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**Junior League of Indianapolis Directs Volunteer Efforts to Protective Mask Production**  
*Monetary donation and mask making initiative will impact underserved communities*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) announced today it has contributed \$1,000 to the People for Urban Progress (PUP) [Indy Mask Project](#). Funds will support the production of 200 protective fabric masks for community health centers, childcare centers for families of first responders and long-term care facilities.

PUP, an Indianapolis nonprofit that advances good design and civic sustainability, has ramped up its manufacturing lines to produce protective masks that have been approved by Community Health Network and HealthNet. To date, PUP has donated more than 1,000 masks, distributing to the Speedway Police Department, IMPD officers for Officer Breann Leath’s funeral, the YMCA first responders childcare initiative and HealthNet, which provides medical services to underserved populations.

“We recognize the critical need for personal protective equipment for those serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said JLI president Patrice Dawson. “The PUP Indy Mask Project is directly impacting underserved communities, which aligns with JLI’s mission.”

JLI is also providing mask making training to its members, who will be gathering virtually several times in the coming weeks to sew masks for Eskenazi Health. Eskenazi serves populations disproportionately affected by health challenges and disparities.

“While the COVID-19 pandemic has hampered the JLI’s ability to physically serve in the community, our commitment remains the same,” said Dawson. “We are doing everything we can to make a significant and immediate impact.”

JLI established a COVID-19 Response Task Force to identify community needs, evaluate ways to address those needs and provide aid through engagement projects supported by JLI members. Click [here](#) to learn more about JLI’s COVID-19 response.

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**About Junior League of Indianapolis**

JLI is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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