

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Round 2: Financial Services Firm Donates 5 Ventilators, 14,000 KN95 Masks to V.I. Hospitals, First Responders, and \$50,000 to the Salvation Army

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ST. THOMAS — Frontline public health workers in the territory's fight against the novel coronavirus received another major shipment of critical medical supplies from financial services firm Brisa Max Holdings VI LLC and founder William Perkins.

Mr. Perkins and company delivered five ventilators and another 14,000 KN95 masks for use in the territory's hospitals. The Covidien Newport E360S-US-NA ventilators are compact in size, allowing for easy intra-hospital transport and use at sub-acute facilities, according to a written statement from the Brisa Max company. The ventilators are also

known for low maintenance costs, making them ideal for use in the Virgin Islands. Mr. Perkins said the company objective is to help ensure that Virgin Islands hospitals have all of the equipment necessary to treat patients in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases pushes critical care demands.

Dr. Clayton Wheatley, chief of the Emergency Department at Roy Lester Schneider Hospital, called the Covidien Newport ventilators “state of the art” equipment. “These critical machines are necessary to sustain breathing for the patients struggling against COVID-19,” Dr. Wheatley said, thanking Mr. Perkins for personally securing the equipment and bringing it to the territory when even governments struggle to source these supplies.

Brisa Max also donated 2,000 KN95 masks to the Virgin Islands Police Department. Police Commissioner Trevor A. Velinor, who was on hand to receive the donation, stated, “The men and women in Blue would like to thank the ownership and family of Brisa Max for their generosity in keeping our frontline first responders safe by this donation.”

In support of local charities, on Wednesday Brisa Max donated \$50,000 and 300 KN95 masks to the Salvation Army in support of its mission. The donation is intended to partially fund the local food pantry and the after-school programs. The after-school programs are assisting the territory’s youth from falling behind while having to learn from a distance especially those without access to sufficient technology. The masks will be used by the Salvation Army’s own frontline workers who are feeding the territory’s most vulnerable residents.

This was second delivery of thousands of KN95 masks from Brisa Max and Mr. Perkins to the territory’s first responders. A shipment of masks was donated to the Schneider Regional and Juan F. Luis hospitals, the V.I. Fire Service and the Family Resource Center last month.

In addition to Brisa Max, Mr. Perkins has other business interests in the territory, including Bebo, a floating lounge being planned for Pillsbury Sound.