



## **The Rotary Club of Los Angeles Launches Face Shield Project**

***Foundation to Provide \$50,000 to Aid Frontline Healthcare Service Providers in the Fight Against COVID-19***

**LOS ANGELES**, May 27, 2020 — In an effort to address needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic in the Los Angeles area, the Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation together with SoCal Litigation Support Services (SCLSS), the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, and a local group of volunteer healthcare, technology and social impact professionals have launched the Face Shield Project to produce and distribute up to 30,000 high quality face shields to front line healthcare service providers working in hospitals and nursing homes and emergency first responders and homeless services providers in the Los Angeles area. In addition to administering the production of the face shields, the Foundation has provided \$50,000 to launch the project.

“Rotary represents a community coming together to share in the responsibility of serving one another for the greater good,” said Rick Gibson, President of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles and Vice President of Pepperdine University. “I am confident that this project will help those who are taking the greatest risk to serve our neighbors who are suffering during this cruel pandemic. The first batch of face shields was recently completed and our volunteers and partners are working hard to prepare for additional distribution in the coming weeks. So far, the Club has printed, assembled, and distributed 3,700 face shields. We hope to provide up to 30,000 over the coming weeks.”

Jared Smith, founder and CEO of SCLSS and Rotary Club of Los Angeles member, is applying significant resources to produce components of PPE urgently needed by healthcare professionals. SCLSS has repurposed 187 3D printers with the ability to

produce up to 18,000 components per day at cost. The components are then assembled by a team of volunteers coordinated through the Club and donated to qualified recipients.

“As the virus began to spread, I knew I had to do something to help. Many partnerships came together through Rotary to make this project possible. I am truly hopeful that this project will help to mitigate the spread of the virus and will help save lives,” said Smith.



A healthcare team at Keck Medicine of USC shown wearing the face shields

Several professional services were required to bring a project of this scale to fruition. Sheppard Mullin, a Global 100 law firm, through its Nonprofit Team in Los Angeles and across the country, is supporting the Face Shield Project by providing pro bono legal assistance.

“Sheppard Mullin is excited about the LA5 Face Shield Project and grateful for the opportunity to work together with the Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation and its project partners, donors and volunteers to help with the Foundation’s disaster relief response to the pandemic crisis,” said Nancy Howard, special counsel at Sheppard Mullin and Rotary Club of Los Angeles Board Member.

Healthcare providers and frontline service organizations may apply to receive the donated face shields through the Rotary Club of Los Angeles’ website [here](#). Each application will be reviewed by a selection committee under the oversight of the Rotary

Club's Board of Directors and President. The intention is to provide face shields first to the hospitals, healthcare facilities and social service providers that are serving the most vulnerable populations.

Those interested in participating in this project can visit the Club website to learn how to get involved. [Face Shield Project Page](#).

### **About the Rotary Club of Los Angeles**

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles, known as LA5, the fifth oldest rotary club in the world, is LA's leading business and civic organization since 1909 and comprises local leaders in business, legal, government, and not-for-profit sectors. Rotary is an international organization made up of over 1.2 million members who support local and international humanitarian projects that address some of the world's most pressing challenges, such as hunger, poverty, and illiteracy. For more information, visit [www.rotaryla5.org/](http://www.rotaryla5.org/).

### **About the LA5 Foundation**

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt California nonprofit public benefit corporation often referred to as the "LA5 Foundation", was formed for charitable purposes, and specifically to provide financial support for the charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, a Section 501(c)(4) tax-exempt California nonprofit public benefit corporation.

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