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Six kids in Spotsylvania County, Virginia held their third-annual read-a-thon to raise money for ShelterBox. Jack, Chris, Anna, Xander, John, and Michael raised a total of \$2,703 dollars by reading over 9,000 minutes! They asked sponsors around their community to pledge money for every minute they read and it paid off.

Two summers ago Jack, Chris, and Anna Gleason heard about our disaster relief organization and wanted to help, so they started their annual Read for Shelter. The kids, ranging from ages 9 to 16, all wanted to contribute their time to benefit the distribution of aid to victims of disasters around the world. Anna was the winner, raising \$714. We are sending the participants ShelterBox shirts and giftcards to use in the [ShelterBox store](#) as a big thank you!

"It's all about working together as a community to make an impact. The ideas and projects turn out to make a world of difference," Anna said.

The Gleasons are a family dedicated to serving their local and international community. Their philanthropic work was recognized by President Obama last year when Jack, Chris, Anna, and their mom won the Presidential Volunteer Award for Service from ShelterBox. This is an amazing accomplishment and we thank you for everything you do.

Do you want to hold a Read-a-Thon competition for ShelterBox in your community? It is easy and fun for classrooms or an entire school! If you have any questions feel free to [contact us](#) and we would love to help you with your fundraiser that not only helps promote reading, but disaster relief as well.

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