



YOUNG SHELTERBOX USA NEWSLETTER

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Haiti Relief

ShelterBoxes Used for Hospital Rooms

As we all know, Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake that left buildings in rubble. ShelterBox responded immediately by sending SRT's and ShelterBoxes to the area. The first tents were used to provide hospital space for the injured people of Haiti. (See below and to the right)



INJURED HAITIAN GIRL IN BERNARD MEWS HOSPITAL, PORT AU PRINCE, WHERE SHELTERBOX TENTS ARE BEING USED TO TREAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF INJURED PEOPLE. PHOTOGRAPHER: MARK PEARSON



FOUR YEAR OLD BOY PLAYS WITH ONE OF OUR ACTIVITY KITS IN A SHELTERBOX HOSPITAL TENT AFTER HIS AMPUTATION

The Need is Enormous

3,300 ShelterBoxes Slated for Haiti So Far

With an estimate of possibly one million homeless people in Haiti, ShelterBox is working to get tents out to the neediest people, along with the other contents of the box: water purification systems, blankets,

mosquito netting, cooking equipment, children's packets, and tools to help with rebuilding.

We need donations desperately to keep abreast of the demands.



PORT-AU-PRINCE HAITI SHELTERBOX SRT TEAM MEMBERS RUSH BOXES OFF PLANES FOR DISASTER RELIEF



MOTHER AND NEWBORN LOOK FOR FOOD, WATER, SHELTER WE ARE WORKING TO DISTRIBUTE AID TO THE MOST NEEDY LIKE THIS MOM AND HER 20 DAY OLD BABY

Haiti Relief

How to Donate Now

Visit www.shelterboxusa.org

Text \$5 donation to "Support Shelter"

Text larger donation to "Shelterbox" at 56512

Send checks to ShelterBox USA, 8374 Market St. Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

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News from Joni

Our youth are mobilizing for the people in Haiti. Many schools, church groups, Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs and others are finding us and wanting to help. The outpouring is tremendous!

We are launching our new Youth Team. Read the next page and Sign up now!

How You Can Help The ShelterBox Youth Program

- **JOIN THE TEAM**
- **Make presentations to youth groups in your area**
- **Recruit others who are interested in helping ShelterBox**
- **Keep in touch with the Youth Coordinator and share your ideas**

Meet One of our Youth Reps



Yi Shun Lai working with Students

Yi Shun Lai is a writer and editor by profession. She lives in White Plains, New York. Yi Shun is not only a Youth Rep for ShelterBox USA but also an SRT, which stands for ShelterBox Response Team.

Yi Shun tells us that she learned about ShelterBox when she did a triathlon in the UK and wanted to

help a charity. When she saw the ShelterBox concept, Yi Shun states, "I knew immediately I wanted to help them, and I knew immediately I wanted to be an SRT." Since then, she has formally trained to be an SRT and has been on a deployment in Taiwan with ShelterBox to help the victims of the typhoon there.

Right now, besides being on alert for possible deployments in the future, Yi Shun is working closely with the Eastview Middle School students in White Plains, NY. Students in the Global Ambassador Program are learning all about ShelterBox and have been interviewing Yi Shun about her role in the non-profit organization. The culmination will be completed videos about ShelterBox!

A Word for Youth Team Members from Yi Shun: "I'm very lucky to be an SRT and have an opportunity to meet with and work with young people. They are the future of our organization, and I hope to work with them some more as we develop our educational program. Watching the kids light up when you bring them stories and experiences from all the way around the world is an experience I hope all SRTs get to have at some point in time."

**Yi Shun Lai: Youth
Rep and ShelterBox
Response Team
Member**



Yi Shun on her deployment in Taiwan showing people how to use the equipment

Join Our New Youth Program

Disaster Education

SHELTERBOX USA IS NOW COMPLEMENTING ITS INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS WITH AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN YOUTH CALLED “YOUNG SHELTERBOX USA.” THROUGH THIS K-12 INTERDISCIPLINARY STANDARDS-BASED PROGRAM, WE AIM TO EMERGE AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN DISASTER AND GLOBAL AWARENESS EDUCATION.

Our Mission: To develop young peoples’ understanding of the causes of natural and manmade disasters and their effects on communities worldwide; to promote awareness of the common needs of all people and the need for humanitarian action following disasters; to empower youth to be prepared for disasters that may affect their own communities, and; to inspire them to become global citizens through education and action on the local level.

