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Sid Jacobson JCC Launches Essential Works + First Responders Fund

Donations help provide meals and PPE to essential workers on Long Island

East Hills, NY, April 27, 2020 – In response to Long Island’s growing demand for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other necessities for those working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sid Jacobson JCC has launched the Sid Jacobson JCC Essential Works + First Responders Fund. The Fund allows individuals to choose from a list of local, charitable organizations dedicated to supplying the necessary PPE and providing meals to essential workers. Donations can be made at sjcc.org/essentialworkers.

“During these unprecedented times, SJJCC is committed to supporting those on the frontlines who are risking their lives to keep us all safe,” says David Black, Executive Director, Sid Jacobson JCC. “The mission of this fund is to raise dollars for charities who are directly helping Long Island frontline workers.”

Currently, donations can be made to support initiatives and organizations including [All Hands and Hearts](#) and [Mask A Hero NY](#) who are distributing PPE to local hospitals and other healthcare facilities that need it most; Roslyn Softball First Responders Project, coordinating the delivery of donated food to feed health care workers at hospitals across Long Island; [UJA-Federation of NY](#), addressing challenges across the community, helping sustain its non-profit partners (including Sid Jacobson JCC), and making sure that the most vulnerable members of our community on Long Island and across New York, get the help they desperately need right now.

“There is an urgent race to mask our health care workers,” says Dr. Emily Levin, Co-founder, Mask A Hero NY. “We need at least 3 million N95 masks in New York alone to fight COVID-19. If you have these at your home or office, Mask A Hero NY can donate them to area hospitals urgently in need.”

All Hands and Hearts (AHAH) board member and East Hills resident Adam Haber is spearheading the AHAH Long Island PPE fundraiser. "The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise \$250,000 to benefit Long Island's frontline healthcare workers, first responders, and food bank volunteers," notes Haber. "To date, AHAH has already purchased and is in the process of distributing 50,000 KN95 masks and 4,000 Long Island manufactured face shields."

The Roslyn Softball Group has coordinated the delivery of pizzas from local restaurants to the health care professionals at Long Island Jewish and North Shore Hospitals. "Pizzas and sodas started to be delivered on April 13 to some of the evening shifts at the hospitals, and deliveries will continue for the next few weeks," says Danny Goodman, Captain of the Roslyn Softball Group.

To learn more about organizations your donation can benefit or to make a donation today, visit sjcc.org/essentialworkers.

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About Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson JCC (sjcc.org) in East Hills provides a full range of cutting-edge recreational, health, fitness, educational, cultural arts and social service programs. SJJCC promotes Jewish identity and provides a comprehensive program based on Jewish values, traditions, heritage, and culture, and is committed to enriching the lives of all individuals and families in its community. SJJCC embraces all individuals and families, and values diversity. See community differently, "Like" the JCC on Facebook (facebook.com/sidjacobsonjcc).

Sid Jacobson JCC is a beneficiary agency of the UJA Federation of New York.

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