**Leveraging Education To Show Gratitude of Occupations**

**WVU Nursery School Pre-K classroom and beyond…**

#### **#LETSGO Gratitude: Leveraging Education To Send Gratitude of Occupations**

The Leveraging Education To Send Gratitude of Occupations, or LETSGO: Gratitude project is a collaborative effort between the Department of Pediatrics at the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center, the Department of Learning Sciences and Human Development in the College of Education and Human Services, and the West Virginia University Nursery School. The effort is focused on educating children (PreK-3rd Grade) about the occupations that are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are calling them the heroes of the fight against this epidemic.

Our focus is to educate children about these heroes, and to encourage young children and their families to display acts of gratitude toward these heroes. To accomplish this effort, we will provide the public with different learning resources about the heroes, as well as some ways to say “thank you!

Within **#LETSGOgratitude**, we created an interactive curriculum for early childhood students to learn about the variety of occupations working to fight the virus. Our collaborative goal is for children to gain knowledge and interest in a variety of occupations and send "Thank You" notes to these individuals. After studying each career we are requesting that students upload a thank you to that occupation. Those thank you items are delivered to persons who are serving their communities in that capacity during the fight against the virus.

This is the link to the Wufoo online submission form. <https://wvucehs.wufoo.com/forms/gratitude-of-occupations-submission-form/>

Children and parents can also mail in their cards to 507 Allen Hall PO Box 6122 Morgantown WV 26508.

Link to WBOY news clip <https://www.wboy.com/only-on-wboy-com/lets-go-project-helps-parents-and-children-look-for-the-helpers-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

The bottom of this document contains an example of a thank you that one of our children made (WVU Nursery School).

Link to the web site offering more content and information about the curriculum

<https://lshd.wvu.edu/about/news-events/letsgo-gratitude>

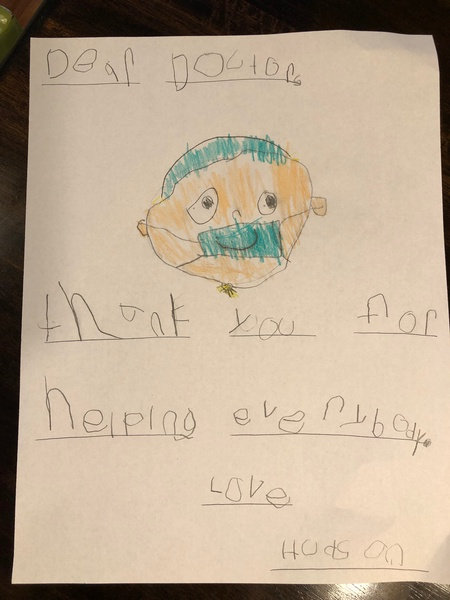
Link to the article from WVU Enews which has resource links at the bottom of the article.

<https://wvutoday.wvu.edu/media-center-blog/2020/03/31/story-pitch-wvu-students-create-project-to-help-parents-look-for-the-helpers-during-covid-19-pandemic?utm_source=MOUNTAINEER+ENEWS&utm_campaign=9a96619c29-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0>

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Link to the web site with resources <https://lshd.wvu.edu/about/news-events/educational-resources-for-parents>

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| [Educational Resources for Parents | Department of Learning Sciences and Human Development | West Virginia University](https://lshd.wvu.edu/about/news-events/educational-resources-for-parents)  COVID-19 Parent Resources for 3/23/20. Switcheroo Zoo. www.switcheroozoo.com. Watch, listen and play games to learn about animals. Ten tips for keeping your family on track during the COVID-19 pandemic  lshd.wvu.edu |



Community Helpers contracts to be

K-12 Next Generation Science Standards: <https://www.nextgenscience.org/sites/default/files/AllDCI.pdf>

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| WV Pre-K Content Standards:  <https://wvde.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PKStandardsBookletUPDATE-Final-May-2019.pdf>  Figuras e iconas - letrag | Role | Definition |
|  | Epidemiologists at My Next MoveEpidemiologist | A person who studies infectious diseases. This person investigates how many people get the illness, signs and symptoms of the illness, how to treat the illness, where the illness came from and how to stop the illness.  <https://youtu.be/l3B86BtpMgM>  <https://youtu.be/04g8fENG72E> |
|  | Health Officer  Window to flatten the COVID-19 curve is narrow: Canada's chief ... | A person who is in charge of making sure people follow laws and rules for health and sanitation (cleanliness).  <https://youtu.be/eoBd2HULGIg>  \*Video of WV Health officer mentioning our project #LETSGOgratitude on FB  WVU Nursery School |
|  | Environmental Science & Protection Technicians, Including Health ...Environmental Scientist | A scientist that studies our environment (air, water, minerals, organisms). |
|  | Lab Technologists Medical Laboratory Technologist - Career Information | A place where people experiment, investigate, observe and use special equipment to study many things. |
|  | Microbiologists Laboratory Skills and Microbiology - 5 Day | Lab Training Course ... | People who study microscopic organisms. They study things that are so small they must use a microscope.  <https://youtu.be/yzvADTExswk> |
|  | Infection Control Specialist  Infection control specialist says WHO is dragging its feet on ... | A person who researches and learns about how to control and stop illnesses, viruses and other diseases. |
|  | Physicians also known as Doctors  Tips to Help You Choose a Doctor | A person who helps make people feel better when they are sick and can prescribe medicine to make them better.  <https://youtu.be/-ijKZse7ey4> |
|  | Nurses Men Battle Stereotypes in Nursing | Salute to Nurses 2019 ... | A person who takes care of people who are sick or need help.  <https://youtu.be/WWk7dF9-Xqs>  <https://youtu.be/qyvXVfURINM> |
|  | Inpatient and Outpatient CareRespiratory Therapists | A person who helps people that cannot breathe well or have problems with their lungs. |
|  | Medical Assistants  How To Become A Certified Medical Assistant in NJ | People who help doctors, nurses and other health care providers. |
|  | Pharmacist  Pharmacy | A person who is specially trained to make and give out medicine.  <https://youtu.be/qk4z7mKaU2U>  <https://youtu.be/XOwDyr5MEXc> |
|  | Radiologic Technology: Associate in Applied Science | Technical ...Radiology Technologists | A person specially trained to perform  X-rays or other medical tests.  <https://youtu.be/XMMy-hcpvi4> |
|  | Dietitian Registered Dietitian Nutritionists | Three Point Healthcare | A person who is specially trained in helping people learn to eat foods and choose foods that will make them healthier.  <https://youtu.be/vP9B5muI0NM> |
|  | Women on the Team | Austin Police Department RecruitingPolice | People who help bring order, prevent and detect crime while supporting and protecting communities.  <https://youtu.be/_hSiRCfqFqM> |
|  | firefighters fight house fire in heavy rain storm ...Fireman or Woman | A person who is specially trained to put out and stop fires.  <https://youtu.be/jI7fJweAPRo> |
|  | Ems workers have a high risk on non-fatal injuriesEMS- Emergency Medical Systems | Ambulance and emergency medical technicians who help people in emergency situations.  <https://youtu.be/GBi1l0LDbpg> |

Children can click on the link to learn more about the community helper represented on the contract. Children can choose the career they wish to study and self-record that they studied that career and sent a thank you to those professionals. This curriculum is very child centered and crafted using WV Content Standards and NGSS Next Generation Science Standards. This is just one example of our contract because it is continually evolving and we are continually adding video clips to the contract. The WV State Health officer mentioned our **#LETSGOgratitude** project within the Governor’s address on April 2, 2020.