**June 11, 2020 – Rotaract Club of Toronto West – Helps Protect and Support Their Community during COVID-19**

Covid-19 is making many things difficult but RTW is there to help make them easier.

Here is a link to their website to see whaty they are doing and lots of photos too: <https://rotarytorontowest.ca/Stories/rtw-covid-19-projects?fbclid=IwAR2VT5NKi7782HeKH-jW88GEMBu5-O5-DmGFfVYp09s05cFj03JRTw_bDXw>

**Rotary Club of Toronto West Helps Protect and Support Our Community**

From masks and other types of personal protective equipment to spreading cheer with cookies, RTW's Covid-19 Committee has been taking on projects to support and protect people in our community during the pandemic.  We've accomplished a lot in a short time - read on to see what we've done.

From the Club: On behalf of **The Rotary Club of Toronto  West** and myself, I want to thank you for your donation to our COVID-19 Cookie drive. This initiative was started by our sister Rotary Club BUT as we had so many bakers out there, who wanted to bring some joy to others with yummy treats, we expanded the drive and were able to bring smiles to many more faces.

I received more than 900 baked goods!!!!! WOW!!!  In addition, we had more than 20 bakers involved, including Richview and Martingrove and Etobicoke Collegiate students, teachers from Richview and Etobicoke Collegiates, Rotarians from Toronto West Rotary and many friends and relatives, including some pretty inspired seniors (one over 90 years of age)

So who received these goodies:

* Ernestine's Women's Shelter
* Youth Without Shelter
* Etobicoke Support Services
* the Community Officers at 22 Division  - Toronto Police (I wish I took a picture of their smiles!)
* Through Etobicoke Rotary,  Women's Habitat Shelter of Etobicoke's Outreach Food Program
* Through Etobicoke Rotary, Elisa House Shelter

*Thank you all for your support and help in bringing a little bit of happiness to others!*

On a more serious note, the club has also organized the acquisition and distribution of personal protective equipment consisting of face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for organizations that were struggling to secure these items.  RTW even has it's own stylish mask - Patti is wearing one in the photo above

These items have been/will be distributed to organizations such as [The George Hull Centre for Children and Families](https://www.georgehullcentre.on.ca/), [Thistletown Food Bank](http://211update.findhelp.ca/record/MET1119), [North York Food Bank](https://northyorkharvest.com/), [Ernestine's Shelter](https://ernestines.ca/), [Covenant House](https://covenanthousetoronto.ca/), [Inner City Outreach](https://innercityoutreach.ca/), [Etobicoke Support Services](https://www.esssupportservices.ca/), [MabelleArts](http://www.mabellearts.ca/), Richview Collegiate teachers, Etobicoke Collegiate teachers, and member organizations of the [Village of Islington Business Improvement Area](https://www.villageofislington.com/) (distributed courtesy of the [VIBE Centre](https://vibecentre.ca/) in the Village of Islington).