

## LOCAL AGENCIES APPRECIATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

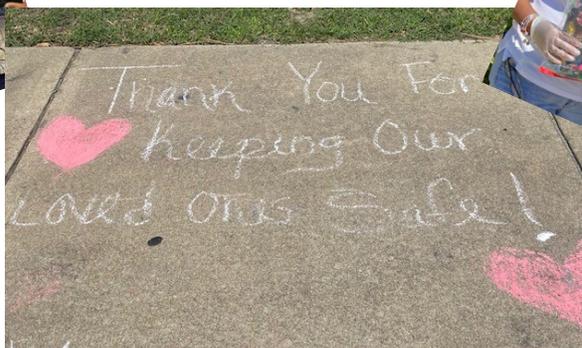
In less than a month, **Face Masks for Craven** has provided nearly **800 reusable face masks** to **nine assisted living facilities** and nearly **300 masks** to **five in-home health care agencies**. These fourteen agencies are some of the 24 organizations receiving masks so far.

Congregate living environments present one of the biggest challenges to those who are trying to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those who give and receive services through in-home health agencies also are at risk. Assisted living facilities and in-home health agencies are working hard to serve people and protect them. They are grateful for the extra support offered by the community.



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## VOLUNTEERS JOIN TO MAKE MASKS

As of April 26, **Face Masks for Craven** has produced and delivered about **1500** reusable face masks to **24** different agencies around Craven County! This accomplishment has been possible only because of the generous, hardworking, team-spirited efforts of *over 100 different volunteers*.

What a mix of skills and effort! We have cutters, ironers, folders, twisters, sewers, packers, and drivers. We also have people who complete needs assessments, do quality control on masks, and host at our distribution center at New Hope Village.

In an effort to introduce that large and still-expanding team of volunteers to one another, we will continue to feature a variety of our awesome volunteers in our regular updates.

## April 26 Volunteer Profiles

**Ella Billingsley** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at H.J. MacDonald who has become one of our super-sewers over the past three weeks. Teaming with her mom, they have produced *over 500 face masks!* Ella got involved with this project after her mom learned about it through a HDRA newsletter. Ella shared that it “broke her heart to know that first responders like EMT’s had no face masks and that working hard is worth it because she knows she has done something to help.” Go, Ella!!



**Louise Lawrence** found out about “Face



Masks for Craven” from her pastor at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church. It took Louise a while to discover her special talent with this work, which is prepping the strips that are used for cloth ties. Louise’s ties are always lovingly and carefully prepared. Louise has enjoyed the fellowship of interacting with her church community and is delighted that their building is being used for such a great project.

**The Greenbrier Strippers** is a growing group of volunteers who also were urged to help with the vital but time-consuming work of prepping the cloth strips for ties—cutting strips, folding fabric, ironing, stitching. Suzanne Edgington, Moira LaViolette, Jeanette Print, and Ida Straley have become a great team! *Suzanne* has been surprised at the number of masks needed by workers in local agencies, while *Moira* is impressed by how fast and coordinated the work of the strippers has been! What has impressed *Jeanette* is the huge number of volunteers involved overall with this project. *Ida* shares that she didn’t know she could work this fast! All of the Greenbrier Strippers are grateful they can have a part to play in helping our larger community. Thank you, Greenbrier Ladies!