

## Pine-Richland student matches mask makers with those

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A Pine-Richland junior is collaborating with a senior in the Norwin School District to connect people who can sew masks that protect against the spread of coronavirus with nursing homes that need them.

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Serving as a volunteer at UPMC Passavant hospital for the past several years has be

But when the coronavirus pandemic hit in March, the Pine-Richland junior was no lor

regard to how I could help my community while being stuck at home. So I thought about the pandemic."

When Sethi met [Norwin High School senior Lydia Berger](#) while participating in a [Pitts](#) project to supply nursing homes with protective face masks.

"People are cognizant of how hospitals and inner-city communities are being impact the virus has on nursing homes. This project became my passion as I desired to give

To supply the masks, Sethi and Berger created a website, the [Nursing Home Mask Ir](#) nursing homes that need the protective devices.

"The goal is to alleviate some of the pressure put on nursing homes by the coronavir care facilities are facing shortages in equipment."

Sethi noted that nursing homes have become hot spots for covid-19 outbreaks and t equipment.

The students already have arranged for crafters to supply masks for more than two c operates facilities in Murrysville, North Huntingdon and Greensburg.

Lisa Dormire, the company's vice president of mission support, said they "were reall

"We had adequate supplies to care for our nursing home residents who needed to b workforce of 500 along with 600 residents across our three facilities was daunting b

When it became clear that Redstone could not get masks from its vendors, officials r

"Once we put the call out, people started dropping masks off, " Dormire said. "It was

Dormire said the volunteer spirit exhibited during the pandemic, especially among yc

"There's very much a sense of 'I can't do much, but this is what I can do, '" she said.

Crafters interested in volunteering to make masks can participate by [providing conta](#) receiving help.

Nursing facilities that need masks can contact Sethi and Berger at covid19maskinitia

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