

## UAC member steps up Scotts Miracle-Gro donates face shields

**Scotts Miracle-Gro**



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**While continuing to be cautious in travel and interactions,** we

are all finding new ways to advance our interests. UAC is proud of the work we do with Tolar Capitol Partners for our governmental affairs outreach, who facilitated these generous donations from UAC member Scotts Miracle Gro Company.

Their team reached out to Bryan Tolar

and UAC as they sought to provide high quality face shields that could be used by hospital staff and others serving those impacted by COVID-19. For many weeks, Scotts stopped manufacturing fertilizer equipment at their own plant in California and instead produced over 600,000 face shields.

These were created and shipped at no cost to facilities that requested them. We all owe Scotts Miracle-Gro a special thanks for making such a commitment to protecting others.

We worked with Governor Kemp and his team to send 10,000 units to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). These face-shields are now available to be shipped to any hospital in the state where dedicated medical workers have a need.

Reports that areas around Gainesville were experiencing increased infections this summer led us to engage Congressman Doug Collins. His quick work allowed us to direct 16,000 face shields to hospitals in Northeast Georgia across the 9th congressional district. These included Blairsville, Blue Ridge, Elberton,

Gainesville, and Toccoa. "As our health care workers continue fighting on the frontlines of this pandemic, it is imperative that they have access to the resources needed to stay healthy," said Collins in a press statement. "Thanks to the incredible generosity of Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and the work of the Georgia Urban Ag Council, health care workers in Northeast Georgia now have yet another layer of protection as they fight to save lives. It's the generosity of companies like Scotts that remind us we will get through this pandemic together."

In addition, talk of an infection spike in Glynn County and surrounding coastal areas led us to work with State Representative Don Hogan of Saint Simons Island. His leadership with local hospital officials provided 10,000 units being shipped to the Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. No one appreciates that more than Michael D. Scherneck, President and CEO of Southeast Georgia Health System, who oversees the Brunswick and Camden campuses. In late August, Scherneck received his miracle in the form of 10,000 protective face shields, donated by the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. They could not have come at a better time.

**"Given the increasing demand for hospital services due to the coronavirus, I am deeply grateful for the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's efforts to get protective gear into the hands of health care providers. I'm also thankful to Representative Don Hogan, Woody Woodside and Bryan Tolar (and UAC) for making this possible."**

~ Michael D. Scherneck  
Southeast Georgia Health System

We greatly appreciate Scotts Miracle-Gro Company for their generous donation, and Tolar Capitol Partners for allowing us to help facilitate the exchange. 🌱



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**The Scotts Company** responded to the shortage of protective equipment for front line workers by manufacturing face shields. With the assistance of **Congressman Doug Collins** and the **Georgia Urban Ag Council**, EMH received 500 face shields. Thank you to these organizations for this generous donation!

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From left, with the Southeast Georgia Health System: Tripp Stephens, vice president, Support Services; Christy D. Jordan, Esq., Chief Operating Officer & Legal Counsel; Kyle Culbertson, CMRP, manager, Supply Chain Services; and Michael D. Scherneck, president & CEO; along with Representative Don Hogan and Bryan Tolar of Tolar Capitol Partners.