

Valley Community Foundation, CT business thank Griffin nurses
***Mizzi Cosmetics* discounts items to help frontline personnel during COVID-19**



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DERBY - Nurses at Griffin Hospital who have been on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic received care products last week in a gesture of appreciation.



In the past few months The Valley Community Foundation Board has been showing gratitude to health-care workers in the community.

The Board has delivered meals, snacks, and beverages to Valley nursing homes, assisted living facilities, police departments, fire houses, and ambulance corps to express gratitude.

The Board decided to re-deploy money budgeted for 2020 events to do something to thank health-care personnel placing themselves at risk to care for others.

VCF Board member Nancy Valentine facilitated a connection with a Portland, CT.-based beauty company, **Mizzi Cosmetics**, founded by Valley native Brenda Mierzejewski.

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Ansonia graduates receive scholarships from Rotary Club

ANSONIA - The Ansonia Rotary Club presented \$500 checks to scholars Maliqa Mosley-Williams and Tyler Cafaro. Both young adults graduated with distinction from Ansonia High School in June and will be attending college in the Fall.

The scholarships were awarded based on their academic and social accomplishments. They and their family members were guests of the Club for lunch at CRAVE Restaurant. Mayor David Cassetti was on hand to offer his congratulations.

The July 21 meeting was the Club's first in-person meeting since March, and meetings will be held bi-weekly going forward.



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VCF purchased 400 boxes of hand creams and lip balm at a discounted rate from the company.

Valentine and VCF President/CEO Sharon Closius were on hand at Griffin when Mierzejewski and family members dropped off the items for health care workers whose hands have been irritated from gloves, personal protective equipment, and sanitizer use.



This story is based on a press release from the Valley Community Foundation.



Left: Nurses at Griffin Hospital receive gifts of appreciation from the Valley Community Foundation

