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Dear Friends:

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach and our generous volunteers have met healthcare needs and controlled infection in remote parts of the world. Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic has required us to temporarily suspend volunteer activities through April 30, 2020. You will be pleased to know that the staff is still working and that all of the sorting, packaging and data entry you have done is keeping people safe.

With the COVID-19 virus impacting Illinois, we have quickly retooled to meet local needs, while continuing much needed support for our international partners. The COVID-19 pandemic and the Ebola epidemic have made it clear that global preparedness is important to all of us.

During this pandemic, Mission Outreach is local AND global. Prior to the first COVID-19 case in the U. S., Mission Outreach Personal Protective Equipment (PPE such as gowns, gloves, masks, coveralls) was airlifted to control COVID-19 spread from the first hotspots in Asia. Currently Mission Outreach is:

- Creating a reserve of PPE to meet local needs.
- Donating PPE to the BIG FIVE; HSHS St. John's Hospital, Memorial Medical Center, SIU Healthcare, Springfield Clinic and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. We provided an emergency supply of essential PPE (gowns, gloves and N95 masks) totaling 25,000 lbs. to protect local healthcare providers and their patients. The BIG FIVE are receiving regular access to our PPE inventory and Mission Outreach is delivering per their orders.
- Hosting community drives; securing 3,200 homemade masks, 27,000 gloves and a variety of PPE.
- Serving the community as a central supply depot for PPE and delivery service for members of the BIG FIVE as most do not have storage for the PPE volume needed for COVID-19.
- Looking forward to the return of our fantastic volunteers.

We serve global.

We serve local.

We serve with passion and hope for a better tomorrow.

-Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach