

SilverLakes HOA Cares Initiative

COVID-19 has brought out many real-life heroes in our community and the best in people who appreciate all that is being done to ensure people are taken care of, safe and supported.

When the pandemic first began in March, the SilverLakes HOA, with over 5,000 homes and 20,000 residents, started a SilverLakes Cares♥ Initiative that continues today. "Thank You" banners were put up in the community thanking essential workers, and nearly \$2,000 in Starbucks gift cards have been given to Memorial West and Miramar front line workers. The community continues to donate gift cards at the 18310 Pines Blvd. location, and

now also has an opportunity to write little notes of appreciation to local healthcare workers as they do so.

When the crisis first hit, shoe boxes, home sewn masks, and head coverings were also donated. Over the Easter holiday, 1,000 candy filled eggs were donated to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. And, many thank you letters have been written to nurses, grocery store staff, mail



carriers and waste collectors.

As the weeks and months progressed, Stay At Home Contests and lots of activities were posted, a virtual egg hunt was held and an Easter Egg Bunny Mobile visited all the children of SilverLakes. American Flags were placed in front of every homeowners mailbox for Flag Day and the 4th of July by Troop 441.

"We are so proud of our community for pulling together during this challenging time," said Cathy Balenovic, Community Affairs Director for the SilverLakes HOA. "We hope our actions inspire others to show their appreciation and support each other."

