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## Dark days for San Diego Hospitals was Brighten by a local company

## Solatube donates face shields and sneeze guards to local hospitals and clinics

**VISTA, CALIF.** (April 13, 2020) — With personal protective equipment (PPE) in short supply for health care workers, Solatube® International Inc., the worldwide leader in brightening people's lives through Tubular Skylights, pivoted to producing vital face shields and sneeze guards for health care workers who are on the front line fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

In four business days, Solatube went from selecting a face shield template to delivering 500 donated face shields to the Tri City Medical Center, who is treating COVID-19 patients. They also delivered to Palomar Hospital, Scripps Health, Sharp Healthcare, and have a shipment ready for New York City Hospital.

"Once I heard word about the extreme shortages, there wasn't a second thought about making the shields," said Robert E. Westfall Jr., president of Solatube International. "Our team at Solatube is working hard to support our heroic health care professionals. We are going to produce and donate as much as we can. If you are in the health care industry and are in need of face shields please contact jhedgecock@solatube.com"

Westfall is no stranger to helping hospitals and clinics, he is the chairman of the board of trustees for the Vista Community Clinic (VCC), which serves the underprivileged and uninsured population in Southern California. In the midst of creating face shields, Westfall learned that VCC desperately needed sneeze guards to protect staff at reception counters. Solatube quickly developed a solution for the clinic who were unable to find anyone to help them and donated material for facility managers to install.

Solatube will make more than 5,000 shields with the material they have on hand and are working to secure more material. Please contact James Hedgecock at jhedgecock@solatube.com if you need face protection shields for your medical professionals.

## **About Solatube International**

Solatube International, Inc., widely recognized as the daylighting industry innovator, has earned worldwide acclaim for its unrivaled ability to transform interior spaces with natural light. Based in California, the company is the leading manufacturer and marketer of tubular daylighting devices (TDDs) for all types of residential and commercial applications, and residential energy-efficient home ventilation systems. Solatube continues to innovate with groundbreaking products that increase energy efficiency and light output, such as the award-winning, high-output SkyVault Series. Solatube TDDs were among the first innovations to receive the "Solar Impulse Efficient Solution" Label by The Solar Impulse Foundation, recognizing all the effort and innovative development it has made to become a recognized energy-efficient solution. For more information about the company and its related products, visit www.solatube.com