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GOPIO CHAPTERS FEED THE POOR AND NEEDY, REPLENISHES FOOD ITEMS AT THE PANTRIES AND PROVIDE PROTECTIVE MASKS AND FOOD ITEMS TO FRONT LINE WORKERS

GOPIO-CT DELIVERS FOOD ITEMS TO FRONTLINE WORKERS AND REPLENISHES FOOD PANTRIES

In the last three months, GOPIO-CT had helped in the fight against Covid-19. It delivered food items to frontline workers in Stamford Hospital, replenished food items in the pantries in many cities of Connecticut catered for the homeless and those in need, and provided N95 and equivalent masks for the frontline workers in the hospitals and clinics in Connecticut's Fairfield County. See more details below:

1. Delivered food items for healthcare workers at the Stamford Hospital on Friday April 10th, 2020
2. Replenished food items for the homeless and needy at the New Covenant House, Stamford, April 22nd, 2020
3. Donated cash for six soup kitchen the New Covenant House in May 2020.
4. Replenished food items for the needy at the Lower Fairfield County Food Pantry on April 28th.

5. Donated cash to the Lower Fairfield County Food Pantry in May 2020.
6. Joined hands with IT Serve to donate KN95 masks to Wilton Meadow Healthcare facility in Wilton, Connecticut on May 15th, 2020.
7. Donated KN95 masks to Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Connecticut on June 11, 2020
8. Donated KN95 masks to Wilton Meadows Healthcare Facility in Wilton, Connecticut

GOPIO-CT DELIVERS FOOD ITEMS TO FRONTLINE WORKERS AT THE STAMFORD HOSPITAL



Photo: GOPIO-CT Past President and Trustee Shelly Nichani and his team delivering food items for the healthcare workers at Stamford Hospital

GOPIO-CT REPLENISHES FOOD ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS AT THE NEW COVENANT HOUSE IN STAMFORD



GOPIO-CT deliver food items to at the New Covenant House by Shelly's team on April 22nd, 2020

GOPIO-CT REPLENISHES FOOD ITEMS AT LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOOD PANTRY IN STAMFORD



Food items from GOPIO-CT were delivered to Lower Fairfield County Food Pantry by Shelly's team on April 28th, 2020

GOPIO-CT PROVIDES FUNDS TO REPLENISH FOOD ITEMS AT THE PANTRIES

GOPIO-CT also provided funds to replenish food for the homeless and needy at the following pantries which cater to Southern Connecticut communities.

1. New Covenant House in Stamford, Connecticut
2. Lower Fairfield County Food Pantry, Stamford, Connecticut
3. Person to Person (P2P), Norwalk, Connecticut

GOPIO-CT JOINS HANDS WITH IT SERVE TO DONATE KN95 MASKS TO WILTON MEADOWS HEALTHCARE FACILITY



IT Serve with the help of GOPIO-CT donates 100 KN-95 Masks to Wilton Meadows Healthcare facility on May 15 2020. From l. to r. Dr. & Mrs. Ramamurthy Chirunomula MD (Norwalk Hospital), Wilton Meadows Administrator Ms Ellen Casey and Prasad Chintalapudi, IT Serv official who is also Vice President of GOPIO-CT

GOPIO-CT DONATES KN95 MASKS TO STAMFORD HOSPITAL

On June 11th, GOPIO-CT officials delivered more masks to Stamford Hospital. GOPIO was represented by its Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham, GOPIO-CT officials President Ashok Nichani, Trustee Chair Bhavna Juneja and VP Prasad Chintalapudi. It was received by Stamford Hospital Senior VP for Clinical Affairs and Quality Dr. Rohit Bhalla, MD and Senior VP for Development and in-charge of Stamford Hospital Foundation Chris Riendeau (visit

<https://www.facebook.com/gopio.intl.7/videos/10158878428854009/?t=22>).



Photo – GOPIO-CT delivering N95 masks to Stamford Hospital, from l. to r. Senior VP for Development and in-charge of Stamford Hospital Foundation Chris Riendeau, Senior VP for Clinical Affairs and Quality Dr. Rohit Bhalla, MD, GOPIO-CT officials Trustee Chair Bhavna Juneja, President Ashok Nichani and Trustee Dr. Thomas Abraham.

GOPIO-CT DONATES KN95 MASKS TO WILTON MEADOWS HEALTHCARE FACILITY

GOPIO-CT Executive Vice President Srinivas Akarapu and Secretary Rajneesh Misra delivered KN95 masks to Wilton Meadows Healthcare Facility in Wilton, Connecticut. It was received by Chief Administrator Ellen Casey and Nursing Director Joana Milla along with Dr. Ramamurthy Chirunomula MD (Norwalk Hospital), who is the past president and a Board Member of Connecticut Association of Physician of Indian Origin (CAPI). Some masks were also donated to CAPI for other clinics in Connecticut.



