TBM delivers protective supplies to Baylor Scott and White

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Texas Baptist Men delivered 1,200 pairs of protective glasses and four pallets of plastic sheeting April 2 to <u>Baylor Scott & White Health</u> to help healthcare workers battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

The glasses can be worn by medical professionals on the frontlines of the growing situation. TBM leaders delivered the supplies to the Baylor Scott & White Health Faith in Action Initiatives, which will distribute them.



Don Sewell (right), director of Faith in Action Initiatives at Baylor Scott & White Health, expresses gratitude to TBM for the protective glasses and plastic sheeting the missions organization donated. Pictured with Sewell are Russell Schieck, TBM volunteer, and Dwain Carter, director of TBM disaster

relief. (TBM Photo)

"Texas Baptist Men has faithfully worked with Baylor Scott & White Health for decades, helping us better serve our staff, patients, and the community," said Don Sewell, director of Faith in Action Initiatives for Baylor Scott & White Health.

"We are inspired by their generosity to help healthcare workers on the frontline as they continue to serve those who need us most. During these unprecedented times, it is inspiring to see everyone come together to make a difference."

The plastic sheeting can be used to guide people and separate patients in the event the disease spreads widely enough that such measures are needed. If the sheeting isn't needed during the pandemic in the Dallas area, it will be used for overseas medical work.

"We're honored to help the men and women who are fighting on behalf of all of us," said Dwain Carter, director of TBM disaster relief. "We're all in this together. By giving them what they need, we're seeking to deliver help, hope and healing to those who have been infected with the virus, as well as those who will be."

The donation comes as COVID-19 cases are on the rise in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. On April 1, Dallas County reported 100 new cases, the most for any single day. There have been 731 COVID-19 cases in Dallas County alone.

One week before the delivery to Baylor Scott & White, TBM donated 15,000 N-95 masks for medical professionals and first responders throughout the state. Typically, TBM uses those masks when volunteers clean out flooded homes, but the ministry donated all they had when leaders saw the need in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

"National leaders have told us that this situation could get worse," Carter said. "This is an all-hands-on-deck situation. We need to give everything we have. We happened to have masks, plastic sheeting and glasses. We pray these donations protect medical professionals and save lives."

TBM has responded to every major natural disaster in Texas since 1967 with a variety of efforts, including mass feeding, chainsaw teams, mud out teams, child care and shower and laundry units. The organization served more than 1.7 million meals after Hurricane Harvey alone.

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