ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL RECEIVES GRANT FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN
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Lockheed Martin donated $500,000 to Antelope Valley Hospital (AV Hospital) to help with crisis relief due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This grant will allow AV Hospital to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) including N95 masks, disposable isolation gowns, Nitrile disposable gloves for employees and ventilators for our patients.

“We are very grateful for this generous contribution that will help AV Hospital acquire much-needed crisis relief equipment to protect the hospital’s front-line workers and our patients,” said CEO Ed Mirzabegian. “The generosity from Lockheed Martin is a testament to the community working together through this pandemic.”

This funding is especially helpful since the AV Hospital Foundation had to cancel its annual fundraising golf tournament due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which typically brings in thousands of dollars for the hospital.

“As hospitals around the country scramble to secure PPE and ventilators, our Foundation worked tirelessly to secure grants for these supplies,” said Johnny Zamrzla, Foundation Board Chair. “Lockheed Martin responded quickly with a very charitable amount, and we are so appreciative they recognized the need and were able to provide us with this grant.”

Lockheed Martin Skunk Works® Vice President and General Manager Jeff Babione met with Mirzabegian to present the grant.

“At Lockheed Martin, we say your mission is ours. That applies to the men and women of the hospital’s front lines – the men and women who are taking care of our Antelope Valley community, including our employees,” Babione said. “Lockheed Martin is honored to provide this support during this unprecedented time.”

After the check presentation, Babione awarded Mirzabegian with a custom-made Skunk Works® coin for his outstanding performance during the pandemic. Awarding a challenge coin stems from a military tradition dating back to World War I.

The company also partnered with Lemon Leaf Café to bring 500 bags of treats to our employees.

We are grateful for all of the donations and support people and businesses have provided to Antelope Valley Hospital to help keep our employees and patients safe during this pandemic.