

# 1 in 1800: senior Spencer Freiberger

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Who came up with the idea to make homemade masks in bulk?

“My grandma came up with the idea to make these masks, because my mom works in the ICU, and my cousin is a nurse. My mom isn’t getting the patients, but my cousin, they’re getting all the COVID patients on her floor. They recently found out that there’s a shortage in the surgical masks and the N-95 masks, so they were like, ‘okay, well let’s make homemade masks.’”

How many mask do you make a day and where do you send them?

“On average, we make about 50 to 60 masks a day. Our original goal was to only donate 200 per hospital that needs them, but we decided to start making 50 to 60, and we’ve [made] 1000. We’ve been sending them to nursing homes, hospitals, healthcare centers, urgent care, just your local areas that really, really need them, and donating them to people that are high-risk.”

What is your favorite thing about what you’re doing?

“Not only at times like these [when] you’re stuck in the house, you’re bored, it not only helps time go by, but it gives you something to do and really makes you feel good about what you’re doing, because you’re not just sitting here wasting time. You’re sitting here, and you’re saving lives, possibly.”

What is it like to be you?

“Right now, there’s not really much to do, besides keep myself busy. It’s interesting. I’ve been staying up with school, and I’ve been finding activities to do, like coloring and making bracelets. Even just giving the bracelets up and putting them with the masks just to give away free bracelets. It’s time consuming, but in the end, you feel good about it, and that’s all that matters.”

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