

AstraZeneca Donates 3 Million Surgical Masks to Direct Relief for COVID-19 Supply Needs in the U.S.

Direct Relief announced a donation from AstraZeneca of 3 million surgical masks for US healthcare workers battling COVID-19 – 300,000 of which went to Delaware.

“For the dedicated and courageous healthcare workers across this country treating Covid-19 and non-COVID-19 patients, working without an adequate supply of face masks and other protective equipment is like going into battle without body armor,” said Direct Relief CEO Thomas Tighe. “This generous and timely donation from AstraZeneca will make a substantial difference in keeping these vital workers safe and able to continue providing care for us all.”

The level 1 surgical masks will be distributed by Direct Relief to health facilities in areas with the most significant public health need, including underserved and vulnerable populations. A portion of the masks will also be directed to the emergency management agencies in states where AstraZeneca has a significant employee presence.

The masks were procured by AstraZeneca through its manufacturing relationships in China and are part of the company’s overall donation of 9 million masks to healthcare workers globally.

FedEx has provided expedited shipping as part of its FedEx Cares “Delivering for Good” initiative. FedEx uses its global network and shipping expertise to help organizations with mission critical needs in times of disaster and for special shipments.

AstraZeneca Chief Executive Officer, Pascal Soriot, commented: “As the



ChristianaCare awarded \$714,000 FCC grant to expand its COVID-19 telemedicine program

ChristianaCare received a \$714,000 grant from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to support telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ChristianaCare is one of only 17 health care providers in the U.S. and the first health system in Delaware to date to receive a grant under the FCC’s COVID-19 Telehealth Program. The funding is part of the recently enacted CARES Act, which appropriated \$200 million to the FCC to support health care providers using telehealth during this national emergency.

ChristianaCare will use the grant to support its COVID-19 Telemedicine Program. The program will expand existing telehealth capabilities by increasing broadband access to telehealth services for vulnerable and underserved residents in Delaware by providing devices and data plans. It will also offer on-site telehealth services to communities with high disease burden and challenges accessing virtual health services. Access to broadband telehealth services enables COVID-19 patients to safely remain at home in isolation instead of presenting to hospital facilities for further evaluation and care.

“Before COVID-19, ChristianaCare was charting a course to transform care based on the vision that all care that can be done in the home, in the community or on a smartphone will be done in the home, in the community or on a smartphone,” said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, ChristianaCare president and chief executive officer. “This transformation has accelerated exponentially during the pandemic, because at this time, the safest place for our patients is in their home. The technology supported by this grant will ensure that patients receive the right care, at the right time and in the right place, dramatically lowering the risk of spreading COVID-19.”

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ChristianaCare established a comprehensive and sophisticated COVID-19 virtual provider visit and interactive telehealth program. The program leverages telemedicine visits with a provider for those individuals who have coronavirus symptoms or for those who have already tested positive and are symptomatic.

A key component of the program is the remote monitoring of these individuals by ChristianaCare’s CareVio care management program through secure text messaging. This ongoing monitoring connects patients with a registered nurse who monitors their condition several times per day to make sure the patient is improving. If the patient’s condition begins to deteriorate, a provider telemedicine visit is scheduled.

Since the crisis began, CareVio has monitored more than 1,500 patients and more than 1,000 patients have had a telemedicine visit with the COVID-19 practice. CareVio has also called more than 4,400 patients following COVID-19 testing, ensuring they have a primary care provider and answering questions.

COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact millions of people around the globe, our thoughts are with those suffering and the healthcare workers caring for them. AstraZeneca is grateful to our partners at Direct Relief for their large-scale response

to this public health emergency, as well as FedEx for generously contributing its fleet to quickly move our donation of masks to the US. This outbreak has shown the strength of partnership and collaboration around the world.”

Belfint Lyons & Shuman, CPAs Earns Client Service Excellence Award for the Second Year

For the second consecutive year, Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, CPAs (BLS), a Top 300 accounting firm headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, announced that they have earned ClearlyRated's Best of Accounting™ Award for providing superior service. Best of Accounting Award winners have proven themselves as industry leaders in service quality based entirely on ratings provided by their clients. On average, clients of Best of Accounting Award winners are 1.9x more likely to be entirely satisfied than those who work with non-winning firms. When clients were asked how likely they would recommend BLS to a friend or colleague, BLS received a Net Promoter® Score of 82.7% which is significantly higher than the 2019 accounting industry average of 24%. You can view BLS's profile by clicking [here](#).

"Now more than ever, providing a consistently remarkable client experience is critical for accounting firms," said ClearlyRated's CEO Eric Gregg. "All accounting firms attempt to deliver great service - Best of Accounting winners have proven it. I couldn't be more proud to showcase these service leaders alongside feedback from their actual clients, on ClearlyRated.com and applaud them for their commitment to service excellence at their respective firms!"

