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**CENTRAL ILLINOIS RECEIVES CRITICAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES
VIA A FLIGHT AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAPITAL AIRPORT**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 5, 2020. DonatePPE.org, CMAIN & Product Pub are teaming with SIU Medicine, Prestige Worldwide Aviation, KOVAL Distillery and Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach to bring masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer to central Illinois. The donation will take place/be delivered on May 6, 2020

Karen Tsai, M.D., co-founder of DonatePPE.org, is looking forward to helping central Illinois. “We are fortunate that DonatePPE.org is able to help Springfield through Tony Beneditti and his flight crew at Prestige Worldwide Aviation,” Dr. Tsai said. “It is heartwarming to see how local businesses and individuals use their creativity to get PPE to frontline healthcare workers who need it most. The outpouring of love and support is what we need during this difficult time.”

In addition to the mask and glove donations by DonatePPE.org, KOVAL, a Chicago distillery who specializes in creating high-end organic spirits, is using their facility and know-how to pump out gallons of hand-sanitizer to donate to Springfield healthcare organizations. Servpro of Wheaton and TagCo USA, Inc. also contributed to the donation which will be delivered on May 6, 2020.

Nitin Tandan, M.D., a colleague of Dr. Tsai who coordinated this donation, said the donations will be transported by Prestige Worldwide Aviation out of Chicago and then distributed through SIU Medicine. SIU is one of the five local health care organizations in Springfield working with HSHS Illinois, Memorial Health System, Springfield Clinic, Sangamon County Department of Public Health and Mission Outreach on collaborative supply chain sourcing.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is revealing the goodness and ingenuity of the human spirit,” Georgia Winson, president and executive director of Mission Outreach, said. “Mission Outreach is adept at coordinating logistics for international shipments. We never imagined that our medical supplies and transport capacity would be needed to help healthcare organizations here in Illinois, but we are happy to serve in this role during this time.”

Mission Outreach is coordinating additional donations through DonatePPE.org and continues to accept community donations of masks, including homemade masks. Donations can be dropped off in the barrel at Mission Outreach in their foyer at 4930 LaVerna Road Springfield, IL.

ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH

Since 2002, Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach has responded to the sick, poor and needy of the world through a medical surplus recovery and redistribution program. This life-saving work, accomplished by matching surplus medical supplies and equipment from over 100 hospital partners in the United States with the needs of healthcare providers in the developing world, has affected individuals in more than 95 countries. Mission Outreach strives to be effective environmental stewards while being a healing presence for the life of the world. Mission Outreach is a 501(c)3 organization affiliated with Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS).

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