For Immediate Release
Friday, April 24, 2020

SJ Library to Deliver 3D Printed Face Shields and Masks to Good Samaritan Hospital

San José Public Library will deliver its first donation of face shields and masks 3D printed by staff and volunteers

What/Why: Using the San José Public Library’s (SJPL) 3D printers, 24 library staff members and two teen volunteers teamed up to print hundreds of 3D face shields and masks to donate to health organizations in need of these supplies.

Good Samaritan Hospital will graciously accept SJPL’s first round of donations, which includes a total of 220 face shields and 75 face masks today, Friday, April 24. Good Samaritan Hospital’s CEO and medical workers will accept the donation and will be joined by Mayor Sam Liccardo, District 9 Councilmember Pam Foley, City Librarian Jill Bourne, and SJPL staff during the delivery.

In the coming days, SJPL plans to donate hundreds more of their 3D face shields and masks to health care workers, hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, and any other organization that has expressed a need for these supplies. Library staff and volunteers are also sewing “cloth face coverings” to provide to unhoused residents and medical workers.

Library staff began 3D printing the supplies two weeks ago and since then, a total of 575 face shields and 150 face masks have been created. Each face mask took 2.5 hours to print and the face shields took 1.5 hours to print. SJPL used approved prototypes developed by PRUSA PRINTERS and Make the Masks.

The San José Public Library is the first City of San José department to 3D print and donate supplies to medical facilities who are combatting COVID-19. SJPL takes pride in being an innovative library system that is consistently providing resources and support to its communities. For more information and visuals, please visit: sjpl.org/3DMasks

When: Friday, April 24, 2020
Time: 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Where: Good Samaritan Hospital, 2425 Samaritan Dr., San José, CA 95124
*Meeting Point: Directly in front of the Emergency Room (ER)
*Media Parking: Between Lot C, D, E

Who: Sam Liccardo, Mayor, City of San José
Pam Foley, District 9 Councilmember, City of San José
Jill Bourne, City Librarian, City of San José
Joseph DeSchryver, CEO, Good Samaritan Hospital

*Zoom interviews with library staff available upon request*

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