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GTED's Health Solutions company donating PPE across Michigan

The Grand Traverse Band's companies are providing much needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to various State agencies across the country, as well as donating supplies across Michigan.

Traverse City, Michigan April 30, 2020 – Grand Traverse Economic Development (GTED), the commercial investment arm of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, is donating personal protective equipment to hospitals, clinics, first responders, police precincts and our armed services across Michigan.

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, GTED has pulled talent from its various subsidiaries to ensure protective equipment gets in the hands of first responders, health professionals and our military. The task force is currently filling orders for various Health Departments across the county and is using a robust network of verified suppliers to also donate materials to organizations in need across Michigan.

“The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians through Grand Traverse Economic Development company (GTED) working closely with the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA), are very pleased to provide the gift of some hard to find medical grade, FDA CE certified 3-ply medical masks and FDA CE certified KN-95 masks,” said Roger Stull, CEO of GTED.

Earlier this month the company provided masks to Munson Hospital in Charlevoix and Traverse City, surgical and KN-95 masks to the Grand Traverse Band tribal government, and a shipment was also delivered for the employees of the tribe's casinos as well.

On Friday, May 1st GTED will be delivering PPE to organizations in the Detroit area where communities are in high need. Donation locations will include Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Detroit police precincts, and community health locations. “These are provided in recognition and support of our Military Services Members at Selfridge ANG Base, frontline Detroit hospital and healthcare workers, 1st Responders such as the Detroit Police Department, and our other friends and neighbors in the Detroit Michigan area such as the UAW hit so hard by COVID-19,” added Mr. Stull.

Gavin Brown, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturer's Association (MAMA) Executive Director, had this to say about GTED's contribution to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan, “MAMA and its members want to thank all of those involved in protecting Michigan families, friends and neighbors. The contribution of masks by GTED and partners to help those who serve in these times is a shared priority.”

In response to the company's donations, Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, 8th District, said “We all owe a debt of gratitude to Michigan's First Responders who have put themselves in the eye of the storm to help others during COVID-19. I am grateful for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians joining forces with Michigan GTB Tribe owned Small Businesses GTED, GTB Health Solutions, Health-4All, BSSW, TERRAPORT, as well as STEP-Solutions and the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturer's Association (MAMA) to donate thousands of PPE's for law enforcement communities throughout Michigan.”

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