



(From left to right) Amanda Rosenthal, Jessica Gestetner and Katherine Konvitz

COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: TEENS DONATE OVER 1,300 FACE MASKS TO HEALTHCARE HEROES

Three Los Angeles teens rallied their high school classmates to raise funds and donate more than 1,300 face masks for Renown Health employees

RENO, Nev. (June 11, 2020) – While many teens reflected on missed milestones like prom and graduation that didn't happen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, three high school seniors from Los Angeles felt inspired to make a difference. Friends Jessica Gestetner, Amanda Rosenthal and Katherine Konvitz organized a fundraising campaign with their classmates and purchased over 1,300 face masks for staff at Renown Health.

“My friends and I wanted to help our doctors and nurses because they are out saving lives while we are all fortunate enough to remain at home and healthy,” said Gestetner “We raised over \$3,500 and spent it buying KN-95 masks for the heroes at Renown. This was our way of thanking all the healthcare workers for their selfless service.”

Why did these LA teens choose Renown Health for this donation?

Katherine Konvitz has a family friend who works at Renown, which is how the teens first learned about the organization's call for community support to gather face masks and other personal protective equipment. Thanks to this significant donation, Renown exceeded its goal of securing



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10,000 community-donated face masks to benefit employees working on the frontline to help keep the community safe.

"I can only imagine how difficult these times are for our youth, as they're unable to go to school, spend time with their friends and experience all the activities that are seen as a rite of passage to many," said Tony Slonim, MD, DrPH, president and CEO of Renown Health. "I applaud the incredible act of kindness displayed by Jessica, Amanda and Katherine to give back to our staff, despite the challenging circumstances. We are extremely fortunate to have the generosity and support of northern Nevadans and people across the country as we work to improve the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve."

Aside from their face mask contribution, Ms. Gestetner, Rosenthal and Konvitz also made a financial donation to Renown's *Healthcare Workers Greatest Needs* fund, where donations are directed to address the highest needs our healthcare teams are currently facing as they continue to screen, diagnose and care for patients with respiratory illness, including COVID-19.

For others interested in making a tax-deductible donation of Personal Protective Equipment, Meals, Financial Donations or Thank You notes, you can go to renown.org/donations-covid-19/ or contact Renown Health Foundation, 245 E Liberty St #400, Reno, NV 89501. Phone: (775) 982-5545

Renown continues to welcome donations of masks, gowns and surgical caps and appreciates the support of our community. Donations are accepted through the main entrance at the Tahoe Tower of Renown Regional Medical Center. Please let the security staff know you are dropping off donations for the mask donation drive and these items will be marked accordingly. All handcrafted masks, gowns and surgical caps are laundered and sanitized before distribution to appropriate areas.

In addition to the personal protective equipment Renown has received during these unprecedented times, people have thanked care providers through hundreds of notes and cards, as well as numerous generous meal donations for frontline staff. These donations have a tremendous impact on Renown's ability to continue to provide quality care in northern Nevada despite the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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About Renown Health

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 7,000. It comprises three acute care hospitals, Renown Children's Hospital, Renown Rehabilitation Hospital, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition and



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commitment to continually improve the care and the health of our community. For more information, visit renown.org.