

Johnson family manufactures face shields for those in need

John Johnson has owned a truck parts manufacturing company in Choctaw for over 30 years. When he started to see how bad this virus was taking a toll on our first responders, nurses and doctors he knew he needed to help.

Recently, he shut down the truck parts operation and started making face shields using the machinery and materials he had on hand. He didn't know exactly how to make them, and didn't know if the hospitals would even want them, but he made them anyway.

The first batch went to a hospital in Seminole, he dropped them off, and hoped for the best. Within hours, the doctors were sending him texts about how much they loved and appreciated them along with "thumbs up" pictures.

Then, his phone began to ring nonstop with hospitals and other first responders that found out about his shields and needed them immediately.

The whole family jumped in to keep up. His wife Oy, daughters Christy and Jenny as well as grandchildren Brecken, Mason, Matty and Micah

have all been contributing to get out as many as possible each day. To date, they have provided face shields to OU Medical, OU Children's, Southwest Integris, St. Anthony, Will Rogers Fire Department, Survival Flight, several local police departments, local EMT's, Norman and Yukon hospitals, as well as individuals at greater risk.

Hundreds of the face shields have already gone out the door, with hundreds more ordered. All donated, free of charge, and all with a small label reading "Thank you from our family and God bless."



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