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Bridgestone Donates 10,000 Face Coverings to Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee

- Donation is a part of Economic Recovery Group's "TN Strong Mask Movement."
- Face coverings will be distributed to Boys & Girls Clubs across Tennessee in back-to-school packets.
- Bridgestone has been a nationwide partner of Boys & Girls Clubs of America since 2015.

NASHVILLE, TN (Aug. 4, 2020) — <u>Bridgestone Americas Inc.</u> (Bridgestone) recently donated 10,000 face coverings to Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. The face coverings, which were donated as part of the "<u>TN Strong Mask Movement</u>" initiated by Governor Bill Lee's Economic Recovery Group in June, are child-sized to accommodate the more than 57,000 youth who participate in Club services across the state each year. The masks will be distributed state-wide as part of the Club's back-to-school readiness program to ensure Club kids have a well-fitting mask while engaging in daily activities.

"It's great to see Bridgestone, one of Tennessee's leading manufacturers and one of the largest employers, stepping up to partner in the TN Strong Mask Movement," said Governor Bill Lee. "Since they are so influential for many Tennesseans' lives and livelihoods, they are also instrumental in making sure our communities are healthy."

Christine Karbowiak, vice chair, chief administrative officer, chief risk officer and executive vice president for Bridgestone Americas agreed, noting the company saw the donation as an opportunity to give back to youth throughout Tennessee.

"As a corporate citizen of Tennessee with operations in multiple local communities across the state, we wanted to participate in Governor Lee's TN Strong Mask Movement to provide Tennesseans with face coverings to help mitigate the spread of Coronavirus," Karbowiak said. "Providing child-sized face coverings to area Boys & Girls Club kids was

service centers across the United States including Firestone Complete Auto Care, Tires Plus, Hibdon Tires Plus and Wheel Works store locations. Credit First National Association and Firestone Complete Fleet Care operations are also part of BSRO. BSRO is a member of the Bridgestone Americas family of companies.

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