



# ROTARY AT WORK

service above self



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## ShelterBox Canada contributes disaster relief worldwide

ShelterBox is an official project partner of Rotary International. This past year ShelterBox Canada sought aid to support victims of the Nepal earthquake. With the support of rotary clubs throughout Canada and many other donors, over 1.4 million dollars was raised. The Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak sponsored a ShelterBox as did the Rotary Club of Nelson, with assistance from Interactors attending the district conference.

ShelterBox recently made a few administrative changes. As ShelterBox grows and expands, the logistical and back end work that goes into providing box numbers for every donor is starting to take away time from fundraising for people who need help most. Many donors don't care whether they receive a box number or not. ShelterBox is trying, where possible, to move away from box numbers. To be clear, people can still sponsor ShelterBoxes without receiving a box number. ShelterBox will still provide the option to sponsor a ShelterBox with a box number for people who really want it, but donors are now being encouraged to donate to aid, or where their donation is needed the most, over box sponsorship. The donation options are now:

ShelterBox Aid (ShelterBoxes, ShelterKits, SchoolBoxes)

- Where my donation is needed the most
- Sponsorship of a ShelterBox (you will receive a box number)
- These options can be found on the



donation page on the Shelter Box website: [www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate\\_form.php](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org/donate_form.php).

The Rosslund Rotary club and our community achieved "Shelterbox Hero Status" by helping send seven Shelterboxes to Nepal this year.

We would like to thank all donors and special thanks to J.L Crowe students, staff and Interact for their contribution of \$3098 and Rosslund Summit School fundraised \$2240 towards the seven boxes. In the past we have also sent ShelterBoxes to Haiti, Pakistan, East Africa and the Philippines (Tsunami and Earthquake). Watch for a ShelterBox set up in Rosslund.

## Another milestone to celebrate in polio eradication



August 11 marked a significant milestone for Africa in its effort to eradicate polio from the continent. A full year has passed since Africa's last reported case caused by the wild poliovirus. This is the second month to cautiously celebrate polio eradication in Africa; in July there was celebration when Nigeria achieved no new polio victims in the past year

Somalia was the last country to identify a new case, which occurred on Aug. 11, 2014. While Africa has achieved an important public health milestone, the job is not yet finished. To end polio forever, all countries — both endemic and non-endemic — must strengthen routine immunization, address gaps in disease surveillance and do more to reach children who are still being missed by vaccinators.

"We cannot wind down our efforts

now. We need to continue immunizing until the last country is certified polio-free, and thereafter," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "As long as the virus remains anywhere in the world, it is only a plane ride away."

"Rotary members have many opportunities to make a difference, including being part of history as we seek a polio-free world," McGovern says. "Members have led the way in fundraising and lining up volunteer support for polio eradication."

During the next four years, the Government of Canada will contribute two dollars for every dollar raised by Rotary Foundation Canada in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Endgame Strategy, to a maximum contribution of \$12 million. The funds will be provided to UNICEF to support the goal of eradicating polio worldwide by 2018.

Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits for polio, up to \$35 million a year. Local Rotarians are thrilled with this multiplier effect for every dollar that they raise to contribute to the Polio Fund of The Rotary Foundation Canada.

# Thank you!

The Rotary Club of Rosslund would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our food tent at the Huck 'en Berries Bike Jam event on August 29.

Profits to go toward Rosslund community projects such as many of our youth programs, including youth exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Adventures in Citizenship, skatepark, and support of our Interact club.

Congratulations to Rosslund Rubberhead Bike Festival and their committees for a successful month of activities and allowing us to be part of it.

## Meet our exchange student from Germany!

Hi my name is Carla Herbst. I am sixteen years old and I attend Grade 11 at J.L Crowe.

I am an exchange student from Germany and will live in Rosslund for one year. This is my second exchange. Last summer I spent six weeks in Brazil.

My home city, Homburg, is in the southwest of Germany. Not to be confused with Hamburg the big city in the north. Nobody knows Homburg — even German people — but everybody knows our famous beer "Karlsberg." We have a population of 40,000 people.

I am the youngest in a family of six children — four boys and two girls.

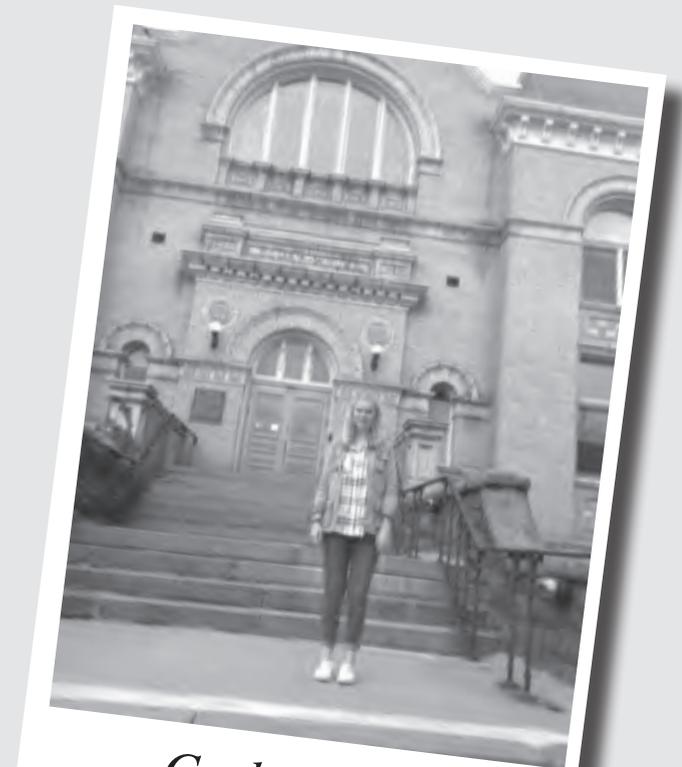
Back home I like to swim, go horseback riding, ski, play the piano and meet my friends.

I am looking forward to all the snow in Rosslund because in Homburg we don't have much snow.

You have such a beautiful area, all the mountains, trees and lakes. And the people here in Rosslund are so friendly and helpful.

So far I really enjoy my time and my experiences in Canada.

I am so excited that I have already seen two bears!



Carla Herbst