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### **BATH ROTARIANS TO HELP WITH DISASTER RELIEF**

At a recent hybrid meeting of the Bath Rotary Club Rich Comins of the Webster Rotary Club delivered a presentation on ShelterBox, an international relief program, supported by Rotary International whose mission is to provide service to others.

ShelterBox, whose headquarters is in England, monitors disasters around the world, and its teams are on standby to hand-deliver emergency shelter and essential supplies to the families impacted by natural disaster and conflict. Since each disaster and community is different, the company listens to the communities it serves and its partners, like Rotary, with whom it works in order to empower the families in need with the knowledge, skills, tools, and materials needed for the best possible chance of long-term recovery.

The sturdy, green ShelterBoxes are filled with a vast number of essential items a family needs to begin the process of recovery, including a large custom-made tent, an emergency water filter system, building materials, inflatable solar-powered lights, hygiene articles, blankets, cooking set, a small grill, and other necessary items. The aid items are continuously reviewed, adapted, and improved for future responses.

Comins actually brought one of the ShelterBoxes to the local club's recent meeting so that the Rotarians could view the contents. He loaned the box to the local club so it can display the box and its contents in a local business' storefront. The Bath Rotarians hope that the display informs local community members of this disaster relief program and that the community members may thus consider supporting the club in providing \$1000 to purchase a unit to be used somewhere throughout the world in an upcoming disaster.

For more information regarding the program visit the website: [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org).

Anyone wanting more information about the local club's participation in the ShelterBox program and/or donating funds to support the local club in paying for a ShelterBox should contact Amanda Chafee, Bath Rotary Club President, at: [achafee@gmail.com](mailto:achafee@gmail.com). The local club is also planning to donate funds for the recent Steuben County flood damage.