

EIGHT ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE 50,000 ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT TO CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

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Project: Provide Personal Protection Equipment to Congregate Living facilities impacted by COVID.

The BWI Rotary Club, (Rotary Club of BWI Airport), in conjunction with Rotary clubs from Frederick, Montgomery, and Howard Counties and the Rotary Club of Purulia (West Bengal, India), have raised funds for the purchase of PPE supplies for distribution to Assisted Living facilities impacted by the second wave of COVID. Over the past few weeks shipments have arrived in Urbana, MD for distribution. In the past week, BWI Rotary distributed PPE supplies to eight Assisted Living facilities in Linthicum, Glen Burnie, and Pasadena.

Arundel County facilities: A & E Homecare; Abraham's Garden

Assisted Living, Inc.; G and C Care Assisted Living; Inspirations Memory Care of Linthicum; Oak Lodge Senior Home; Peartree House, Inc.; Unlimited Solutions Adult Care; Walker's Group Assisted Living.

What we provided:

We worked with the Facility Administrators to understand what PPE was needed. We put together assistance packages for each of the facilities that contained items of PPE, including Surgical Masks, N95 Respirators, Face Shields, Eye Protection, Boxes of Gloves, Gowns.

Who we Helped:

Twenty eight facilities across Maryland (Rotary District 7620). Including facilities in Frederick, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Montgomery Counties.

Who we are:

Eight Maryland Rotary Clubs:
Rotary Clubs of Southern

Frederick County, Fredericktowne, Montgomery Village, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Potomac, Columbia Town Center, Howard West and BWI Airport.

International Sponsor: Rotary Club of Purulia West Bengal, India

Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation

District Grant from Rotary District 7620

Disaster Aid USA – 501c3 - Rotarians providing International and Domestic Disaster Response

Funding:

The Eight Clubs above, along with the International Sponsor and Disaster Aid USA, worked together to raise \$19,500 then applied to Rotary District 7620 for a Grant of \$15,000 and to The Rotary Foundation for a Global Grant of 22,750 for a total of \$57,250 in Project funds. Over 50,000 items of PPE were distributed.

[Below L-R] Inspirations – Bruce Fink, BWI Rotary member; G and C Care – Carolyn Cabauatan; Oak Lodge – Jay Lee; Peartree – Rena Buckreis.

