



ShelterBox Trust

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President Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall

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Dear Rotarian,

Disaster relief charity ShelterBox - a Global Rotary Club Project; has responded to the earthquake that struck central Italy in the early hours of 6 April by sending immediate assistance to the thousands of people left homeless by the disaster.

As soon as reports came through of the tragic earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale, striking central Italy as residents slept in the early hours of 6 April, UK disaster relief charity ShelterBox mobilised its volunteers and staff to get aid to the devastated region.

With initial reports indicating that more than 17,000 people have been left homeless ShelterBox responded and within 12 hours of the earthquake striking had a representative on the ground in Italy and enough shelter for 2500 people on its way.

Every ShelterBox is individually numbered and can be tracked by donors. The Rotary Club of Gainsborough was one of the clubs who funded a box which is going to provide critical aid to the displaced in Italy. Club Secretary Andrew Macdonald said that he was really pleased that the club's donations had gone to support those left homeless by the disaster. Each ShelterBox contains a 10-person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, a stove and other essential equipment.



First ShelterBox tents Italian Earthquake victims up 7th April.

It is only with the support of Rotary clubs in the UK and around the globe that we have been able to respond so quickly to this disaster. We are grateful for your ongoing support and hope that you will pass our thanks on to your club members.

Kind regards,
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