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Global Sufi Community Marks International Nurses Day

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In response to the COVID-19 crisis, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® School of Islamic Sufism® has launched multiple global initiatives to bring hope, frontliner protection, and stress relief to communities impacted by this ciris. These global efforts span over Europe, Australia, and North America.

To mark **International Nurses Day** and as part of M.T.O.'s wider COVID19 Initiatives, M.T.O. centers around the world will hold food drives and distributions on the same day. Volunteers from across the world will be delivering PPE including visors, facemasks, scrubs and care packages with fresh fruit and other essentials. The students will be delivering to a number of hospitals, care homes and low-income households across the world.

Globally, multiple programs have been initiated at a large scale by all MTO Centers and affiliated organisations to respond to the current ongoing crisis. The programs range from making and delivering hundreds of personal protective equipment products including face shields, face masks and medical gowns for healthcare and senior center workers to free online meditation and relaxation courses to help people around the globe cope with the current chaos. These efforts also include a large-scale food drive for homeless and low-income families.

M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® School of Islamic Sufism® dates back 1400 years to the time of the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him), and the founder of the school, Hazrat Oveys Gharani. The school's most notable students include the world renowned poet, Rumi and his beloved master, Shams Tabrizi. According to the Rand Corp's review research, "Sufism can bridge religious affiliations within and beyond Islam through its poetry, music, and philosophy."

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