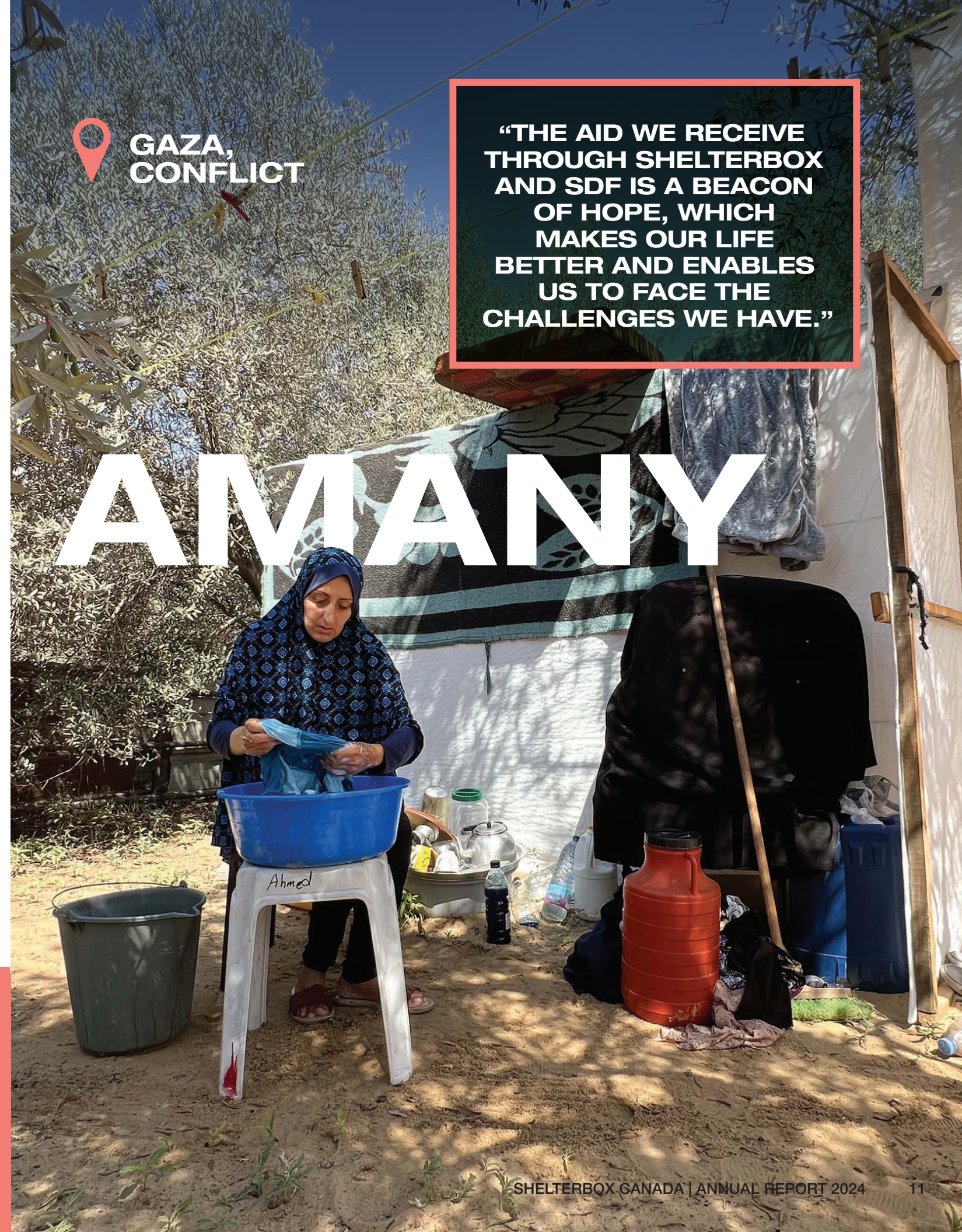
The one comfort Amany and other displaced residents share is that they are not alone. ShelterBox, with support from Rotary, and in partnership with MAP and its downstream partner Social Development Forum (SDF), have supported Amany and her community with life-saving emergency tents and essential household items.

