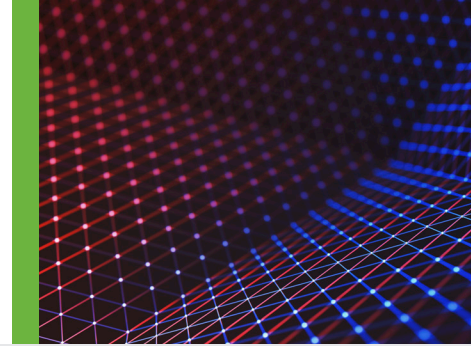




Helping Local Communities During the Pandemic



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Here at Loeb & Loeb, we truly believe that we're all connected. One of the most powerful ways we express this philosophy is through meaningful service in the communities where we live and work. That's true more now than ever as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are proud to work with clients that are doing great things to help communities around the globe. We hope you'll take some time to read the stories below to see how our clients and lawyers are bringing about positive change during these challenging times.

Gerber Finance Foundation

For many years, partner **Miriam Cohen** has supported Gerber Finance Foundation, a foundation created by Loeb client Gerber Finance. Through the foundation's HOPE-Full Kids program, the Foundation partners with HOPE Community Services of New Rochelle to provide meals on school holidays to children who rely on school cafeterias throughout the year. Located in one of the most drastically impacted communities, the Foundation worked with HOPE Community Services and the National Guard to distribute over 2,400 meals to children in need during the month of



April. The organization continues to find ways to help the New Rochelle community during this difficult time, and, with the support of their partners, they will be able to provide for an additional 3,000 meals which, in addition to another regularly scheduled distribution, will bring the total to 5,000 meals provided to children in need during the month of May.

World Cares Center

Partner **David Fischer** has advised and serves on the board of World Cares Center (WCC). Since its founding after September 11, WCC has been responding to disasters in the U.S. and around the world and working in communities to prepare individuals to take care of themselves and serve as Ready Responders who can help others. With a surge in demand for its disaster preparedness expertise, the NYC-based nonprofit is training and protecting front-line responders, with a focus on underrepresented groups in the New York metro area, as they struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. By partnering with local community leaders to educate constituents, WCC helps those communities reduce exposure and risk. To date, WCC has distributed and donated 28,000 N95 respirators, coveralls, and gloves from its own supplies to responders, health care workers, and volunteers going door to door to feed home-bound seniors. They also are providing personal protective equipment and training for service providers in critical situations, including service workers active in elder care, home health care aides, janitors and others who need immediate support in different communities.

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Pandemic Responders Foundation

Loeb attorneys **Diara Holmes** and **Neil Weare** recently helped launch Pandemic Responders Foundation and are currently assisting the Foundation with becoming a Section 501(c)(3) public charity. Pandemic Responders Foundation, a start-up nonprofit, raises funds to donate personal protective equipment and other medical supplies to medical providers and other first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guardians of the Angeles Charitable Foundation

Associate **June Tan** co-founded and serves as the Executive Director of Guardians of the Angeles Charitable Foundation (GoA), which was created amid the global outbreak of COVID-19 and aims to support healthcare professionals, first responders and essential workers. GoA is a U.S.-based charity that initially focused on providing financial relief and medical supplies to health care workers and their families in Wuhan, China, but since has pivoted its resources toward donating PPE in the U.S. The Foundation has raised \$4.5 million U.S. Dollars and donated over 1.03 million Level III surgical masks and KN95 masks, and 4,810 isolation gowns and ICU protective suits, and 57,000 face shields to over 60 hospitals, nursing homes, first responders and other organizations in critical need across 14 states in the U.S. In addition, GoA continues its ongoing efforts to identify potential donees who are in dire need of financial support or PPE during this difficult time.

Chinese in America In-Kind Donation Group

Associate **June Tan** founded and organized the volunteer group, Chinese in America In-Kind Donation Group (CAIDG) in January of this year. CAIDG's mission was to collect medical supply donations from the U.S. and ship the supplies to Chinese hospitals. By the end of February, CAIDG collected and coordinated the shipment and delivery of over 50 tons of medical supplies, worth \$2.3 million which were

donated to over 100 hospitals in Hubei Province, the most impacted area in China. With the PPE shortage relieved in China, CAIDG has completed its mission and ceased its operation.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, a client of partner **Jason Lilien**, recently committed \$50 million in funding to support nonprofit organizations addressing the health impacts New Yorkers are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. Jason, along with associate **Talia Metson**, is advising the Foundation on the distribution of the funds across New York via Coronavirus Emergency Support Grants to community-based emergency response funds, health care systems, Catholic Charities affiliates serving all faiths and other organizations. The grants support those most affected by this pandemic, including elderly individuals, those with preexisting medical conditions, and the healthcare and social services workers caring for them.

NewLab

Partners **Jason Lilien** and **Marc Owens** advised client NewLab in connection with the establishment of a charitable project to develop an "alternative ventilator" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. NewLab, a New York City-based tech lab, worked closely with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other groups to develop the Spiro Wave, an alternative ventilator that the Food and Drug Administration has authorized for emergency use. They expect the Spiro Wave units to begin shipping out to hospitals soon to help address the need for more ventilators during the current crisis and in preparation for a potential second wave this fall.

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