

# 2020 "IDAHO PPE DRIVE" SPECIAL REPORT

## STRONGER TOGETHER!

Hands of Hope NW hosted a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Drive on Saturday, March 28th, at Albertsons Stadium in Boise. The PPE drive was the initiative of a local nurse who saw the need to protect our valued health care workers on the frontlines in the battle against the coronavirus. In less than a week, she garnered support from legislators, the media, and the medical community, and asked Hands of Hope Executive Director, Todd Durbin, to host the event. Todd didn't hesitate and went to work mobilizing volunteers to help with the drive.

"We weren't sure what to expect, or if anyone would show up during the stay-at-home order," Todd said, "but the Governor approved the event as an essential service."

There was a steady stream of vehicles from noon until 4pm, with people from all walks of life bringing their PPE supplies. The event beat all expectations, thanks to the amazing response from businesses and families who sacrificed their time and PPE product to give back to their community. This drive was a testament to how strong our community is and what a supportive place it is to live during a crisis that touches us all.



## COMMUNITY IN ACTION!



"What an awesome day! Kids wrote notes of support that were attached to boxes of gloves, a lovely elderly woman made home-made cookies and a couple looped back around to bring us donuts in show of support. We had local businesses, entire families, med students, artisans, moms of kids who had gone through cancer treatments and all around lovely citizens of the valley that donated today. We filled an entire box truck with pallets of supplies.

We had 41 businesses that were involved in donating supplies today. For some you could see the sadness in their eyes that they were currently closed. However, for many I think it gave them a sense of purpose and feeling that even if they weren't helping their own patients/clients, their efforts were going to help someone. Thank you to the Treasure Valley community for stepping up to help protect your local healthcare providers!" - *Gina Gorden, RN and event organizer.*



Hands of Hope NW thanks all those who organized, promoted, volunteered, and donated PPE to make this event successful. The coronavirus crisis will come to an end and we look forward to a day when we can meet and greet each other again!



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## BUSINESSES THAT GAVE PPE

Hands of Hope NW thanks more than 40 local businesses that donated Personal Protective Equipment for the Idaho PPE Drive. Let's do our best to support them when they re-open.

Click [Businesses](#), or visit [HandsofHopeNW](#) to see a list of these businesses with links to their Facebook pages. Read the testimonials from two businesses that gave PPE supplies and one that received them.



## LAKE HARBOR DENTAL

"We have been closed for a couple of weeks now, besides emergency care, and so the gear that we would normally use to protect ourselves and patients is just sitting on shelves. As much as we would love to get back to work, that likely won't be a reality until the curve flattens. So Lake Harbor Dental decided to help how we could. Our state dental association shared the news of need and we decided to help.

Thanks [Hands of Hope Northwest Inc.](#) for organizing the donation effort and for getting the PPE to where it is most needed on the front lines for Covid-19 testing and treatment."



## SALTZER HEALTH

"We are so grateful to [Hands of Hope Northwest Inc.](#) for their donation of personal protective equipment (PPE). This gift will help to keep our clinical team safe! Hands of Hope NW provided gloves in various sizes, several cases of procedure masks, N-95 masks, surgical gowns and face shields. Saltzer Health has a longtime partnership with Hands of Hope Northwest, a Nampa-based non-profit that collects medical equipment for distribution to hospitals and clinics in developing countries. We are so excited to receive such a generous gift from Hands of Hope Northwest Inc. Our entire team thanks you!!!!"

## DR. TRISTAN GALLOWAY, DDS

"Dr. G gathering Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to donate to local hospitals. Thanks to [Hands of Hope Northwest Inc.](#) for coordinating this effort!"



Volunteers who sorted, counted, and packed PPE at our Nampa warehouse for distribution to local healthcare providers.



## MEDIA COVERAGE

If you missed the media coverage, check out these links:

### Channel 6 (KIVI-TV)

[Medical personal protection equipment drives takes place on Saturday at Albertsons Stadium](#)

[Hands of Hope collects medical supplies through a donation drive](#)

### Channel 2 (KBOI-TV)

[Idaho News: Hands of Hope collects PPE at Albertsons Stadium](#)

### Idaho Statesman

[Idahoans step up to donate medical supplies: Boise State, SmileDirectClub help, too](#)