Our strong partnerships have been essential to getting aid to those who need it most in this response.

GAZA, CONFLICT

"THE AID WE RECEIVE THROUGH SHELTERBOX AND SDF IS A BEACON OF HOPE, WHICH MAKES OUR LIFE BETTER AND ENABLES US TO FACE THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE."

AMANY



OVER THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE SUPPORTED OVER 2,600 FAMILIES IN GAZA WITH EITHER SHELTER OR EMERGENCY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS INCLUDING:



TENTS



MATTRESSES



WATER CARRIERS



BLANKETS



KITCHEN SETS

DELIVERING ON OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

DOING IT WELL

RESPONDING IN ETHIOPIA

The Afar region of Ethiopia has been extensively affected by ongoing drought, causing families to lose their livestock which is their means of survival. With temperatures often exceeding 50 degrees Celsius, shelter is vital for people who have been displaced after losing their livestock and homes.

This year, we completed our 6th project in Ethiopia. ShelterBox and The International Organization for Migration (IOM) have worked together to provide 7,000 households displaced by climate-aggravated drought and conflict with emergency shelter and household items. Each family has received a shelter kit package that contains; tarpaulin, rope, sleeping mat, mosquito net, high-thermal blanket/bed sheet, kitchen set, wash basin, jug, solar light, jerry can, and carrying bag.

As we are continuously aiming to improve our support for the most vulnerable people, in project six we created a tailored disability and inclusion aid package. Families received mattresses instead of sleeping mats for increased comfort, and two smaller jerry cans instead of one large one to assist with carrying. Some households also received cash assistance to cover the cost of labour and local materials needed to construct the shelters.

In long-term response areas, we do annual projects. This allows us to do a full evaluation of each project and make changes and improvements for the next one. By working directly with local communities to understand their specific needs, and constantly implementing learnings, we are ensuring that people displaced by disaster are getting the best support possible to help them recover.

FATIMA'S STORY

"In the past, when it rained, the earth would produce seeds and plants for the animals. But nowadays, even with rain, the earth does not grow enough food for the animals. As a result, we cannot get milk from camels, goats, and sheep."

In search of water, Fatima and her family have been displaced twice in recent years. "Lack of drinking water due to drought caused us to move. Access to water points was also lacking. To get water we first moved next to the riverbank. We were living there for a while before it flooded. The water ruined everything in the house. The flood forced us to escape here with our kids."

Arriving at this new site with nothing, Fatima and her family were first forced to sleep out in the open, "before, we spent nights in an open area without a mosquito net, then we transitioned to residing in a communal house occupied by sixteen individuals before constructing this home. Prior to receiving assistance, I was uncertain about my course of action; the support has truly been beneficial. My issues are now significantly minimized."

In partnership with IOM, ShelterBox supported Fatima and her family with shelter support, including tarpaulins, tools, and a series of household items: "I have received the household essentials and shelters that were greatly needed. We obtained water containers, cooking equipment, mattresses, kitchen sets, and a solar light that assists me during night. We use the jerry can to collect water and store it in our home. With support from our neighbor, we built the house's base, along with a wooden frame, and then covered it with a tarp."



FATIMA

"WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE ITEMS. THE SUPPORT WAS HELPFUL AND RESOLVED OUR ISSUES. NOW I HAVE A HOUSE THAT ALWAYS PROVIDES SAFETY."

THANKS TO SHELTERBOX SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU:

99%

of people were satisfied or very satisfied with the shelter kits provided

97%

of people said the shelters supported their normal household routines

99%

said the education and training materials were useful or very useful

DELIVERING ON OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

DOING IT TOGETHER

PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Trami brought two months' worth of rain in a single day, destroying homes and displacing hundreds of thousands of people. People were left without any form of shelter or belongings. Some of the worst damage occurred in remote and isolated areas, which made the response particularly challenging. There was an urgent need for clean drinking water, and many families who had been displaced were sleeping in the open which exposed them to additional health risks.

