

**HAITI EMERGENCY
SHELTERBOX RESPONSE UPDATE
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Additional shipments have arrived by sea and air bringing the total on the ground to about 3,000 with another 2000 being packed and in transit. This brings the current commitment of ShelterBox to 5,000 units or \$5,000,0000.

ShelterBox Tents are providing shelter for kids in a local orphanage, post operative patients at the airfield and Bernard Mews Hospital in Freres, a suburb of Port au Prince where people are laying on the sidewalks and streets in unbelievable conditions waiting for care.

Two new priorities established in agreement with the local community and aid agencies include:

- 1) Initial tent allocation directed to families with newborn babies and pregnant women. Providing tents, blankets, water containers, children's pack and kitchenware
- 2) A ShelterBox Camp for 1000 people on the Henfrasa sports field in Delmas, Port au Prince

Dutch Marines have helpfully provided storage at the airport and security during distribution. SRT continues to work with ACTED, Rotarians and the French Red Cross in distribution.

SRT Mark Pearson comments: Walking wounded are everywhere. People are being taken to hospitals in wheelbarrows with legs bandaged in plastic bags. People only feel safe in tents because of the fear of building collapse.

Clubs, organizations and individuals in District 7500 are responding with strength and diversity. Currently 48.75 Boxes have been committed with 30 paid. This is just the beginning as Matawan, Medford, Pt. Pleasant Boro, Maple Shade, Moorestown, Jackson and others are sponsoring events to raise funds. Interact Clubs are holding fund raisers and working with their sponsor clubs.

If you have not yet talked to your Interact club, business and social organizations – PLEASE DO. Jim Gamble of Southern Ocean succeeded in generating two ShelterBoxes through the Ocean County Realtors.

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