

## **Volunteer to Make Protective Masks!**

Due to the coronavirus, many of our local hospitals are faced with medical supply shortages. Due to this critical shortage, hospitals have made an unprecedented decision to accept hand sewn face masks from volunteers in our community.

SWS Parent/RN, Karla Burgess, created a local face mask sewing group to support these needs and she is coordinating over 600+ volunteers who are doing anything from cutting fabric, ironing, sewing and driving to pick up completed masks. The general-masks go to various people who need them in the community. The hospital-bound masks go to central hub locations so hospitals can use their cleaning protocols to make sure they are as clean as possible prior to entering a hospital. The local sewing group is trying to support Sutter Health (RV & Sac), Dignity Health (Mercy Gen & Mercy SJ), Marshall Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente(Sac, SSac, RV), our local VA Hospital and UCD Medical Center.

Karla is also reaching out to businesses in our community. She recently coordinated with a local uniform company to make simple face masks and face shields. Karla delivered a huge set of both to the Sutter Sac Heart Transplant Team last Friday afternoon. Karla says, "Supplies are now at a critical level, so we are trying to do what we can, as fast as we can. It's both incredible and heartwarming to see how the community has come together during this critical time to not only support each other, but those on the front lines. " SWS handwork teacher Nicole Fields, is involved as well.

If you are able to help Karla with this effort, please contact her at:

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