Photo – GOPIO-CT delivering N95 masks at Wilton Meadows Healthcare Facility from l. to r. GOPIO-CT Exec. VP Srinivas Akarapu, GOPIO-CT Secretary Rajneesh Misra, Physician Ramamurthy Chirunomula MD, Nursing Director Joana Milla and Chief Administrator Ellen Casey.

GOPIO CHICAGO DELIVERS FOOD ITEMS TO ELDERLY AND FRONTLINE WORKERS

GOPIO-Chicago joined hands with Chicago Indo-US Lions delivering food and house supplies to the frontline workers, el and low-income families.



Photo: Hina Trivedi, former President of GOPIO-Chicago along with other volunteers delivering food items.

GOPIO-FRANCE PARIS EFFORT IN MUMBAI AND NAVI MUMBAI

Inamika & Vikas Talwar along with a team of COVID Warriors organized and distributed Food to the needy people in the slums and streets of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in India. Food was distributed from 20th June to 24th June in Mumbai slums and Navi Mumbai streets to more than 500 people.

Special Thanks to Dr. Ezhil Anand (GOPIO-UK London), Mehen Poinosawmy (GOPIO Europe), Dhiraj Ahuja (GOPIO Delhi/NCR), GOPIO France Team, GOPIO International Team & Friends who contributed for this noble cause.

Thanks to COVID Warriors Team who went to the slums and streets risking their personal lives to help people in need.

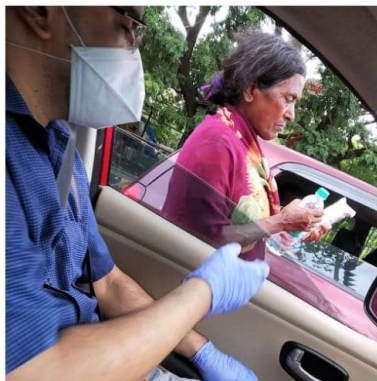


Photo: GOPIO-France Paris President (top left) distributing food in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

The organizers were utmost satisfied to bring happiness and see the smiles on the faces of the people & children after getting food.

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GOPIO-FRANCE PARIS HELPS INDIAN STUDENTS IN FRANCE AND JOINS HANDS WITH GOPIO-CHENNAI TO FEED THE NEEDY IN CHENNAI

GOPIO activities worldwide have suffered during the continuous spread of COVID-19. Many governments have taken unprecedented measures to contain this COVID-19 pandemic. Business have been shut temporarily and restrictions on travel and mobility have been a very big constraint to everybody. In this long battle against the disease, GOPIO France has done a lot of community works locally and globally in helping the Indian Diaspora.

In France, the Indian students were greatly impacted by this pandemic. Many of them lost their jobs and ongoing internships were unfortunately stopped. There is no doubt that the economic recession caused by this corona virus will limit definitely their full-time employment prospects. GOPIO France's mission was simple: distribution of ration bags to help those students in difficulties: no one should sleep hungry.

GOPIO's policy is to Serve Local and Work Global. Same type of ration distribution was organized in Chennai, India with the local GOPIO chapter of Suresh Anand. Many thanks to all the generous donators who responded positively to our requests for supports.



Photo; Food distribution by GOPIO-France Paris (left) and GOPIO-Chennai.

DIASPORA NURSES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Aparna Hande RN, MSHCA and Rani Kuusto RN, MPH are life members of GOPIO International. Currently holding the positions of Co-Chairs for the Health & Wellness with GOPIO International chapter, as well as GOPIO - LA chapter. The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. The whole world joined in celebrating Nurses Week in May 2020.

Aparna Hande, is a recipient of "Women of the Year award" In 2012, from 56th District, of CA. She stated, we have the opportunity to pause and recognize our fellow nurses during the Nurses week. Nursing is a rewarding profession and she considers herself fortunate that she chose nursing as a career and is proud to be a nurse.

Soruba "Rani" Kuusto, is a nurse who has been recognized as a "Woman of the Month" in March 2019 by Professional Organization of Women of Excellence for her outstanding achievements and high level of success in the field of healthcare. She also worked for habitat for humanity in

Mexico, volunteered in India (Chennai) during tsunami, worked with peace core volunteers in Middle East and England.



Photo: Aparna Hande and Rani Kuusto

Aparna Hande and Rani Kuusto are also members of Fullerton Host Lions Club (California). They hold positions of directors at large. The challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, they both rose to the occasion by assisting in distributing food cans and other non-perishable items to the Orange county food banks. They are actively involved in health care related zoom meetings. They call seniors on weekly basis in the community to give resources and check on their Physical and Mental wellbeing.

Let us honor & recognize all health professionals who are fighting against COVID19 pandemic to save lives. These are the CORONA virus heroes.