## **Heroes Behind the Seams**

Like so many others in our healthcare community, Virginia Cancer Specialists recently found ourselves in need of personal protective equipment (PPE) due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to help protect our medical oncology clinical team, and our patients in need, we decided to try to optimize our PPE supply, and procure additional facemasks. We posted a news message on our website and shared it on social media asking for volunteers to produce homemade facemasks. We were hopeful that we would receive a handful of responses, however we were not prepared for the amazing support we received. After posting the news post on our website, we had reached over 2000 people and had over 500 shares on Facebook in the first 24 hours. Since then, we have received a non-stop outpouring of support from those in our community that want to help, to include some of our very own patients (former and current), their caregivers and family members. Our liaisons have since been busy gathering homemade facemasks all across the Northern Virginia Metro Area and delivering them to our new PPE Command Center. Here are a few photos of these *"Heroes Behind the Seams"*.



Trish F, Clifton VA



Team made facemasks for Breast Cancer (right)



VCS -Dr. Alex Spira, Fairfax, VA



Facemask Team: Priscilla S and her Facemask Team, Ana Maria A, Anna B, Andrea K, Courtney and Kelly A, Jessie G, Juli S, Gabi



Tina Zuccolo, Virginia Cancer Specialists liaison



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Kelley P, Rixeyville, VA. Sister in law to VCS employee, Stephanie Payton



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Julie T, Clifton, VA



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Grace W and Family, Broadlands, VA



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Kathleen M, McLean, VA



Cindy W and Family, Centreville, VA



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