We have a ShelterBox operational office in the Philippines, as well as a warehouse in Cebu city which means we can respond quickly after disaster hits. Our team worked quickly with our Rotary partners and another local partner, FACE, to provide emergency shelter and vital household supplies to thousands of families who were displaced.

Our teams provided shelter kits, tarps, water filters, water carriers, blankets, and solar lights. We worked with the community to help them build their structures off the ground so they were less prone to flooding. We also provided some people with cash assistance to help them purchase materials they needed to build their shelters.

GOING ONE STEP FURTHER

At ShelterBox, we have worked hard to reduce our environmental impact, from procuring more aid locally to removing single use plastic from most of our aid items and more. As part of this response, our team and FACE worked with Saint Dominic Women's Handicraft Association (SDWHA) to repurpose the outer packaging on the tarpaulins.

The association sewed the materials into eco-friendly baskets, bags, and wallets, and were able to sell them to generate additional resources for their organization. This initiative not only supports environmental sustainability but also helps generate income for the Saint Dominic Women's Handicraft Association and creates livelihood opportunities in the municipality.



PHILIPPINES, TROPICAL STORM




This is an example of one of our custom built, locally-appropriate shelter kit structures. Working with the community, our teams helped design and build these using build back better techniques to strengthen the structures.

THANKS TO SHELTERBOX SUPPORTERS, AFTER TROPICAL STORM TRAMI:

 WE SUPPORTED MORE THAN **20,500** PEOPLE

 WE CONSTRUCTED **5,400** SHELTERS

 **99%** OF PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PROVIDED

HOW ROTARY AND SHELTERBOX GO FURTHER TOGETHER

ShelterBox and Rotary continue to demonstrate the importance of partnership in times of crisis. Rotary's global reach and local connections enable ShelterBox to respond faster and more effectively when disaster strikes.

After Hurricane Beryl devastated communities in July 2024, Rotary members played a pivotal role in our response. Their networks arranged aerial assessments to gauge the scale of damage and helped us connect with local communities and disaster management agencies. Thanks to this collaboration, we supported more than 600 families living in remote areas of Grenada.

In the Middle East, our partnership with Rotary has been vital. They help transport aid items into Jordan, which then move into Gaza, one of the most challenging regions to provide humanitarian assistance. Thanks to this support, we have been able to provide vital shelter and humanitarian aid items to 2600 families.

In Ethiopia, Rotaract members were instrumental in strengthening our efforts as we supported over 38,000 people displaced by severe drought and conflict. Their involvement helped us navigate complex challenges and reach communities in need.

This partnership extends far beyond our responses on the ground - it spans the globe. While Rotarians support us in

affected areas, Rotarians across Canada unite with us to raise critical funds and awareness, enabling us to respond when and where we are needed most. In the 2024–2025 year, Rotarians and Rotary Clubs donated over \$522,000 to ShelterBox Canada.



During distributions in the Afar region of Ethiopia, ShelterBox and International Organization for Migration (IOM) were joined by local Rotaract volunteers.

“I GOT THE TENT, WHICH I LOVE, SO BAD. I LOVE IT, I LOVE IT, LOVE IT. I GOT THIS TENT, PLUS EVERYTHING INSIDE A BAG. THE MOSQUITO NET, THE LIGHT – ESPECIALLY THE LIGHT.”



LUCY

Lucy lives on Carriacou with her family. Lucy lost the entire roof of her house and most of the partitioned walls. She was provided with a tent and emergency aid items so they could stay and rebuild their home.

GET INVOLVED WITH SHELTERBOX

INSPIRATION

ShelterBox can help attract new members to your Rotary Club 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.

LEARN MORE AT:

[SHELTERBOXCANADA.ORG/ACTIONTOOLKIT](https://shelterboxcanada.org/actiontoolkit)

SHELTERBOX CANADA HERO AWARD RECIPIENTS

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 2024-2025 Rotary Club Heroes!