Through Young ShelterBox USA, we apply the expertise the organization has developed as a leading provider of emergency shelter to help teachers reinforce science, social studies, math, and language arts curricula with innovative lessons and activities centering around disasters and the communities affected by them. Young ShelterBox USA focuses on:

a.) Disaster education and global awareness: This component of the program integrates science, social studies, math, and language arts to teach youth about natural and manmade disasters and their impact on human communities, locally and throughout the world. In addition to promoting scientific, environmental, and geographic knowledge, students will gain global awareness, an

Disaster Preparedness

appreciation for significant issues affecting human populations, and a familiarity with other countries and cultures. Furthermore, the lessons develop youths’ appreciation of more complex global issues such as the role of humanitarian action in developing countries and the plight of refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) around the world.

b.) Disaster preparedness: This applied learning module empowers students to prepare their own families for disasters specific to their communities. Using a ShelterBox kit as an example, students explore materials that should be included in their own families’ preparedness kits and learn how to design a family disaster preparedness plan.

c.) Character building: This optional program component encourages students to explore possibilities for helping disaster survivors locally and abroad through volunteerism and philanthropy.

ShelterBox USA needs volunteer Youth Representatives to introduce Young ShelterBox USA to local schools, and teachers and other education professionals to assist in the development of Young ShelterBox USA lesson plans and other materials. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at schools@shelterboxusa.org.

TEACHER AND STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“The ShelterBox project has brought a new sense of global awareness to our school. Our students have learned about other countries and peoples who have experienced natural and manmade disasters. ShelterBox has provided a way for us to help and feel some responsibility for others in the world. Additionally, through the

Global Awareness

project, our students have come to appreciate and be grateful that they live in the U.S.”

—**Sister Cathy Bonfield, SSND, Teacher, St. Martha School (K-8), Sarasota, FL**

“When choosing a project for Nolan Middle School’s National Junior Honor Society, I knew I wanted to help an organization that provided shelter. ShelterBox USA exceeded my standards, and gave the students at Nolan an opportunity to reach out and help people around the globe. I could not have been more impressed with the presentations we had at our school. ShelterBox helped show the students how fortunate they were, and that they were capable of lending a hand. ShelterBox USA provides an amazing service to people worldwide, and I would recommend supporting this group to anyone.”

—**Mackenzie, 8th Grade Student, Nolan Middle School, Bradenton, FL**

“Initially I introduced ShelterBox to my students for the purpose of exposing them to an agency that provided help on a worldwide scale. The ShelterBox experiences were real, timely, and unique. My students were actively engaged in purposeful learning activities touching all areas of the curriculum—from Language Arts, to Math, to Social Studies, to Science, and to Writing. The ShelterBox experience exceeded my expectations that I initially had and created memories that my fourth graders will never forget... all because of a big green box!”

—**Jamie Reagan, Nationally Board Certified Teacher, Gene Witt Elementary School, Bradenton FL**

Join Our Youth Group by Signing up Today to be a Youth Rep

Quotes from Youth Groups Across the USA

Interact Club

"When three of my friends and I attended the Interact Symposium in Irvine California this year the experience as a whole was amazing. The one thing however that stood out the most to my friends and I was Shelter Box and what it does moved us very much."

Cathedral Catholic Interact Club

Rotaract Club

"I would like to be Shelterbox Representative of District 7620. I would love to help anyway I can."

Leader of the Rotaract Club of District 7620

Schools

"One of our staff brought your organization to my attention and we thought it'd be a concrete way to connect the kids. The jar I left out collected \$230 in a single day and one of our students collected over \$50 on her own. It's really empowering and kids were donating all day and even seeking me out as they hadn't had the chance." **Teacher at The Shalhevet School in Los Angeles**



Interactors collecting donations for ShelterBox for Haiti with Jim Carriere: SF Bay Area ShelterBox Representative



Above: An injured Haitian girl in a ShelterBox tent and a street scene

Join the Youth Team Today

Email us at:

schools@shelterboxusa.org

Put Youth Team in the subject line

We will get you started right away!



FROM THE EDITOR

Please stay in touch and keep me informed about the exciting youth presentations, lessons on global awareness and fundraising activities you are involved with. A description of the group you are working with, including location, and how they are becoming involved with ShelterBox would be great. Include pictures whenever possible. You know the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words!"

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