Managing Director, Michael T. French, states, "For our entire BLS team, great service is a priority because our clients count on us to help them make good decisions and be successful. Being there when needed to provide that guidance has always been a big part of our firm culture and is especially important now as we all move cautiously through these turbulent times. Having



Cape May – Lewes Ferry Implements New Freight Pilot Program

Cape May – Lewes Ferry (CMLF) officials announced that the Delaware Bay ferry service will be accepting freight for the first time in its history. The new freight pilot program is designed to help customers move packages or materials across the Delaware Bay while minimizing the need for individuals to travel between States of Delaware and New Jersey. The introductory program, which costs \$15 regardless of the package size, began April 27, 2020.

"We expanded into the cartage business to provide our customers with the option to get supplies, materials and packages across the Delaware Bay without taking a round trip," said Jennifer Shivers, Assistant Director of Ferry Operations. "This service is currently available only on the 9:00 a.m. Cape May departure and the 10:45 a.m. departure from Lewes. Please feel free to give us a call at 800.643.3779 between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with any questions or to reserve your freight."

such great feedback from our client's is invaluable to the firm as well and will only help us be even better next time around. This is also a great opportunity to celebrate this amazing award with our staff and thank them for always being there for us and our clients. We are extremely proud of our team and their continued commitment to our mission of Providing Exceptional Services through Exceptional People. As we like to say to our clients, at BLS we are here for you and We are Listening!"

Boy Scouts Launch Scouting at Home Hub

With so many school systems closing down for the remainder of the school year, parents are working hard to find fun, enriching content online to keep their children engaged.

Earlier this month, the Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts launched the "Scouting at Home Hub," a new digital platform to bring Scouting content to families searching for ways to keep their

children engaged while schools are closed for the foreseeable future.

The Scouting at Home Hub features freely available curricula and content from around the Scouting community nation-wide, plus live and pre-recorded content from our volunteers focused on mentoring young people and exposing them to Merit Badges and other Scout advancement and service opportunities. Visit us at www.dmvc.org/scoutingathome to learn more.

The Scouts are also reaching out to schools and community partners in low-income communities to make sure

Scouts and non-Scouts have access to these digital enrichment programs. Digital workshops will include special content from local business leaders, including workshops presented by Nemours, WSFS, and others.

The Committee of 100 Elects New Board Members and Officers

The Committee of 100 announces the election of four new directors to lead the organization in its mission to promote responsible economic develop-

ment in Delaware.

- Peter Bailey, Vice President, External & International Affairs for Wilmington University
 - Ryan Kennedy, Vice President of Marketing, Harvey Hanna & Associates, Inc.
 - Catherine Rossi, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs, AAA Club Alliance Inc.
 - Brent Schrader, Associate University Secretary for the University of Delaware
- New officers were also elected by The Committee of 100 board for two-year terms:
- Pamela Scott, Partner at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, was elected President
 - Ted Williams, President of Landmark Science & Engineering, is the Immediate Past President
 - First Vice President is Greg Ellis, Managing Principal at Patterson-Woods Commercial Properties
 - Second Vice President is Nicholle Taylor, Chief Operating Officer of Artesian Resources Corporation
 - Deirdre Smith, Chief Operating Officer and Partner at Duffield Associates is the new Third Vice President
 - Paula Swain, Executive Vice President, Human Resources for Incyte, is the new Secretary
 - Jonathan Reese, Vice President of Commercial Lending – Delaware Division for Bryn Mawr Trust, will serve as Treasurer

AstraZeneca advances response to global COVID-19 challenge as it receives first commitments for Oxford's potential new vaccine

AstraZeneca is advancing its ongoing response to address the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19, collaborating with a number of countries and multilateral organizations to make the University of Oxford's vaccine widely accessible around the world in an equitable manner.

The Company has concluded the first agreements for at least 400 million doses and has secured total manufacturing capacity for one billion doses so far and will begin first deliveries in September 2020. AstraZeneca aims to conclude further agreements supported by several parallel supply chains, which will expand capacity further over the next months to ensure the delivery of a globally accessible vaccine.

AstraZeneca received support of more than \$1 billion from the US Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) for the development, production, and delivery of the vaccine, starting in the fall. The development program includes a Phase III clinical trial with 30,000 participants and a pediatric trial.

In addition, the Company is engaging with international organizations such as the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi the Vaccine Alliance and the World Health Organization (WHO), for the fair allocation and distribution of the vaccine around the world. AstraZeneca is also in discussions with governments around the world to increase access. Furthermore, AstraZeneca is in discussions with the Serum Institute of India and other potential partners to increase production and distribution.

AstraZeneca recently joined forces with the UK Government to support Oxford University's vaccine and has progressed rapidly in its efforts to expand access around the world. The Company will supply the UK starting in September and is thankful for the Government's commitment and overall work on vaccines.

Michael Houghton Appointed Chair of National Law Group's New Study Committee on Mitigation of Public Health Emergency Business Disruptions

Michael Houghton, a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, has been appointed Chair of the new Uniform Law Commission (ULC) Study Committee on Mitigation of Public Health Emergency Business Disruptions.

