

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

With 2018 done and dusted, we can look back with a great deal of pride on the difference ShelterBox, with all its supporters, has made in the world.

This year, your support has helped:

- Over 210,000 people;
- That's over 30,000 families supported with emergency shelter aid and other essential household items, including tents, tarpaulins, tool kits, blankets, mosquito nets, solar lights, cooking sets, water carriers and water filters;
- And a further 12,000 families were supported with essential household items, including blankets, mosquito nets, solar lights, cooking sets, water carriers and water filters.

You've helped us respond 18 times to reach families affected by natural disasters and conflict:

- Eight conflict responses;
- Ten natural disaster responses: four tropical cyclones (hurricanes and typhoons), two earthquakes, two floods, one drought and one volcanic activity.

Your help has reached across 17 countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, British Virgin Islands, Chad, Cameroon, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Syria, Somalia and Vanuatu.
- Our volunteer Response Team Members have given an incredible 1120 days of their time, energy and skill, leaving their own families to help provide emergency shelter and vital support to families around the world who have lost so much.

ShelterBox is proud to be an official project partner of Rotary International. Local Rotary groups and Rotarians around the world have helped families in almost all our 10 responses to natural disasters.

Thank you for your support as we strive to ensure no family is without shelter. Together, we do make a difference.

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RI president elect Mark Daniel Maloney announces his presidential theme for 2019-20. (Photo: Alyce Henson/Rotary International)

## NEW THEME ANNOUNCED **ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD**

President elect Mark Daniel Maloney announced the 2019-20 theme – *Rotary Connects the World* – to incoming district governors at the International Assembly in San Diego, US, on Monday, January 14.

During his address, Mark explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

"Rotary allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," he said. "It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help. Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal. In this ever-more divided world, Rotary connects us all."

Mark also addressed some of the issues clubs need to tackle head-on to ensure Rotary has a future.

He said we all need to look at new ways of adapting to ensure Rotary remains strong in its ability to serve the global community. Widespread culture change is necessary to ensure younger people, who have busy family and professional lives, can

become Rotarians and Rotary leaders.

"We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it," Mark said. "That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level."

He believes Rotary must adapt to suit the lives of young professionals with decades of services to give, not close ourselves off with unnecessary expectations that mean only retirees can cope with time demands.

"The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service, to grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more."

Mark also wishes to focus on Rotary's relationship with the United Nations during his term, with who we have worked for decades to address humanitarian issues around the world.

"Rotary shares the United Nations' enduring commitment to a healthier, more peaceful, and more sustainable world," Mark said. "And Rotary offers something no other organisation can match: an existing infrastructure that allows people from all over the world to connect in a spirit of service and peace and take meaningful action toward that goal."