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From: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: March 31, 2020 3:32 PM
To: June Neufeld
Subject: RE: Medical gowns etc.

Hi June!

So great to hear from you, I am glad you reached out! I have definitely heard of all the fantastic work that the MCC does, and I remember my Oma making the quilts and supporting in other ways.

I am in the business of procuring medical supplies and services on behalf of the Government of Canada in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am sure we can use the resources in your community somehow! However, I might have to redirect you to a different ministry or maybe to the Province of BC, or even your local MP.

What is your postal code and where is the MCC most centrally located? From there I can connect you with the right people to use the support you are offering in the best way!

I hope you are staying well and staying healthy, and thank you so much for emailing me, it never surprises me how far the Mennonite connection can go!

All the best,

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From: June Neufeld [REDACTED]
Sent: March 26, 2020 14:54
To: Taipalus, Madison (SPAC/PSPC) <madison.taipalus@canada.ca>
Subject: Medical gowns etc.

Hi Madison,

Talked to your mom today (she's my niece). I asked about your your line of work.

Just an idea 💡! I have connections to quilting clubs. Amazing seamstresses who could whip up much needed medical gowns, boot coverings etc. (One club alone here in Kamloops has 40 seamstresses.). These women could be most helpful. They're hard working, skilled and know how to get things done quickly.

Send me requirements for what you need (re type of materials or specs used) and I know I could get back to you quickly and let you know if this is a possibility.

Your grandmother Mary (as well as her sisters and her mother), spent many hours making and sending blankets to refugees overseas as well as supplying blankets to those in need locally. Your grandmother's family was (and still is) part of the Mennonite central committee (a charitable organization) with outreach worldwide. I am most certain that in this pandemic, the MCC would step up to the plate and assist in providing what is needed for medical supplies for Canadian medical staff.

Let me know if you're interested at all in the possibility of either our local seamstresses and/or the MCC providing this service. I can further investigate.

June Neufeld
Kamloops, BC

Sent from my iPad