

GOOGLE DONATES 49,000 FACE SHIELDS FOR LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Will protect frontline COVID-19 healthcare workers throughout Silicon Valley. "We're feeling lucky," says Valley Medical Foundation CEO Chris Wilder

SAN JOSE, CA, USA, April 23, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Responding to a national shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers, the Valley Medical Center Foundation announced today a donation of 49,000 face shields designed and assembled by teams at Google. The shields will be deployed at hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and other high-risk environments throughout Santa Clara County during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Google is stepping up in our most trying time in Santa Clara County," said Cindy Chavez, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. "Thanks for standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our community."

Google developed the face shields in consultation with physicians and nurses at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospitals & Clinics. The device is made of clear plastic, foam and elastic – materials that are in short supply given the high demand for PPE, and is intended to shield the face from liquid spray and droplets. Google was able to tap its global supply chain and source needed materials, and devoted a team of engineers to design and fabricate locally.

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The donation caps off a month of remarkable generosity from other Silicon Valley-based companies, small businesses, faith organizations, student groups and community organizations that have donated over 2 million items of PPE to the VMC Foundation. But to Wilder, the

Google donation is special.

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Face shield distribution will be coordinated by the County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center.

The files have been published through GitHub and are available to anyone.

Link to B-Roll:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nocrukslf9iq1da/AABbtcfHa-o-SgZ4WpClZcjDa?dl=0>

Link to photography:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-O7gLS8fSnT5N2zQ2Ofj1-H91dUAMxo?usp=sharing>

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The Valley Medical Center Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization founded to support Silicon Valley's most essential healthcare institution – Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospitals & Clinics. In partnership with SCVMC, the VMC Foundation raises philanthropic dollars to improve existing services, pioneer new models of care, and advance the cause of high-quality healthcare for all. It is the only hospital foundation in the United States accredited by the Standards of Excellence Institute for nonprofit ethics. For more information on how to support



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healthcare workers during the COVID 19 crisis, visit www.vmcfoundation.org/covid19.

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