

# Rotary supports earthquake victims

Rotary International sprung into action from day one of the disastrous Haiti earthquake and thousands of Rotary clubs worldwide are contributing to assist the victims of this catastrophe.

Shelter boxes are being airlifted to the disaster area with more than 400 per day being sent from London and hundreds more from other parts of the world including Australia.

The local district of 9500, which includes Whyalla, has already sent six shelter boxes and Rotary Clubs are calling for donations from their communities to purchase more as shelter becomes paramount.

Funds are desperately needed and to this end Rotary International has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

Contributions can be made through local Rotary clubs and more information can be obtained by visiting [www.rotary.org/daf](http://www.rotary.org/daf).

Only one per cent of the money donated is being used for administration so that 99 per cent of the funds reach those who desperately need

assistance.

The Rotary Club of Whyalla received an email, posted on January 19 from Past District Governor Dick McCombe, who is serving as the Haiti liaison hair for Rotary District 7020, which includes Haiti.

Here are a few highlights from his correspondence.

"Rotarians in Jamaica are now in the process of shipping the big and heavy stuff from the USA through Jamaica via Air Jamaica and onto Port a Prince," Mr McCombe wrote.

"We have huge generators, water makers, water etc going that way.

"Our Southern Command will meet with us to plan the ground distribution to remote sites in Haiti.

"This will work hand in hand with the Shelter box camps."

The situation is difficult for Rotarians but they are working together alongside other organisations to get help where it is most needed and the Rotary Club of Whyalla will provide as much support as possible as will all rotary clubs worldwide.