## War Against COVID-19. Keep Our Frontline Fighters Strong

## What UA3 is doing to show we care! - 4/10/2020

Today, April 10, 2020, an additional 10,729 New Yorkers were confirmed to have been stricken with COVID-19 and another 777 were lost to this illness. While many are watching the daily counts anxiously in the safety of their own home, first responders and medical personnel continue to fight the war against this invisible enemy to save lives. As we are all in this together, under the leadership of its president, Mr. Don Hong, UA3 (a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization) has joined forces and in collaboration with other community leaders and non-profit organizations, as well as elected officials - including Councilwoman Margaret Chin, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, to

bring some comfort and a show of unity and support to these frontline heroes.

As they have been doing in the past few weeks, another 130 gourmet meals (from the Rasa Malaysian Restaurant, 25 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan) of stewed beef curry with potatoes, chicken basil fried rice, and vegetable and tofu teriyaki, as well as the much needed surgical masks, were personally delivered this afternoon (April 10, 2020) to the staff of the New York-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital (NYPLMH) by UA3 Board Member, Mr. Chi Loek, and volunteer Mr. Jasper Diaz.





[From left to right: Hui Man Lai, Community Affair, NYPLMH; Juan Mejia, Senior VP & COO, NYPLMH; Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President; Staff member, NYPLMH; Anthony Gagliardi, Chief Medical Officer, NYPLMH; Chi Loek, UA3 Board Member; and Jasper Diaz, UA3 Volunteer] UA3, a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, which mission is to serve the community, is honored to be able to join forces with many caring New Yorkers and organizations to contribute in any way possible to support our frontline fighters. This includes community leaders such as Charles P. Wang, John Lam, Robin Mui, Bentley Zhao, and Mona So, as well other not-for-profit organizations including but not limited to: the American Buddhist Confederation; Wenzhou Association of Industry & Commerce of America; American Hotel Owners Charitable Association, Inc.; NYC Chinese American Support Corp; and China AIDs Fund, Inc.

In collaboration with the Borough President of Brooklyn, Eric L. Adams, and together with other community partners, UA3 was able to bring meals and beverages as well as a supply of donated masks to frontline workers at the University Hospital of Brooklyn, Kings County Hospital and Medical Center, Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, as well as the New York Community Hospital in Brooklyn. Further, critically needed masks, donated by the American Hotel Owners Charitable Association were also delivered to the NYPD.



On April 2, 2020, in collaboration with Margaret Chin, City



Council Member from District 1, UA3 Board Members - Don Hong and Chi Loek, along with volunteers, personally delivered another 75 hot meals, cooked by the chef of the Rasa Malaysian Restaurant in Manhattan, as well as surgical masks, and a supply of surgical gowns donated by the our community partners to the Bellevue Hospital as another act of our appreciation.

On April 4, 2020, another emergency supply of PPEs, 75 surgical gowns donated by American Hotel Owners Charitable Association, Inc. and the NYC Chinese American Support Corp. were delivered to The Brooklyn Hospital Center by Mr. Chi Loek.



These acts of appreciation were funded privately through generous personal donations as well as savings from the reserves of UA3 and from not-for-profit organizations mentioned above. UA3 has recently set up a Charity-GoFundMe page to raise more money to support this endeavor and hopes that many from the community will support these efforts. As we all know, any government funding will only be enough to be used towards the procurement of PPEs, medical equipment and supplies and services. There is no funding dedicated to bringing a bit of comfort and support to our frontline workers. Any contribution would be a small way of just saying WE DO CARE and WE THANK YOU to those who sacrifice so much for us.

We urge all members of the community to help and to show our gratitude and support. Anyone wishing to support this effort can scan the QR Code to the UA3 Charity-GoFundMe site below to donate.



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