GOLD (\$6000+)

- Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek
- Rotary Club of Canmore
- Rotary Club of Grand Bend
- Rotary Club of Kenora
- Rotary Club of Niagara-On-The-Lake
- Rotary Club of North Bay
- Rotary Club of Peachland
- Rotary Club of Toronto
- Rotary Club of Vancouver

SILVER (\$3600+)

- Rotary Club of 1000 Islands
- Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron
- Rotary Club of Brockville
- Rotary Club of Charlottetown
- Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Fort McMurray
- Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour
- Rotary Club of Huntsville
- Rotary Club of Lionsgate
- Rotary Club of Meaford
- Rotary Club of Montague
- Rotary Club of Nanaimo
- Rotary Club of Niagara Falls
- Rotary Club of North Scarborough
- Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar
- Rotary Club of Ottawa
- Rotary Club of Shediac
- Rotary Club of Simcoe
- Rotary Club of Toronto East
- Rotary Club of Welland

BRONZE (\$1,200+)

- Delta Secondary School Interact Club
- Rotary Club of Bathurst
- Rotary Club of Bolton
- Rotary Club of Bracebridge - Muskoka Lakes
- Rotary Club of Brandon
- Rotary Club of Burlington
- Rotary Club of Burlington Central
- Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore
- Rotary Club of Burlington North
- Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial
- Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee
- Rotary Club of Calgary West
- Rotary Club of Cambridge Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Camrose
- Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak
- Rotary Club of Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills

- Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Centre Wellington Centennial
- Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty
- Rotary Club of Chesterville
- Rotary Club of Chilliwack/Fraser
- Rotary Club of Cornwall
- Rotary Club of Cranbrook
- Rotary Club of Dauphin
- Rotary Club of Drumheller
- Rotary Club of Dryden
- Rotary Club of Edmonton
- Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora
- Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast
- Rotary Club of Eganville
- Rotary Club of Englehart
- Rotary Club of Estevan
- Rotary Club of Flamborough Am
- Rotary Club of Fort MacLeod
- Rotary Club of Gananogue
- Rotary Club of Golden
- Rotary Club of Gore Bay
- Rotary Club of Grand Manan Island
- Rotary Club of Gravenhurst
- Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium
- Rotary Club of Hanover
- Rotary Club of Invermere

- Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Kindersley
- Rotary Club of Lacombe Daybreak
- Rotary Club of Langley Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Lethbridge Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Lloydminster
- Rotary Club of London - Hyde Park
- Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge
- Rotary Club of Medicine Hat
- Rotary Club of Mission
- Rotary Club of Nanaimo Daybreak
- 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 Northumberland Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Olds
- Rotary Club of Oshawa (Parkwood)
- Rotary Club of Osoyoos
- Rotary Club of Owen Sound
- Rotary Club of Parkdale-High Park-Humber
- Rotary Club of Penticton Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Perth-Andover
- Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha
- Rotary Club of Picton
- Rotary Club of Pictou
- Rotary Club of Port Elgin Ontario
- Rotary Club of Powell River
- Rotary Club of Red Deer

- Rotary Club of Regina Eastview
- Rotary Club of Renfrew
- Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset
- Rotary Club of Ridgetown
- Rotary Club of Saint John
- Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland
- Rotary Club of Sarnia-Lambton After-Hours
- Rotary Club of Saskatoon Meewasin
- Rotary Club of Sechelt
- Rotary Club of Selkirk
- Rotary Club of Sept-Iles
- Rotary Club of Sioux Lookout
- Rotary Club of Slave Lake
- Rotary Club of Southampton
- Rotary Club of St Catharines Lakeshore
- Rotary Club of Stettler
- Rotary Club of The Pas
- Rotary Club of Thunder Bay - Lakehead
- Rotary Club of Thunder Bay Port Arthur
- Rotary Club of Truro
- Rotary Club of Vermilion
- Rotary Club of Walkerton
- Rotary Club of Watrous
- Rotary Club of Wawa
- Rotary Club of Wellington
- Rotary Club of West Ottawa
- Rotary Club of White Rock
- Rotary Club of Whitecourt
- Rotary Club of Whitehorse Rendezvous
- Rotary Club of Windsor - Roseland
- Rotary Club of Winnipeg
- Rotary Club of Winnipeg St Boniface - St Vital
- Rotary Club of York



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to our volunteers. Our work wouldn't be possible without the incredible support from our partners and the amazing volunteers who go the extra mile to help those who have lost their homes to disaster.

