

Rotary Club of Rothesay-Kings: 2013 Boots n' Bikes for the Dominican Republic



An empty container sits outside St. Vincent's gym.

The gym contained donated hospital equipment, as well as clothing, toys and food that had been collected over the past 8 months. The hospital equipment is destined for the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, DR.

We had no idea, when we started to empty the gym, if the container would be filled, or if we'd have room for the collection of bicycles and footwear the following week.



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After 1 hour's work, the container is already 1/3 full



Hospital beds are HEAVY. It takes 6 men to lift a bed into the container. There were 27 beds like this one.



This surgical table weighed 800-900 pounds, and needed a block-and-tackle to lift it.

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The last bed required special handling because there was no room left in the container for anyone to stand there and receive it. The container was so full, the bed had to rest on its side, on the very end of the container



After 4 hours' work, a happy group of volunteers. Represented are members of Tabernacle Baptist Church, International Longshoreman's Association and Rotary Club of Rothesay-Kings.

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We needed a second container to run our public collection campaign.

For both containers,
Black's Transfer provided all container movements free-of-charge;
Ritchie's Building & Flooring Centre allowed us to use their parking lot as the collection point;
McIntyre's Moving & Storage provided materials and loading aids.
Tropical Shipping provided container leasing and shipping "at cost".

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We are about 1/2-way through the day at this point. A church donated 96 stackable chairs, seen at the back of the container.



All bicycles were checked...



before being loaded into the container

Through the efforts of many volunteers and the help of a number of businesses, we were able to collect

Over 100 bicycles, and about 1,200 pairs of footwear