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PRESS RELEASE UPDATE
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UPDATED 3/24/20: DONATIONS NOW ONLY BEING ACCEPTED AT THREE LOCATIONS

**AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK ASKS AUSTINITES TO DROP OFF
PERSONAL PROTECTION SUPPLIES AT 3 LOCATIONS**

Updated March 25, 2020: March 22, 2020, Austin, TX – In response to the protection gear supply chain shortages for the medical community and healthcare workers throughout greater Austin, the Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is partnering with the City of Austin Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and Austin Public Health (APH) to facilitate the collection of protective gear from the public.

In anticipation that supply chain challenges continue, it is expected that these critical supplies will be needed by front-line healthcare workers treating of COVID-19 patients in the coming weeks. HSEM and APH are working together to distribute the donated supplies based on need.

Austinites are encouraged to donate the following supplies:

- Hand Sanitizer (of all sizes)
- Anti-bacterial Soap
- N95 Masks (NEW)
- Surgical Masks (NEW) *Note: Homemade masks are also being accepted. Please follow Clinically-Requested Specs found at <https://austincovid.openproposals.dellmed.utexas.edu/#/needs/5e77d48ba698163bbf3074ff/proposals>*
- Industrial Masks (N-95 or Dust)
- Disinfectant Wipes (NEW)
- Latex Free Gloves
- Eye Protection Goggles or glasses (NEW)
- Face Shields (NEW)
- Protective Gowns (water resistant)
- Disposable Food Grade Gloves
- Thermometers (NEW only) - old style or new style, especially non-contact version

Additionally, in response to requests by HSEM and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), ADRN is also seeking donations of portable handwashing stations. For more details around this request, please email logistics@adrntx.org.

ADRN is asking the public to drop off their extra supplies at the back dock of ADRN Headquarters/HOPE Family Thrift Store (1122 East 51st Street, Austin 78723), Sunday, March 22nd through March 28th, from 10AM-6PM. ADRN will ensure that all supplies get the appropriate sources. All donations are tax deductible.

MARCH 25, 2020 UPDATE: ADRN is also accepting donations at the following churches beginning today, Wed., March 25, 2020, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.:

Celebration Church (North)

601 Westinghouse Rd – Georgetown, TX 78626

Life Austin (Southwest)

8901 W Hwy 71 – Austin, TX 78736

As of March 25, 2020, we are no longer accepting donations at the following locations:

Greater Mt. Zion (East)

4301 Tannehill Ln – Austin, TX 78721

Expression Church (Northwest)

3502 Hatch Rd – Austin, TX 78613

Shoreline – South Campus

2008 Brandt Rd – Austin, TX 78744

“What a great opportunity for Austinites to pay it forward to a community of professionals that have always been there for us in our time of need,” said Daniel Geraci, Executive Director of the Austin Disaster Relief Network. “I personally went through my own stash of personal protection gear and dropped off a box full of new protection supplies to make sure healthcare workers are protected as they assist those impacted by the coronavirus.”

“I’m also calling on Austinites to join him in what I’m calling the ‘*Coronavirus Challenge*.’ As the coronavirus tries to take away life, we can help give life by giving out of our own abundance to help healthcare professionals,” Geraci said. (See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PluM3gwfZA&feature=youtu.be>)

In addition to collecting supplies for the medical community, **ADRN is also raising funds to ensure we have the resources and manpower needed to support the Church of Austin and our trained volunteers as we coordinate and manage a city-wide response.** All funds raised will go toward providing churches and volunteers with the tools, trainings and resources needed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Donations can be made online through <https://adrn.org/give/> or mailed to: ADRN, P.O. Box 15424, Austin, TX 78761 (Attn: *Coronavirus Response*.)

ABOUT ADRN

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 190 greater Austin churches and thousands of trained volunteers. ADRN’s network enables church members to organize, prepare and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, large or small. ADRN network churches, volunteers, business partners, local agencies and community organizations provide in-kind and monetary donations and additional volunteer assistance that enable ADRN to fund the rebuild/repair of survivor homes and provide immediate assistance to those in crisis. Since 2009, ADRN has brought emotional, physical and spiritual relief to more than 43,000 individuals, sponsored more than 3,100 families and given more than \$16.0 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at ADRN.org.

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