

## **Urgent Appeal to my fellow Rotarians of District 5440**

This is an **urgent appeal** to donate funds to Shelterbox. All of us are aware of the severe human suffering caused by the Myanmar cyclone disaster and, in order to avoid a catastrophe of staggering proportions, we need to deal with the immediate need in its aftermath for efficient disaster relief efforts.

Shelterbox is one of the very few organizations allowed to bring its experts and 'Shelterboxes' into Myanmar. Therefore this is a defining moment for all of us to contribute to this noble work.

Please ask your club committees and individual members **to donate now**. You can do this by pledging directly on the Shelterbox website or through sending a check to their address.

Please mention your club name and our district 5440 when you do so and let me know by e-mail about your contributions so that I can report those through the appropriate channels.

I will be glad to provide you with more information.

Thank you so much for taking a donation to Shelterbox into consideration. Also please read the following message from Beth Palmer.

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### **Message from Beth Palmer, Executive Director Shelterbox USA**

Attached is our latest ShelterBox press release on our activity in Myanmar (Burma). If you have not yet heard, a ShelterBox Relief Team has gained access into Myanmar on Thursday May 8th. Since then, they have been distributing ShelterBoxes and instructing Myanmar officials in its use. More ShelterBoxes are due in this weekend with a special chartered flight of 1000 Boxes tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday.

This is a link to the RI site regarding this particularly challenging deployment:

[http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080509\\_news\\_myanmar.aspx](http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080509_news_myanmar.aspx)

If it appears your district will have a surplus of designated funds undistributed, please consider a donation to the Myanmar relief effort. Its not too late to put a challenge match out to clubs who have yet to participate in ShelterBox.

Beth Palmer, Executive Director

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