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Dear ShortStory Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are living through the COVID-19 pandemic right now. This silent enemy has sadly upturned our world. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there are 1,754, 457 cases of coronavirus across the globe and 522,188 confirmed cases in the U.S. alone to date and counting. Hundreds of thousands of deaths of have been caused. Most of us who are lucky are bunkered down with our family with plenty of food to eat and living safely away from places where we might get infected. The elderly and those who are on the front lines—doctors, nurses, medical workers, social workers, and other essential workers—are in constant danger of infection and personal protective gear (PPE), such as masks, are scarce. To top it off, our local governments have mandated that anyone that must be outside wear a mask.

As a result, we took the decision to use our left-over cotton fabric and materials to make our own protective masks to donate to local hospitals such as Sibley Hospital and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and the Jesuit community at Georgetown University and others. The masks have a piece of HEPA filter fabric which can be replaced and the masks can be washed and reused.

Many of our customers have asked me if they can buy the masks. We may indeed have them available for sale in the near future and we will let you know. For now, we need to do our part and donate.

I'll be thinking of you all and if luck has it we will be showcasing our new line of shorts by the summer. This is definitely the time to be comfy and safe at home *and* show you care.

XOXO Carolina

