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**We are a group of immigrant women in western Massachusetts**

**trying to make a living amidst COVID-19.  We are not eligible for**

**unemployment, stimulus money, small business aid, or any other government assistance. We are just starting a new, non-profit venture to support ourselves and our families. We strive for fair wages and fair prices.**

**We make face masks that are:**

    high-quality,

       pre-shrunk,

           double-layer,

               100% cotton

                   quilters fabric,

                      nose pieces,

                         chin darts,

                            washable,

                                and reusable.

                                     Made under sanitary conditions.

All our masks come with washing and use instructions

(currently available in 15 languages).

**For more information, to donate, or to place an order,**

**Click this link**

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So far, we are 15 immigrant Pioneer Valley women (and 1 US-born woman) sourcing sewing machines and materials, cutting the fabric and sewing masks for sale.  We are also in the early stages of designing masks that meet the needs of people with various disabilities (lip readers,

one-handed people, people with hearing aids) and we welcome ideas. We are busy starting to

build up our inventory, and getting a few small mask orders.

We are excited to be making something that is in dire need right now, and seems it will be for

some time to come. We appreciate having a way to contribute during COVID-19, and still support

our families.

We have received donations of fabric and some **sewing machines**, but need more.  We also need **volunteers** to help with cutting fabric to make kits, distribution of materials to sewers, and shipping. And we need start-up cost **monetary donations**, to pay for machine repairs; an ongoing supply of thread, needles, elastic, & filters; and a website platform, while we wait to have enough sales to cover these costs, on-going.

**If you'd like to donate sewing machines, money, or your time;**

**or have ideas for the specialty masks, please contact:**

**Amy Ben-Ezra at <masksandjobs2020@gmail.com>**

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Below is a listing of what we offer.

**Choice of:**

 \_\_\_No filter. \_\_\_Permanent non-woven filter \_\_\_Filter pocket to add filter

**Sizes:**

\_\_\_Child \_\_\_Teen/Small Adult. \_\_\_Regular Adult, and   \_\_\_XL Adult.

**Adaptive masks:**

upon request (different ties, adapted to disabilities, chemically sensitive).\*

**Patterns:**

**Currently making 3-pleat masks with nose pieces and elastic ear pieces.**

    Will be adding "Nurse-Preferred-Style" masks soon.

    Will add cup-shaped masks in the not-too-distant future.

**Fabric Designs:**

Masks are made of colorful prints, solids, denim, stripes, plaids.

Some themes (golf, soccer, trucks, florals) and children's themes available.

*Let us choose*, or request something particular (i.e. children's, sports, stripes,

    office professional, masculine, calm, lively).

**Prices (currently):**

$10 per mask or 3 for $25

Standard shipping price will be provided when order is received.

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