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## **Orinda Rotary Sends Relief to Haiti**

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The members of the Orinda Rotary Club raised \$3,500.00 for Haitian relief and the Club matched the funds with another \$3,500.00 for a total of \$7,000.00. Each \$1,000.00 will purchase a Shelterbox that consists of a tent, cooking supplies, water purification and miscellaneous items for ten people.

More than 60,000 Shelterboxes have been distributed since the Shelterbox program began at a Rotary Club in England; about 5,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide have since supported Shelterbox. What is in a Shelterbox:

- One 49 gallon box (the Shelterbox), initially the container for delivery of the materials.
- One ten-person tent, including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered "winter suitable" by international relief standards.
- Vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets. More compact than sleeping bags, these mats and blankets have multiple uses.
- One pack of 180 water purification tablets or a water purification kit; and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container.
- Eating utensils: enamel plates/cups.
- Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers.
- One collapsible trenching shovel.
- Rope, 164 foot.
- Repellant-treated mosquito netting.
- Ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags.
- Multi-fueled cook stove.
- Tool kit in canvas bag: hatchet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe head etc.
- Children's activity kit--simple school supplies, stickers and coloring book.

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