

What an inspiring story! I hope this encourages you.



I want to share an inspiring story. It's a story of a widow living in a senior center in Dallas who decided to make a difference. Many people who live in this senior center have been impacted by the recent Dallas tornado. It is truly a story of being the light in the darkness! Being a widow myself this story warms my heart!

I received an email from one of our volunteers who has served at the Operation Care International Christmas event for the homeless in the past. She knew our team was bringing much needed items to the homeless and to Dallas area shelters during this COVID-19 pandemic. She wanted to help. She started to make masks that we could give to the homeless.

I caught up with her today at her home in Dallas...

Question: Where did you get this idea to make masks to donate to Operation Care International?

Gabriella: I went to the store to buy masks and I realized there was no masks. I love to sew and I live in an active adult community. God gave me the idea during this stay at home shelter in place to make masks for those in need.

Question: Once you had the idea what did you do next?

Gabriella: I'm from Peru and lost my husband two years ago. I have a community of friends that are the foundation of my support system that live in the senior center. I asked them, "Who wants to help me make masks?" Several other women in the community jumped in. It was a team, one of them donated the fabric. We wanted to donate them to Operation Care International because we knew they have been bringing much needed items to the homeless and the Dallas area shelters throughout this crisis. It took us 4-5 days to make about 100 masks.

Question: We are so encouraged by your story, what has God showed you during this season?

Gabriella: God has taught me we all can do something. Yes, I was sheltered in my home but I wanted to help. I decided to use my gift of sewing. We all can contribute. It's amazing that a group of women living in an active senior center could make a difference. My prayer is that these masks will help save lives!