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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSISTS IN LARGE UNDERTAKING SPEARHEADED BY MONMOUTH COUNTY TEEN

Eatontown: Sheriff Shaun Golden was proud to assist in a huge effort to distribute disposable medical gowns to long term care centers throughout Monmouth County on December 21, at the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management's warehouse in Fort Monmouth. This tremendous undertaking was spearheaded by Tessa Campolattaro. The junior from MAST High School created One World Shared, an organization whose mission is to obtain unused medical supplies from hospitals and surgical centers across the tri state area, and provide them to underserved countries and those in need.

“When Tessa asked for our assistance in housing and distributing the supplies to long term care facilities throughout Monmouth County, we were one hundred percent committed to helping her with this great endeavor,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden. “We could not be more proud of such a remarkable young woman who has dedicated her time to make a difference in the health and safety of those in need.”

Tessa's latest effort began after she received 75 thousand disposable medical gowns from the industrial supply company Grainger. The certified gowns were discontinued by the manufacturer and no longer being sold by Grainger who donated them to One World Shared. Tessa contacted the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management for assistance in coordinating and distributing the supply to Monmouth County long term care centers. Soon after, the distribution site was set up at the OEM's warehouse in Fort Monmouth.

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Tessa's dedication to helping those in need came long before this latest venture. Tessa accompanies her dad, a Pediatric Ophthalmologist, and his organization, the Institute for Latin American Concern, on trips to the Dominican Republic. Tessa helped deliver \$250,000 worth of medical equipment, which she obtained through her efforts in the United States, during her most recent trip to the Dominican Republic.

"Our parents always remind us to be grateful for what we have and coordinating these projects have a lasting impression, since it is truly eye opening to see how many lives can be improved through this work," said Tess Campolattaro. "And while we may call it work, it is truly so much more than that to everyone. We leave with an incredible gift of helping those in need."

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