We're united by the shared purpose - no one without shelter after disaster. Our volunteers help us turn this vision into a reality. Their contributions take many forms, such as fundraising, organizing and supporting events, and ensuring our aid reaches those who need it most.

No matter what skills, knowledge, or free time you have, you can help make this work possible. All we need is your passion.

Are you interested in making a positive impact on the lives of displaced families around the world? Read more about our roles and learn how you can get involved below.



THE SHELTERBOX CANADA TEAM

Board of Directors:

Chair, Marni Rabasso - Vancouver, BC
 Vice-Chair, Stephen Kicinski - Toronto, ON
 Secretary, Bryn Styles - Barrie, ON
 Treasurer, Alex Draper - Montreal, QC

Ebenezer Addei - Brampton, ON
 Fatima Ahmed - Vancouver, BC
 Crystabelle Fobler - Calgary, AB
 Kent Fraser - Calgary, AB
 Louisa Horne - Sambro Head, NS
 Heidi Lambie - Calgary, AB
 Ron Noseworthy - Kenora, ON
 Nazia Shaikh - Orleans, ON

Staff Team:

Executive Director, Stephanie Christensen
 Acting Executive Director (maternity leave cover), Vicki Raw
 Manager of Fundraising and Development, Marissa Lair
 Database and Donor Relations Coordinator, Heather Stevens
 Rotary and Community Fundraising Coordinator, Ally Buck

Canadian Response Team Members:

Andre Bloemink	Shannon Carew
Dave Hallett	Ursula Geisler
Jaret Thompson	Richard Loat
Per Dahlstrom	



In Somalia, ShelterBox is working with Juba Foundation to support thousands of people affected by drought, floods, or conflict.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



Ambassador

Support on every level—from raising funds to awareness.



Club Champion

Share ShelterBox's message with your Rotary Club.



Events

Help with a one-time ShelterBox display, conference, or event.

Learn more at www.shelterboxcanada.org/volunteer

BUY A HOME, 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 2024-25 Give a Home members:

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

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 GIVING

With disasters set to increase in the future, so too must our commitment to be there.

Leaving a gift to **ShelterBox Canada** in your will creates a heartfelt legacy that will ensure more families are given a foundation for life – for survival, stability, and dignity. Your legacy gift is more than hope. Your legacy gift is action. It is practical tools families need to build emergency shelter and keep their children safe after disaster.

For more information on leaving a gift to ShelterBox Canada, please visit shelterboxcanada.org/legacy



ShelterBox and HELP Burkina Faso are supporting people with the construction of new emergency shelters and household items.

As a shelter specialist, we understand the value of collaborating with other humanitarian and development organizations. It ensures our support is part of a holistic emergency response and contributes to long-term development. Through effective partnership, we want to enable local organizations to be better equipped to respond to crises in their countries, and we want to keep learning from them too.

Good shelter goes beyond physical structures, affecting the health and wellbeing of people in a multitude of ways. We do not claim to be

independently responsible for the impact-level changes in our theory of change. Instead, we recognize that emergency shelter programming can have a positive or negative influence on people’s lives over the longer term. So we will always consider the potential implications of actions and decisions we take during the relief phase of a response. Central to our theory of change is the idea that the impact of shelter in emergencies is immediate and lifesaving, and that shelter programming can positively affect self-recovery in the longer term.

