



Good WORKS for Hartford Hospital

SPRING 2020 PROJECTS ALLOCATION TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFORTS

In mid-March of 2020, COVID-19 introduced unprecedented change throughout our community. Auxiliary funds typically allocated for spring project awards were redirected to support hospital initiatives related to the COVID-19 crisis.

Working with Bimal Patel, President HH and Hartford Region SVP, HHC and Carol Garlick, VP Philanthropy HH, and at the direction of the Auxiliary Board, the following contributions were made.

\$100,000 was dedicated to the Nurses Uniform Initiative. As a result of the pandemic and personal safety needs, it was necessary for staff to purchase additional scrubs at increased personal expense. To ease the financial burden of 3,000 nurses and 500 PCA's in direct patient care areas, the Auxiliary committed funds to this cause.

\$100,000 was dedicated to the HH COVID-19 Pandemic Fund, created to cover the unforeseen expenses resulting from this crisis. Specifically, the Auxiliary's donation will be directed to the Safe Housing Initiative to provide housing/hotel rooms for staff treating COVID-19 patients, particularly those staff whose family members are at greater risk. Additionally the housing initiative funds are available for the Hospital's care teams in quarantine situations.

\$50,000 was committed to staff meal distribution throughout the hospital. With the assistance from hospital staff, the Meal Distribution Plan was coordinated to provide meals to nursing units in varying departments on a rotating basis. Individually wrapped meals from J's Restaurant of Hartford and Steve's Place of Newington and were delivered twice per day to cover morning and evening shifts. Over the course of the plan, the Auxiliary provided nearly 6,250 meals to staff in front line COVID areas, as well as the many other departments and critical areas to include the call center and drive-thru testing.