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## **ANA-Michigan to Deliver PPE to Front-Line Nurses**

Local Business Donations Spur Association Action

**[OKEMOS, MICHIGAN, 04/06/2020]** ANA-Michigan received over 2,000 KN95 masks from local businesses to help bolster PPE items to Michigan's front-line nurses. The donations come from Amanda Hayhoe, President of Hayhoe Asphalt in Holt, and Brian Winter and Susan Kruger-Winter, President and CEO respectively of StudySkills.com out of Lake Orion.

ANA-Michigan will be delivering these masks to front-line nurses in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The masks will be going to hospitals but also to nurses in alternative healthcare settings such as hemodialysis clinics, long term care facilities, and more.

"We are extremely grateful to see the Michigan business community rally in this time of crisis and do what they can to protect our nurses," said Tobi Lyon Moore, Executive Director of ANA-Michigan. "Our front-line medical personnel are fighting a battle like we've never seen before, and it's through resilience and collaboration that will bring us out of this on top."

Per updated CDC recommendations, the KN95 masks donated act as authorized alternatives in healthcare settings; you can find a full updated summary of KN95 mask usage on the CDC website. These masks will be crucial in the noted alternative healthcare facilities, as ANA-Michigan learned that many of these nurses were wearing homemade masks. Homemade masks do not replace approved PPE nor meet CDC guidelines and place nurses and patients in higher-risk situations.

ANA-Michigan will be delivering these masks today. ANA-Michigan leadership is also maintaining contact with Michigan businesses for additional PPE resources for nurses across the state.

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