REVIEW OF 2024-2025 FINANCES

Our Commitment

ShelterBox Canada is committed to using donated funds as effectively and efficiently as possible. We do everything we can to make sure your donation makes the biggest impact possible for people who have lost everything.

The economy continued to have a downward impact on donations this year. Additionally, with our Executive Director on maternity leave and another long time member of the team taking a new role just before the fiscal year, it took the team some time to get back up to speed. This resulted in reduced income, particularly from foundations. As a result of this decreased income, there was significantly less money spent on aid than in the previous year.

While we still expect lower donations than we saw in 2023 because of the economic downturn, we expect to be able to return to 2024 levels and to spend more on direct aid costs next year now that our Executive Director has returned and our team is fully up to speed once again.

We keep our expenses low and fairly static, while ensuring that your donation and information is professionally managed. In years where external factors like lack of major disasters in the news, or major economic downturns cause donations to decrease, our ratio of aid spend vs expenses increases. Our goal is to spend as much as possible on directly providing aid. With increased donation revenue and aid purchases planned for fiscal 2026, we expect to see our charitable spend ratio return to our target levels of a minimum 70% directly to aid.

We are beyond grateful that you entrust us with your hard-earned donations, and we work very hard to ensure your gifts are administered and managed professionally, and that the support you help provide is the right support at the right time for affected populations.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity.

A Note on the Audited Financial Statements

The financial statements for the fiscal year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 were audited by MacNeil Edmundson, an independent audit firm. The financial statements are available on our website. Previous audits have been conducted by Grant Thornton but significant increases in cost led the Board and our Members to move firms.

ShelterBox Canada received \$813,611 in donations in the year ended June 30, 2025. In the same period \$458,541 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 to support our fundraising, marketing, administrative and mission related activities.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, ShelterBox Canada purchased and distributed \$406,452 worth of aid. At the end of the period, ShelterBox Canada held \$52,089 restricted for the purchase and distribution of aid that will be paid to our suppliers upon invoicing.

Should you have questions about our financial statements, please contact our Executive Director, Stephanie Christensen at 647-352-1930.

AUDITED FINANCIALS FOR YEAR END JUNE 30, 2025

Statement of Operations

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 813,611	\$ 941,621
Interest	5,740	15,427
Total Revenue	819,351	957,048
Expenses		
Purchase of ShelterBox Aid	406,452	860,244
Salaries and Benefits	289,038	283,787
Fundraising and Marketing	26,082	25,004
Occupancy	5,868	6,249
Office and Administration	4,668	3,643
Legal and Audit	7,200	11,145
Travel and Meetings	9,306	7,194
Amortization	222	2,549
Total Expenses	748,836	1,199,815
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 70,515	\$ (242,767)

Statement of Financial Position

June 30	2025	2024
Assets		
Current		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 132,390	\$ 174,369
Cash - restricted	-	-
Short-Term Investments - restricted	240,000	140,000
Accounts receivable	3,713	227
Prepaid expenses	4,666	3,657
	380,769	318,253
Long-term		
Capital assets	443	-
	\$ 381,212	\$ 318,253
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,781	\$ 20,337
Fund balances		
Invested in capital assets	433	-
Unrestricted	97,847	98,512
Restricted	139,316	68,579
Internally restricted	130,825	130,825
	368,431	297,916
	\$ 381,212	\$ 318,253



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DROUGHT**

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TO COME BY IN THE CAMP
RATIONS, AS WELL AS
CLOTHING BOUGHT WITH OUR
INCOME FROM WEAVING.”**
- Fadumo from Somalia

Communities supported by ShelterBox and Juba Foundation in Somalia have shown innovation and creativity by transforming old and discarded tarpaulin packaging and plastic bags into mats, vases, baskets, and handbags. Women like Fadumo and Halima make and sell the items to generate income to support their families.

**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE WILL
KEEPING DOING MORE, WE WILL DO IT
WELL, AND WE WILL DO IT TOGETHER;
BECAUSE SHELTER IS A HUMAN RIGHT.**



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