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Grace Farms Foundation Distributes More Equipment to Fight COVID-19 in CT, Looks for Donations

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Grace Farms Alliance Against COVID-19 has distributed more than 150,000 N95 respirator masks — 30,000 more than announced on April 2 — and is poised to deliver an additional 150,000 to the front lines, including Connecticut hospitals, COVID-19 clinics and testing sites, first responders and skilled nursing facilities in local towns this week.

— *an announcement from* [Grace Farms Foundation](#)

An additional 50,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including surgical and disposable masks, coveralls, and goggles have also been delivered and are currently in use statewide.

Despite the Alliance's efficient supply chain infrastructure and large deliveries, significantly more PPE is required to fill the gap to protect front-line healthcare workers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Grace Farms Foundation is actively seeking additional philanthropic support to ensure the Relief Fund continues to fill the need for PPE throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- Anyone interested in supporting the Fund and learning about Grace Farms Foundation's efforts can donating online by going to [this Web page](#) on the Grace Farms Foundation website. Click on "Donate to the Relief fund *for* Connecticut."
- Recipients of supplies from the Grace Farms Relief Fund *for* Connecticut include first responders in Darien as well as Stamford and Norwalk Hospitals, where Darien residents are most likely to go.

Over the weekend, the \$2.5 million Grace Farms Relief Fund *for* Connecticut received an additional \$80,000 in funding from individuals and organizations across the state, and an in-kind donation from Ningxia Foundation of more than nearly 40,000 PPEs, including isolation coveralls and certified respirators.

In the coming weeks, more than 295,000 N95 respirator masks, 180,000 face shields and 26,000 coveralls will arrive. Distribution has focused on the epicenter of the virus (Fairfield and New Haven counties) in the state of Connecticut and will expand outward as demand is addressed. A full list of partners and recipients can be found [here](#).

According to emergency responders in the state, the nearly 1 million pieces of PPE now procured by the Grace Farms Alliance will not be enough to meet the urgent demand.

Since publicly announcing the Relief Fund *for* Connecticut on April 2, the Alliance has been fielding daily real-time requests from healthcare workers in dire situations. The PPE donated by Grace Farms Foundation is being distributed by New Canaan Fire Company #1.

On April 2, 2020 Grace Farms Foundation announced a \$2.5 million Grace Farms Relief Fund *for* Connecticut and the Grace Farms Alliance Against COVID-19 to help address the scarcity of PPE for health care workers in hospitals and municipalities across the state.

The foundation is using its knowledge of complex global supply chains and unique ability to convene partners across sectors to swiftly source, purchase, and deliver PPE to those most in need, effectively navigating complex bureaucratic roadblocks around the world.

About Grace Farms Foundation

Grace Farms Foundation supports initiatives in the areas of nature, arts, justice, community, and faith, and encourages participation locally and globally.

The Foundation carries out its work through the publicly available facilities and integrated programs of Grace Farms, an 80-acre property owned and operated by the Foundation.

Grace Farms was established as an essential platform for the Foundation, serving as a welcoming place where individuals, not-for-profit organizations, and government entities come together to collaborate for the common good.

Donor Organizations and Recipients

Grace Farms Alliance Against COVID-19as of April 2, 2020

- Town of New Canaan Emergency Management
- Town of New Canaan Fire and PoliceDepartments
- Hamilton Beach Brands, Inc.
- Helena Foundation
- Ningxia Yanbao Foundation
- Building and Land Technology
- XJ Group

Grace FarmsRelief Fund for Connecticut Medical Relief Supplies RECIPIENTS as of April 2, 2020

- St. Vincent's Medical Center
- Stamford Health
- Norwalk Hospital

- Danbury Hospital

- Yale New Haven Health

- Bridgeport Hospital

- Greenwich Hospital

- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital

- Westerly Hospital

- Yale New Haven Hospital

- Northeast Medical Group

- Waveny Care Center

- Silver Hill Hospital

- Community Health Center, Inc. (14 COVID-19 testing sites) Towns

First Responder Medical Relief Supply Recipients as of April 2, 2020

- New Canaan • Bridgeport • Darien • Easton • Fairfield • Greenwich • Monroe • Norwalk • Stamford • Stratford • Trumbull • Weston • Westport • Wilton