



# Carolinan Chinese Chamber of Commerce

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## FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT



A grim, historical chapter is unfolding in front of our eyes as the COVID-19 virus sweeps through the world. Over 2 million people have been infected, and the death toll has topped 150,000. The stock markets are in turmoil, and the world economy has trended into recession. During this challenging time, I am so glad to see that CCCC members have put community first, rising to the occasion to fight the pandemic.

In January, many CCCC members donated money, playing a key role in purchasing and delivering about 125,000 masks to hospitals in Wuhan. MLily, a Winnsboro, SC-based company, donated 8170 mattresses for medical use to the Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan to treat COVID-19 patients.

In March as the COVID-19 wreaks more havoc in the United States, CCCC was motivated to help the medical workers in the front line. Fund drives were launched, and masks and other protection equipment were donated to various local hospitals directly. Uniquetex, a corporate member, installed the first assembly lines in short time and started making medical masks. And seminars were conducted about how to keep business afloat, how to avoid being infected and stay healthy during this trying time.

Life may have changed forever, but we can always play an important role in helping the communities both in China and the United States as any crisis emerges.

Let's keep moving forward!

Michael Wang

## WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ji Li	HMLHospitality LLC.
Song Lu	DL Cabinetry
Di Gao	Stewart.Inc
Guo Zhang	Dur Group LLC
Hongtian Zheng	Crown Park Gold Club
Jingyao Li	Chinaberry Tree Linens

We appreciate those who already paid dues and renewed their memberships!

Queena Yao	N-Tier Solutions Inc
James Montague	F7 Development Inc
Roger Yiu	Lexus Dealer in Raleigh
Daniel Ma	Billy Graham Evangelistic Association



### KEY EVENT COMING UP AT CCCC

2020 Annual CCCC Celebration was postponed indefinitely due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. A new date will be announced with a further notice.



### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CCCC

#### **In the triangle area:**

January 10<sup>th</sup>, Szechuan Mansion Hotpot held its grand opening in Cary.

January 11<sup>th</sup>, RPT CCCC members attended a luncheon in Cary.

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, online seminars were held by tax professionals, including, Mingjun Zhu, Steve Niu to talk about 2020 tax preparation, tax and retirement planning and other topics.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, CCCC delivered masks and other protection materials to UNC Healthcare.



On April 8<sup>th</sup>, CCCC and Carolina Chinese Civic Center donated protection gowns and face shields to UNC Rex and First Health of Carolina.



### **In Charlotte area**

CCCC joined other Chinese community organizations to raise more than \$175,000 to buy masks for Wuhan. The first batch of 24,000 masks were delivered in Wuhan on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and the second batch of over 100,000 masks arrived there on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, PwC hosted US-China tariff mitigation seminar in Charlotte.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, online seminars were hosted by Macy Xie, Daisy Wang and Wendy Shao on business and individual tax and retirement planning.



The largest local Chinese supermarket, Asian Market, was opened on 2/26 and its online shopping started in early April.



On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, CCCC leadership team visited the headquarters of Samaritan's Purse & Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and appreciated the 10 tons of medical supplies that they donated to Wuhan, China.



March 16<sup>th</sup>, CCCC and Carolina Chinese American Civic Center initiated a drive to purchase masks, protective clothing and other anti-epidemic materials for medical workers in the Carolinas. Within a few days, more than \$40,000 was raised and large amount of masks were received.

March 21<sup>st</sup>, three doctors from Hubei province, China, that was hit hardest by the COVID-19 and a doctor in Charlotte hosted the first online seminar on how they fought the virus and how to avoid being infected by it. More than 1,000 people joined the webinar.

A seminar on SBA special loan program was hosted by Scott Shire with Community First Bank on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

In the week of March 22, UniqueTex started trial production of masks. It is expected to produce 200,000 masks daily when all three assembly lines are in production.



March 26<sup>th</sup>, CCCC delivered masks, gloves and other materials to Novant Health Matthews Medical Center, Tryon Medical Partners, and Novant Health Urgent Care.



March 28<sup>th</sup>, the second webinar organized by CCCC invited two doctors from the front line in China to share their experience and knowledge on fighting the coronavirus.

March 31<sup>st</sup>, CCCC delivered masks to Atrium Health, one of the two largest hospital systems in Charlotte area.





**In other areas:**

January 21, PwC hosted a tariff mitigation seminar in Spartensburg, SC.

Chinese new year celebration performance was held in Winthrop University, SC, 2/9.



On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Dur Group LLC hosted an event about OSHA Self-reporting Requirements and Inspection Preparation in Greensboro, NC.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Hongtao Zhang hosted a webinar on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Myrtle Beach Chinese community delivered N95 masks and other medical supplies to Grand Strand Hospital.



## CCCC MEMBER NEWS

MLily, a Winnsboro, SC-based company donated at least 8170 mattresses to the Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan, China for the coronavirus patients so far this year.

A mattress and pillow manufacturer, MLily opened the U.S. headquarters and a 650,000-square-foot plant in mid-2019. Currently it employs over 70 people and plans to ramp up to 250 employees by year-end. It has invested nearly \$50 million in the factory, which will produce mattresses, as well as foams and springs.

James Ni, chair and CEO of MLily's parent company Healthcare, decided to donate mattresses after he was informed that doctors and nurses in Wuhan hospitals had to rest or sleep on the ground or in chairs because there were not enough beds. MLily offered that it would donate as many mattresses as hospitals and medical institutions in Wuhan need to fight the coronavirus.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April: Entrepreneur/Leadership Forum (pending COVID-19 situation)

May: Charity Golf Event (pending COVID-19 situation)

June: Group Trip to Silicon valley/DC (pending COVID-19 situation)

July: Group Volunteer Events

August: Regional Economic/Real Estate Update

September: Semi-Annual Gathering

October: Chinese Business Forum

November: Financing/Commercial Loan Seminar

December: Year-End Holiday Celebration



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