The new committee will study the need for and feasibility of one or more uniform state laws providing special rules and procedures to mitigate the impact of an epidemic, a pandemic, or other public health emergency on the operation of businesses.

This new study committee is one of three new study committees recently appointed by the Uniform Law Commission to address various legal issues relating to the current COVID-19 crisis and to address future epidemics and pandemics. The other two study committees are the Study Committee on Public Health Emergency Authorities and the Study Committee on State Governance during Public Health Emergencies. Each of the new study committees will report to the Scope and Program Committee by July 7, 2020, as to whether acts in any of these areas is merited. Further information on all current drafting and study committees, as well as information on the Uniform Law Commission, can be found at the ULC's website at www.uniformlaws.org.



Michael Houghton

Elizabeth D. Albano to succeed Mark E. Huntley as President of Artisans' Bank effective May 1, 2020

The Board of Directors of Artisans' Bank elected Elizabeth D. Albano as the Bank's 12th President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board. Mrs. Albano previously held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Artisans' Bank.

Mark E. Huntley, Immediate Past President and Chief Executive Officer

retired effective April 30, 2020. Mr. Huntley completes almost 42 years of service in both regional and community banking and over 6 years of service with Artisans' Bank. Mr. Huntley said, "Beth is a strong leader with a deep understanding of all aspects of community banking. I am confident that she will lead Artisans' Bank and its employees to a bright future."

Mrs. Albano has been employed by Artisans' Bank for 29 years, serving in a

variety of positions with increasing levels of responsibility.

"I am honored to become the 12th President and CEO in Artisans' Bank's 159 year history," said Mrs. Albano. "I am humbled by the confidence and trust the Board has placed in me and



Elizabeth D. Albano



Seipp Nanticoke 2019 Nurse of the Year

Nanticoke Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce Tanya Seipp, RN as its 2019 Nurse of the Year. Tanya is a thirty-year employee of the hospital, currently working as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department. Tanya received the Nurse of the Year honor on Friday, May 8th as a part of National Nurses Week celebrations.

"As we honor nurses during these difficult times, it is good to be reminded of the impacts nurses have on the lives of so many. The shifts can be long, and sometimes the days difficult," said Ray Fulkrod, Jr., DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer at Nanticoke. "Being a nurse is not easy; it is not for everyone, and is taxing on every level – emotional, mental and physical. Tanya has proven herself time and time again to be dedicated to her profession."

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look forward to continuing the critical community bank mission of Artisans' for years to come. I thank Mark for his leadership, mentorship and partnership over the past six years. I am confident as the Bank moves forward that we will continue to serve our customers and communities with excellence thanks to the great team of Artisans' Associates."



Mark E. Huntley

get to their destinations."

The \$10 million-dollar project constructed as part of a public-private partnership between DelDOT, DTC and Transit Center, LLC (Colonial Parking, EDiS Company, and Emory Hill Real Estate Services, Inc.), used 100%

State and private funds.

"Wilmington is grateful for the new, modern, convenient transit center that sits within the City's multi-modal transportation hub," said Mayor Mike Purzycki. "This facility is in line with what we are building in Wilmington—a city for the future but one that meets the needs of today."

Wilmington Transit Center Opens

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) opened the Wilmington Transit Center, located at Front and Walnut Streets, operating as the new transfer location for most DART bus routes in downtown Wilmington. The new transit center has the capacity to have up to 10 buses stage at one time allowing bus layovers without blocking city streets, and offers riders a smoke-free covered, seated waiting area, real-time bus displays, ticket sales, Wi-Fi, USB charging stations, vending machines, and bike racks with a bike repair station.

Strategically located adjacent to Wilmington's Joseph R. Biden Rail Station, the transit center provides convenient access to Amtrak, SEPTA, Greyhound/Trailways, and cabs. The center also provides parking for rental cars, and offers 90 public parking spaces, including two electric car charging stations.

"We have made significant investments in the City of Wilmington and our infrastructure that has helped create jobs, improve travel, and spur economic development," said Governor John Carney. "This transit center will serve 75 percent of the bus routes in Wilmington, and it will make it easier for passengers in and around the city to



After Mountaire Farms Donates Nearly 30,000 Pounds of Chicken, Beebe Healthcare Pays It Forward

Mountaire Farms spent two days on Beebe Healthcare's campuses last week to provide nearly 30,000 pounds of free chicken to all of the healthcare system's team members.

In response to the incredible support from the community, as well as the generosity of Mountaire, Beebe Healthcare team members asked for the opportunity to 'pay it forward' and donate their gift to others less fortunate during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The result: 9,400 pounds of chicken donated to 14 food pantries supporting community members. "This was truly an opportunity for Beebe and Mountaire to say thank you," said David A. Tam, MD, MBA, FACHE, President & CEO of Beebe Healthcare. "Not only did Mountaire provide chicken to our hard-working team members and their families on the front lines right before Memorial Day weekend, but Beebe team members came up with the idea to have the ability to donate their portion to those in need. This is another extraordinary example of our team living the Beebe Values and how we are made up of families caring for families, and neighbors caring for neighbors."