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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE LIBRARY LENDS 3D PRINTERS TO HELP FRONTLINE WORKERS

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is lending their 3D printers to 1to1 Rehab to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline workers.

1to1 Rehab is a home care company that serves contracts through the Ministry of Health. They reached out to the Library to assist in their initiative of creating 'face shields'. 1to1 Rehab helps patients that are discharged from hospitals to home care in order to free beds in the hospital and prevent admissions to the hospital unrelated to COVID-19 during this critical time.

"The Library is grateful to be able to assist our health care workers in this difficult time. There is nothing more important that this equipment could do than help provide much needed Personal Protective Equipment." says Library Chief Executive Officer, Margaret Wallace.

The library has supplied two 3D printers, available filament as well as remote tech support for the use of the printers. There is an urgent shortage across Ontario of PPE including masks and face shields which is a serious safety concern for the community seeking to flatten the curve of the virus.

"It is in the midst of a crisis like COVID-19 when you see innovative and creative residents rise up to solve problems." Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt. "The concern surrounding the availability of PPE's for our front-line health care workers has been front and center of every news cycle this past week. Alison from Stouffville's 1to1 Rehab and the WSPL teaming up to 3D print these much-needed face masks is what makes this great community we call home."

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has initiated a number of responses to COVID-19 which includes closing Town facilities, restricting access to parks and playgrounds and issuing a state of emergency.

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