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From the Mayor's Desk

How Do We Face Adversity?

Every day, we learn of more people who have been infected by COVID-19 and also those that have succumbed to this virus that has taken over our lives. These are challenging days for all of us. Some of us quietly shelter in place, primarily because that's what we've been asked to do. Others, well, they face adversity differently. We call them our "Community Partners."

We don't have to look too far to find them. Right here in our city there are a number of local small business leaders who have decided to find ways to add a silver lining to our day. They are proving they are a resourceful lot; but that should not surprise us, it is what makes our city stand out.

I want to share with you just a few of our local businesses that are making a difference.

Noble Fin

Cliff Bramble, the owner of Noble Fin restaurant may be too young to remember the Great Depression, but he knows that some go to bed hungry each night. To help his fellow citizens who may be out of work, his restaurant has given away 400 pounds of bread dough in March and early April.

The restaurant is temporarily closed but is accepting to-go orders. You can find more on the [website](#). And watch for a post on Noble Fin's [Facebook page](#) to find out when bread will be available again.

Craton Promotions

Owner Charles Craton and his son, Thomas, run a business selling promotional products and logoed apparel. They put their heads together to come up with an idea to help the medical community. Their company is producing "My Superheroes Wear Facemasks" T-shirts and are donating \$5 per shirt to the CDC Foundation's "All of Us: Combat Coronavirus."

So far, the business has sold over 700 shirts in Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, California and New York. You can order a shirt online at ourhiddenheroes.com.

Gigi's Cupcakes

Deena Coughlin, the owner and operator of this well-known bakery at The Forum decided to deliver more than 100 free cupcakes to local medical facilities. On March 27, she delivered cupcakes to the staff at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite Hospital.

The store is temporarily closed but Deena says she hopes to be back open soon.

Taqueria Del Mar

Andrew Hoppen, the owner of this Mexican restaurant, has a "Pay if you can" program to help those who may not have the money to pay for a meal. The restaurant, which is located in the Ingles shopping center, is offering fresh food products, take-and-bake family meal kits and gift cards.

You can call the store at 678-820-9836 or order online at taqueriadelmar.com

Curiosity Lab and Local Resident Pitches In

When Steve Chininis, an inventor at heart, heard that the medical community was in dire need of face shields to help protect the doctors and nurses who are on the front lines in the fight to help those who have caught this pervasive virus, he knew just what to do. He went to work on figuring a way to make them himself.

First, he designed the components using 3D CAD software, then he began producing them on a 3D printer. Chininis is a resident of Peachtree Corners and wears several hats. He is a Georgia Tech professor by day, he mentors new startup companies at the city's Curiosity Lab Innovation Center – and now he can add face shield developer and manufacturer to his resume.

He currently has two 3D printers, one from Curiosity Lab and a second that he owns, running non-stop to make the two face shield components. Using both printers, he is able to print and assemble about 25 per day which he then donates to nearby hospitals and doctors' offices. The printing takes the longest he said. The assembly, which his wife, Maria, helps with, takes about 10 minutes.

"It took me a couple of days to figure out how to make them," said Chininis, who consulted with medical experts to ensure the face shields were made correctly.

He initially paid for the materials to produce the shields, but when the medical facilities learned that there was a local source where they could get face shields, they didn't hesitate to make donations to offset his costs.

Chininis said he'll keep on producing the face shields as long as there is a need. He's already been contacted by several area hospitals and doctors' offices who learned that he was producing them and quickly placed orders.

The list of businesses like these is growing daily. The city is highlighting all who are lending a hand to brighten our day, provide a good meal or are helping our medical community on the city's website. When you visit the city's website, click on the link near the top righthand side of the homepage labeled "COVID-19 Information" then click on "Community Partners" link, you'll see our growing list.

If you know of someone or a business that is reaching out to help our community during this coronavirus pandemic, please let us know by calling City Hall or sending an email to info@peachtreecornersga.gov. We want to hear from you so we can highlight those who are doing what they can to make a difference.

Thank you, and please stay safe, help each other and those in need. Together we are stronger.

Sincerely,

Mike Mason, Mayor