Hi {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

Even in its early days, the COVID-19 pandemic shed light on dire needs in the community, both locally and nationally.

Thankfully, a small group of creative and big-hearted Gorge citizens, including Maui Meyer and Dr. Laurel Berge, started Handmade Brigade 50 (HMB50) to meet one of those dire needs: **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for frontline healthcare workers.**

Just days after critical shortages of PPE were reported, HMB50 set to work recruiting community partners, repurposing manufacturing facilities, requesting funds, and designing and creating isolation gowns, **face shields, caps, and masks** for hospitals, medical clinics, and even Life Flight.

Partnering with The Next Door, HMB50 received an outpouring of generosity from the Gorge and beyond. In only a few months, thanks to people like you, over **$300,000 was gifted to manufacture and donate PPE, including 20,000 isolation gowns and 6,000 face shields,** to grateful frontline healthcare workers.

The fight against COVID-19 isn't over, but having a
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community that comes together in this time of crisis proves that, if we work together, we will get through this.

To those who supported our brave healthcare workers by participating in HMB50, thank you!

With deep gratitude,

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