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## **AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK ASKS AUSTINITES TO DROP OFF PERSONAL PROTECTION SUPPLIES AT 4 LOCATIONS**

**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)
- Antibacterial Soap
- N95 Masks (NEW)
- Surgical Masks (NEW)
- 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

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

ADRN is also partnering with three greater Austin Churches to provide additional drop-off locations for Austinites starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:

### **Celebration Church (North)**

601 Westinghouse Rd - Georgetown, TX 78626  
Mon-Fri, 10-2PM

**Greater Mt. Zion (East)**

4301 Tannehill Ln - Austin TX 78721

Mon-Fri, 10-2PM

**Life Austin (Southwest)**

8901 W Hwy 71 - Austin TX 78736

Mon-Fri, 10-2PM

“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 were protected as they assist those impacted by the coronavirus. I am also personally asking Austinites to join me in what I am calling the Coronavirus Challenge, as the coronavirus is trying to take away life, I am asking Austinites to give life by giving out of their abundance to help healthcare professionals.” See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PluM3gwfZA&feature=youtu.be>

**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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