



# Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association

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## UPDATES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends,

All our daily lives have been affected by the Corona Pandemic. Decisions and actions are mostly revolving around related issues. Seriousness and difficulties vary; but the willingness, commitment and dedication to help are mostly the same. Like many non-profit organizations, HRCCA wants to help.

Our Walkathon Planning Committee had put our Walkathon Plan on hold due to obvious reasons. However, a MASK DRIVE is started under our Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Paul Wu and Dr. Jennifer Kwan. This is to help local doctors since we learned that some doctors are in dire needs for masks.

On behalf of our board, I'd like to send our best regards to all members and friends and to keep them posted on some of the positive things we can do to help locally in this difficult time. **5,000 MASKS were given out!** Equally important, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated volunteers and directors. I've listed more information listed below, please also visit <http://hrcca.ca/>.

Sincerely,

Liza Wu, HRCCA president

- MASKS DRIVE started March 30<sup>th</sup>, under the leadership of Dr. Paul Wu and Dr. Jennifer Kwan, we informed local Halton physicians that HRCCA can provide some CE certified and level 2 medical grade masks. Understanding that some doctor offices are in dire of needs of masks, HRCCA's board agreed to purchase the masks and provided them for free. Our intension is to take care of urgent needs and to raise funds later to cover such expenditure.
- Dr. Wu himself, with the help of a couple of dedicated volunteers, Mr. Yang Yi & Mr. Lucas Yuen managed to deliver to some doctor offices in both Burlington & Oakville. Local restaurant IMI Sushi is also willing to serve as a pick up point. Last week, working with Milton Chinese Association, we were able to distribute masks to the Milton doctors who need them. We have since received positive feedbacks and thank-you e-mails from some of the doctors.
- Individually, some of the directors also contributed in other ways. Among our sub-committee and volunteers, we managed to do other meaningful things. Thanks to Mr. Louis Tsai for working behind the scene in communication and for connecting with Oakville's Call A Friend program to help isolated seniors. A sincere thank-you goes to our youth volunteers who are also getting involved to help in getting food donated to the local Compassion Society.
- More needs will continue for Masks & PPE. For examples, we've received calls from Acclaim Health. With our limited resources, we will see how we can further assist.
- Our community partners, such as Summit Garden, are doing their part to help front-line health care professionals. We're glad to promote their positive actions and we also reached out to the police & our MP's. We're happy to deliver some to the Halton Police & Minister Damoff.

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